



## Greetings from Southeastern Crime Stoppers Association

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I would like to welcome those interested in becoming members of the Southeastern Crime Stoppers Association (SECSA), as well as welcome back the old timers. Celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2011, SECSA is comprised of Crime Stoppers organizations across the southeastern United States. We have a lot to offer member programs. The following are but four benefits:

**Training** - Since the organization is run by a volunteer staff, the annual \$75.00 dues is returned in benefits and training. Annually, the SECSA holds a Spring Training Conference that is hosted by one or more member programs. Conference fees are kept low and typically include 2-3 days training, some meals and the awards banquet. The location is moved throughout the southeast region so every member has an opportunity to attend at some point.

The 2011 Spring Training Conference will be held from April 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the National Harbor in Prince George's County, Maryland. The Charles, Prince George's and Washington D.C. Programs are hosting this year's event. The venue will be the *Gaylord National Hotel, Resort and Convention Center, on the Potomac*.

**Recognition** – Awards are given to members in several population categories and recognize *Productivity, Premier Management, Advertising, Fund Raising, Media of the Year, Citizen of the Year* and *Coordinator of the Year*. Awards are presented at the Spring Training Conference banquet. Information and forms for award nominations are available on the website ([www.secrimestoppers.net/](http://www.secrimestoppers.net/)).

**Information** – Periodically, the *Informant*, the official newsletter of the SECSA, is available online to the membership. Each issue might contain news of member and program accomplishments, recent awards or court cases surrounding a Crime Stoppers tip or any other information that members could find helpful or interesting.

**Networking** – One of the greatest benefits of SECSA membership is the ability to network with other members and explore the similarities or differences each brings to the table in our fight against crime. Chances are that you have had the same problem as another member, and your mentor is just a telephone call away. Joining other members at the Spring Training Conference allows you to get acquainted so you can make that phone call one day!

Enclosed in this packet is a membership form as well as meeting materials for the upcoming Spring Training Conference. Please take the time to read the materials and/or pass them along to someone who may want to participate. I look forward to your renewed membership and especially to greeting newcomers! Welcome to all of you, and please do not hesitate to call upon me with any questions or concerns about our SECSA!

Warm Regards,

Joey Hudson, President