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Greetings to the SPPADS Membership:

This year's International SPPADS Conference will be held June 12-16 in Jackson, Wyoming. Our host will be the Wyoming Highway Patrol and Captain Len DeClercq has made some great lodging and meeting arrangements for us at the Spring Creek Ranch. Len has already scheduled several informative guest speakers, as well as lined up a number of outside activities for our families.

SPPADS has a 32 year tradition of excellence that has always been a priority for my department. 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 to my agency. Some of these improvements have also resulted in a significant savings to my department's training budget.

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 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.

If you are a regular SPPADS attendee, I look forward to seeing you again in Jackson. If you have never attended, or have not been to one of our conferences for a while, I hope you will consider attending this year's conference.

I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you in Jackson!

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