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Dear SECSA Members and potential new “family” members,

Since 1981, this organization has grown tremendously. Each year, we come together for our annual training conference to share and learn from one another. Our strengths and our weaknesses from one year to the next will always be the invaluable information we share with each other during this four day event – which we fondly refer to as a “family reunion.”

The members of this organization reach from Delaware to Puerto Rico. Our membership possesses a wealth of knowledge from both law enforcement and civilian members, who are all eager to make our neighborhoods a safer place to live and work. At each year’s training conference, you will learn how to grow your program, address both legal and operational issues and share information on concerns that may impact your program. Aside from the training classes, there is a wealth of knowledge shared among coordinators and board members through networking and our annual traditional round table discussion. And one of the priceless aspects is the dedicated and caring individuals of this Association who will share and support your efforts to make a difference for years to come. New friendships and professional connections are always part of our annual conference, so that members know that they always have someone to reach out to and bounce ideas off of or just use as a sounding board.

This year will be no different. The leadership of the Prince George’s County and Charles County, MD, programs have several topics of interest planned for us. Please feel free to contact me anytime with suggestions for training topics. We want to ensure that the training we provide is relevant to what you, and your program, needs.

Please feel free to invite any new or existing members to join us. The Association has changed over the years, and we feel that the knowledge we share with each other are worth spending a few days with us in Maryland! Remember, the Southeastern Association is a family – and we are all here to support you – whether you’re a new member or are just considering membership! We all have the same goals and are all committed to helping one another in the quest to make our communities safer.

Best regards,

*Trish Routte*

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