

February 2018

Greetings to all the Southeastern Crime Stoppers Association members, guests and potential members!

2018 is a year of change and growth for the Southeastern Association. We are stepping out of the box a bit this year and are hosting the training conference in Atlanta, GA – which is a central location that's easily accessible for all of us. Our goal, as an Association, has been to try to expand our organization to other areas, Georgia being one of them. Things may seem a bit different this year, but I think at the end of the day, you all will be pleased with the outcome. The Southeastern Board of Directors has been hard at work assembling a training agenda that will benefit everyone – whether you're a coordinator, a board member or a law enforcement officer. Thanks to a Survey Monkey that was recently sent out, we received a great deal of feedback from you, our members, about what you want to learn more about. And we plan to deliver just that.

As you make your preparations for this year's conference (April 15 – 19), keep a few things in mind. We'll have registration on Sunday, starting around 2 p.m. downstairs. We'll have signage telling you where to go. We'll also continue registration on Monday morning before opening ceremonies at 9:30 a.m. On Monday evening, Anderson Software will be sponsoring a fun welcome reception at Max Lagers, a nearby restaurant, starting at 6:30 p.m., where we'll have food and drinks!

On Tuesday, we've got a full agenda planned, as well as a working lunch that will be provided for you. The complete agenda will be posted onto our website as we get closer to the conference. But trust us, it's going to be memorable!

On Wednesday, we'll continue the training before the open board meeting in the afternoon. There are LOTS of restaurants (from good ole' Dairy Queen to upscale food) all within the hotel for lunch. Dinner is included on Wednesday night at the awards banquet (reminder... nominate someone or your own program for the great things you did in 2017!).

For those of you who are flying, we will be providing free MARTA transportation passes to you. Just email your mailing address to Trish Route and she'll send you the passes. There are also Ubers and private transportation available at a minimal cost (the choice is yours!). If you are going to drive, keep in mind that there is a \$25 per night parking fee at the Hyatt (which they reduced for us). Remember that we're in downtown Atlanta and parking is at a premium there.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Southeastern Executive Board members and we'll be sure to get back with you ASAP! We look forward to seeing everyone in April!

Best regards,

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