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Colonels, Commissioners and State and Provincial Division Members:

Re: State and Provincial Police Academy Directors 2017 Conference

In the January 2017 issue of the IACP's *'The Police Chief'* magazine, members were asked to identify the best things a Chief or Commander can do to support the members of their agency. Of the seven most important actions, the first and most important one identified was for Chiefs to "offer ongoing training and professional development opportunities".

SPPADS has a 38 year tradition of excellence that has always been a priority for our agency. SPPADS conferences provide a unique opportunity for us to learn from our peers about current challenges and recent innovations in law enforcement training. Following each of our conferences, I return home with some of your best practices that result in tangible improvements in our training. In noting this, I would like to invite members of your agency to attend the 2017 International SPPADS Conference hosted by the Ohio State Highway Patrol from June 25-29, 2017, in Columbus, Ohio.

As you know, the mission of SPPADS is to facilitate the exchange of ideas and information so as to improve the quality of law enforcement training at our state and provincial police academies. Participating in SPPADS conferences is a great way for us to share this information as we continue to change, improve and move our respective academies toward excellence and improve public trust.

If your Training Academy personnel have not attended one of our conferences for a while, please consider approving them to attend this year's conference. They will be able to register by visiting our website (www.sppads.net) or by contacting Staff Lieutenant Ron Raines at RRaines@dps.ohio.gov or (614) 387-6082

I look forward to seeing your Training Academy represented in Ohio to share our best practices!

Sincerely,

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