

## Letter from the President

Welcome, new and current Southeastern Crime Stoppers members.

As I look back on the many years, I have had the pleasure of being a part of this wonderful organization. I had no idea I would one day have the privilege of serving as your president.

I attended my first Southeastern conference in 1994. It was hosted by Charles County Crime Solvers at a Holiday Inn in Waldorf, Maryland. To this day, I remember being so excited preparing and gathering conference materials...pens, pencils, note pads and snacks. We were expecting as many as 100 attendees, so I also felt it was a grand experience. I remember Sgt. Pat Reilly planning activities and the networking suite, while other folk coordinated guest speakers. Our main goal was to learn a lot, connect with other programs that have the same mission, and have fun while doing it.

I've gained so many new friends along the way, visited so many new places and have learned the true value of our fine organization, highly committed and passionate individuals dedicated to supporting law enforcement, solving crime and improving lives in our communities.

I fondly remember my two friends George Duvall and Frank Braxton. They were kind enough to mentor me and showered me with their love and kindness.

All these years later, things have not changed much; the goal is the same and the annual experience, still one not soon forgotten. I look forward to the future and hope to make strides that will affect us all in a positive way.

To the new programs joining our association and first-time conference attendees; welcome to the family. I hope one day you too will look back over the years and have the same fond memories.

Sincerely,

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