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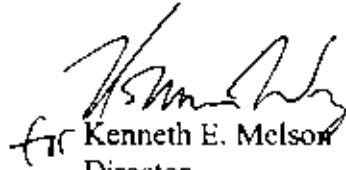
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**MEMORANDUM - Sent via Electronic Mail**

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TO: ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS  
ALL PSN COORDINATORS  
ALL ANTI-GANG COORDINATORS  
ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATORS

FROM:  Kenneth E. Melson  
Director

SUBJECT: Announcement of New PSN/Anti-Gang Training on Combating Violent Crimes in Public Housing

ACTION REQUIRED: Submit nominations to attend training

DUE DATE: Notice of intent of participate required by June 10, 2008

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The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), in coordination with the Justice Programs Office at American University, has developed a new two-day training program to assist jurisdictions with combating violent crime in public housing. This training program will focus on a variety of tools and resources available to assist law enforcement in addressing public safety issues in public housing. It will also focus on the benefits of partnerships between law enforcement, local housing officials, private management companies, and tenants, to coordinate efforts in addressing criminal activity.

Specific topics of the training will include the Crime Free Multi Housing Program, Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED), successful federal/state/local partnerships in public housing, crime in private housing complexes, use of evictions and barring notices, assistance available from HUD's Office of the Inspector General, prisoner re-entry into public housing areas, performance measures and program sustainability, and specific community, youth, and crime prevention programs in public housing. The training will also include a discussion of the challenges to law enforcement in addressing the culture of "snitching."

PSN teams of approximately five members from a district, including the PSN Coordinator, are invited to attend. Teams can include state/local police, state/local prosecutors, local housing authority personnel and housing authority police, and/or subsidized housing management.

American University, through its Bureau of Justice Assistance-funded PSN Technical Assistance Project, will cover the travel, lodging, and per diem expenses of up to four non-federal team members from each participating district. United States Attorneys' Offices must pay travel, lodging, and per diem expenses for their own personnel.

Training Dates: July 22-23, Las Vegas, NV  
September 11-12, Washington, DC

Registration: Tuesday, June 10 - RSVP with nominations due  
Friday, June 20 - RSVP with complete list of training participants

Funding: American University's PSN Technical Assistance Projects, sponsored by BJA, will fund travel for up to four state/local team participants

Space for the training is limited, so you are encouraged to nominate your team early. Each district must nominate a team to either training by Tuesday, June 10, 2008. You will then have until Friday, June 20, 2008, to submit the specific names of your prospective attendees. To register your districts' nomination, please email both Joseph Trotter and James Chavis with the following information:

- (1) The name of your district;
- (2) The name and contact information of your PSN Coordinator;
- (3) The training location your district would like to attend; and
- (4) The expected number of attendees on your district's team.

If you have any questions regarding the training program or the registration requirements, please contact Joseph Trotter, American University, at (202) 885-2875 or Caroline Cooper, American University, at (202) 885-2875.

cc: All United States Attorneys' Secretaries