

March 1, 2004

Dear TACP Member:

Spring will soon be upon us and I for one am looking forward to the warm and sunny days. We had a great February meeting and thank the ATF and FBI for the outstanding training.

A big thank you to the many departments that donated officers to the Office of Homeland Security to assist in accessing local security issues statewide. General Humble is very grateful to the commitment law enforcement has made to Homeland Security. Those officers will begin a two week training session towards the end of March on homeland security threats and counter terrorism.

The next class of the Southwest Command Leadership Academy (the Command College) will start in July and is currently taking applications. Interested individuals please contact Mike Hill for registration and tuition information at 865.215.1351. This is an excellent program supported by the TACP.

Member News: The TACP voted to accept **12 New Members** at the February meeting and their names are as follows: Captain Michael Berks – Germantown PD, Special Agent in Charge James Farnan –FBI, Memphis Division, Deputy Coordinator Dwayne Collins – East Tennessee Office of Homeland Security, Director Gerard Rudden – Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office Bomb and Arson Section, Assistant Chief Ricky Chandler – Mason PD, Chief J. Maurice Shults – Newport PD, Assistant Chief Roy Brewer – MTSU Department of Public Safety, Law Enforcement Liaison Daniel Blake – Governor's Highway Safety Office/DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, Chief Ronal Serpas – Metro Nashville PD, Deputy Chief Randy Garrett and Assistant Chief Johnny Mosby – Murfreesboro PD, and Chief Blaine Wade – Bristol PD. Please make every effort to make our new members feel welcome. Recruit or bring a new member to the April meeting!

Chattanooga Police Chief Jimmie Dotson retired on the 1st of February. Chief Bobby Williamson was elected by the membership at the meeting to take Chief Dotson's place on the board as the 1st Vice President. Congratulations to Chief Williamson ...our new 1st Vice President!

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations by the deadline: Friday, March 12th !!!

We have a great meeting planned. It is time for **Chief's Day on the Hill** everyone. Please make every effort to be apart of this important event. Maggi would like us all to meet in the **Sheraton Hotel Lobby by 8:30 am on Thursday, April 1st**. She will escort us over to the House and Senate Chambers where we will be recognized. It really opens your eyes to the legislative process and how important our views are to our legislatures.

The April meeting will also have a **VENDOR EXPO on April 1st 10am – 4pm**. Please come for Chief's Day on the Hill and then spend some time at the Vendor EXPO before our training starts. The training will cover the following topics: **"The Legislative Process 101," "Disclosure of Medical Information to Law Enforcement Under HIPAA," and "TN Lottery and What It Means to Law Enforcement."** Don't forget that you are invited and encouraged to attend the Chief's Roundtable on Wednesday, March 31st at 4pm. The Roundtable is great opportunity to share information with other CEO's!

Please feel free to call the TACP Office if you need any assistance. I look forward to seeing all of you at the April meeting for Chief's Day on the Hill, the Vendor EXPO, and an outstanding training curriculum.

Sincerely,

Lee Reese