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Press Release

NABCJ Announces It's 34th Annual Conference and Training Institute

Community leader and civil rights activist, Reverend Al Sharpton will be the Conference Keynote Speaker at our opening session.

The National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice will hold its 34th Annual Conference and Training Institute in Buffalo, NY at the Adam's Mark Hotel, July 22 through 26, 2007. It is anticipated that over 600 individuals from around the country, Canada, Trinidad and Tobago, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and Jamaica will gather for this event. It is being hosted by our affiliate Chapter, the Ohio Chapter of NABCJ.

This five day Conference program will open featuring Reverend Al Sharpton, community leader and civil rights activist. It is anticipated that Reverend Sharpton will share his views regarding Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) to include the causes, impact on communities of color, and social actions as well as political resolutions that must take place in order to resolve this problem. Charles Dutton, Actor, is the invited speaker for the Victoria Myers Luncheon Program that will be held on Tuesday, July 24 during this affair. Conference participants will also be addressed by renowned author and speaker, Victor Woods, who will be the keynoter for the Bennett Cooper Awards Banquet on Wednesday, July 25.

A host of other heads of state and federal criminal justice departments are anticipated to be in attendance to include, Brian Fisher, Commissioner of New York State Department of Correctional Services; Timothy Howard, Sheriff – Erie County; Harley Lappin, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons; Gary Maynard, President of the American Correctional Association; Gwendolyn Chunn, Immediate Past President of the American Correctional Association; Jim Gondles, Executive Director of the American Correctional Association; Harold Clarke, Director of the Washington State Department of Correction; William A. Dudley, Esq., and Chief Deputy Secretary for the North Carolina Department of Correction; Frank Sizer, Jr., Commissioner of the Maryland Department of Correction; and a host of others.

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Participants will also have the chance to join in honoring the very best in our profession, through our Achievement Awards, Distinguished Service Awards, and our Scholarship presentations.

Foremost, the Conference and Training Institute will provide numerous concurrent sessions targeting interest from leadership to management of offenders. Participants will leave the Conference inspired with new ideas and contacts, and with practical actions that they can apply in their profession. The topics each year are designed to provide participants with ideas and best practices that can be put to work immediately to help them in their career and organizational goals. The theme for this year's conference is "Criminal Justice – Are We Crossing Over or Turning Back." Recognizing the correlation between the increase in incarceration among the poor and people of color and criminal justice legislative policies that began to take place in the 1970s; we are now exploring some of the perhaps unintended consequences of the get tough initiatives, in addition to examining whether the policies advanced us as a country or set us back. Registered conference participants will have the opportunity to garner professional training as it relates to the justice system, receive professional certifications and continuing education credits, as well as network, and be a part of History Making as this is the first time that a conference will be held in the upper Northeast area of the country. This Conference and Training Institute not only benefits the participants, but the employers as well, by enabling all participants to expand on their knowledge and experience and then to bring the skills that they learn back to their workplace.

We appreciate our many Sponsors, especially the Keefe Group, who helped us to provide this outstanding learning and networking opportunity to so many.