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On behalf of the Crater Training Academy Foundation (CTAF), I am pleased to present you with the enclosed Sponsorship Card and an invitation to become a part of an exciting program at work in the tri-cities and central Virginia.

CTAF supports the Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy, (CCJTA.) In case you have not heard, Crater Training Academy Foundation has been officially designated as a 501(c)3 organization. Never heard of this organization? I am sure you have heard of Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy (CCJTA) which serves as a regional training academy

With funding sources continuing to decrease in our economy, the Training Academy decided to "think outside the box" in their realm and seek to create a separate organization that allows for grants to be obtained and for individuals who care about public safety to donate to the training of our local public safety employees with the ability to receive a tax deduction.

CCJTA is one of the regional training academies in the state. Regional Training Academies train approximately eighty-eight percent of Virginia's sworn Law Enforcement population. We are committed to maintaining and expanding the professional training opportunities for the men and women that provide these services for our communities.

Crater Training Academy Foundation (CTAF) is embarking on the first year of existence and a new way to fund quality and top tier education and training for our public safety personnel in the region. This initiative is not just for current and future training of our law enforcement professionals but also our fire and emergency medical service professionals. This organization will open doors and opportunities for the application of grants and for donors to give towards the education and training of the men and women who serve them every day.

The education and job training received by these professionals can enhance our overall quality of life, safe guard of our property, and protection of our businesses. This bold, new initiative for funding top tier education and training needs to gain monetary support from our businesses, residents, and leaders in our region.

A true partnership between public safety personnel and our regional communities, is built on a solid foundation of teamwork and commitment among key leaders in business, civic organizations, and residents in the communities we serve.

Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy is responsible for the training of more than 1800 Federal, State and Local Officers. We have also begun expanding our training to other Public Safety entities like Fire and EMS agencies. CCJTA covers an area as far north as agencies in the city of Richmond (Division of Capitol Police, J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College Police, Richmond International Airport Police) as far south as the VA/NC line (Greenville Co Sheriff's Office, City of Emporia Police Department.)

We also go west as far as agencies like (Powhatan Sheriff's Office and Amelia County Sheriff's Office.) Additionally we expand as far east as locations like, (New Kent County Sheriff's Office and Southampton County Sheriff's Office.)

Our daily work includes providing training for approximately one thousand Officers a year. Also we are looking to expand our training to include our fellow responders in the areas of FIRE and EMS. We maintain approximately a 13,500 square foot Academy, a firing range as well as 130 acres and several other training buildings at our training campus. We have future plans to expand by constructing a Driver Training Range on site.

Safety and security is essential to the well-being of our communities. The public safety professionals we train impact the overall regional economy by providing businesses with secure environments in which to operate. In addition, our families want to live in districts that are served by well-prepared fire and EMS professionals ready to respond quickly in times of crisis.

We are actively seeking support from the communities we serve to help the Academy prepare officers for a fast changing environment that demands rigorous physical abilities and leading edge technology to the job well. Although we receive funding from the State of Virginia, historically funding to the Training Academies has been cut for several years. This reduction in revenue has left a marked decrease in operating revenue and dwindling resources from each affected academy.

In this same time the population of law enforcement has increased as has what law enforcement has been asked to do in the times in which we live. The academies are primarily funded from the dues received from member and non-member agencies and from the General Fund and Special Fund of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Over an approximately ten year period the state funding went from approximately 1.2 million to 488, 000; this is funding that all ten of Virginia's ten regional academies share. Also since CCJTA is derived from the Code of Virginia as a Political Subdivision, there are many grants and other funding opportunities that are not accessible to this type of organization. It was for these reasons the foundation was formed.

Since 2005, CCJTA has resided at its new permanent location, 6130 County Drive in Prince George County. The academy is located on a 120-acre parcel of land, and includes a firing range on site. However, the number of professionals trained in the academy building has increased since 2005 and the site does not currently have a driver training track. Without a driver training track on-site, all mandatory, refresher, or advanced training in the operation of public safety vehicles has to occur off-site at a substantial cost to rent facilities.

CTAF wants your assistance in creating quality and top tier education and training. CTAF is committed to assist in funding the following education and training objectives for the Academy with your help.

- Driver Training Track, approximately 1 Million dollars
- Extended Classroom for Driver Training Track and Firearms Range, 65,000 dollars

CTAF cannot achieve our challenging goals of funding top tier quality education and training for public safety professionals without your financial support. We will be having events and fundraisers in the near future.

The CTAF Board of Directors hopes you will attend and become a partner in our endeavor to fund the opportunity for our regional public safety personnel to receive the best training and educational opportunities so they can better serve our regional communities.

To continue to the long tradition of excellence and serving our communities we are asking for your support and partnership to ensure that we have the highly trained public safety team standing ready to answer the call. It is our hope that you will thoughtfully consider contributing to the Crater Training Academy Foundation.

The ongoing mission of the Academy as supported by the Foundation can be assured with your gift today. It is my hope that you will choose to join us as we work together to create healthy communities for many generations to come.

Thank you in advance for your support and consideration.

Very Truly Yours,



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