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Dear Fellow Police Chief,

As the president of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association, I am pleased to invite you to *Hospital Protocols for Critical Incidents*, specifically as it relates to law enforcement victims, and a valuable training opportunity for law enforcement executives. The event will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Medical Center. Keynote speakers will include Shock Trauma's Chief Trauma Surgeon, Dr. Thomas Scalea; Maryland Transportation Authority Police Chief Marcus Brown; and Howard County Police Chief Bill McMahon. Following the training, there will also be the Baltimore Kick-Off of the *Smooth Operator Program*, an annual aggressive driving enforcement campaign. Lunch will also be provided, courtesy of the MCPA.

Aggressive driving has become a major threat to the safety of motorists utilizing Maryland's roads. The growing problem of congestion also continues to be a dilemma on our state's roads. All too often, the frustration that grows out of congestion leads to dangerous driving behaviors such as speeding, tailgating and unsafe lane changes. The *Smooth Operator Program* of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and the District of Columbia was developed to address aggressive driving issues in this region.

The theme of this particular event will be highlighting the dangers for officers on the highways, coupled with the earlier training on hospital protocols for incident management involving law enforcement victims. Aggressive driving has claimed countless lives in both Maryland and across the United States. Despite numerous successful efforts, this problem has continued to plague our highways and our communities. This year, we hope to have our most successful campaign to date. As a member of both the law enforcement community and the MCPA, you can offer your support for this important campaign by attending this kick-off event. It is my sincere wish to see you July 7, when we will once more attempt to fight back against aggressive driving and win a safer driving environment for the people of Maryland.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the MCPA.

Sincerely,

Chief Bernadette DiPino  
President, Maryland Chiefs of Police Association