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RE: Free BPU training for Region 3

ALL AREA LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES,

The 2015 Border Prosecution Unit's annual training for Region 3 will take place in Donna, Texas. The training program begins on Thursday, April 23 at 8:30 a.m. in the Victoria Palms ballroom, and will continue through noon on Friday, April 24. Outstanding training of benefit to both prosecutors and law enforcement officers will be provided.

The training sessions, as in prior years, are open to all BPU personnel, DPS troopers, agents and Rangers, and local law enforcement officials from Region 3. The costs for the regional training sessions is covered by a grant from the Governor's Office and is hosted by the District Attorney's from each region. Region 3 includes the following counties: Brooks, Cameron, Duval, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Kenedy, Starr, and Willacy.

This year's regional training theme is "Building a Winning Case, from First Stop to Final Judgment." Topics will include, among others, traffic stops; reasonable suspicion vs. probable cause; dealing with occupants of vehicles other than the driver; 4th and 5th amendment considerations including consent to search and roadside interviewing techniques; anticipating/detecting deception; preparing for trial; effective trial testimony, etc.

Our 2015 faculty is absolutely top notch! Ted Wilson and our training director Lindsey Roberts, each highly skilled and experienced trainers in prosecutor and law enforcement circles, will present the "First Stop to Final Judgment" training. They will be complemented by Mike Bryant, who will be making a return engagement to BPU training by popular demand, featuring his hands-on presentations on effective communications, rapport building with suspects/witnesses, etc. And responding to numerous requests, we'll lead off each regional training session with instruction on "Michael Morton Act Implications for Law Enforcement Agencies."

TDCAA has already posted the regional training session information and registration materials on its website, so go to tdcaa.com, click on "Training" and register for the meeting in your region. As in past years, there is no registration fee; however, travel, hotel and meals are not covered.

Respectfully,

Carlos Omar Garcia