



MANHATTAN INSTITUTE FOR POLICY RESEARCH



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Dear Colleague:

We invite you to participate in our upcoming Domestic Security Conference, sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The conference, which is co-hosted by the Charleston Police Department, The Citadel, and the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, will be held February 28-29, 2008 in Charleston, South Carolina. The focus of this forum is on the illegal enterprises—such as gun and drug trafficking—that exploit our major East Coast interstate highways. The discussion will center on the contours of these criminal (and potentially terrorism-related) activities and their impact on cities. We will also discuss promising interdiction strategies.

This is the 12th in our series of conferences that explore the convergence of crime and terrorism. The Police Institute at Rutgers and the Manhattan Institute began convening police chiefs, state police superintendents, and other criminal justice and private security leaders shortly after 9/11 to discuss what the “war on terrorism” meant for local and state police. This conference represents that on-going discussion, where we bring together practitioners, researchers, and subject-matter experts. Peter Bergen, CNN terrorism analyst, is one of the experts confirmed to speak.

The conference will begin at **6:00 PM on Thursday, February 28th** at the Embassy Suites in downtown Charleston. We will be on the campus of The Citadel, **Friday, February 29th, from 8:00 AM-3:30 PM**. All participants are invited to attend the Corp of Cadets parade, which begins immediately after the conclusion of the conference.

We will cover the cost of the conference venue, speakers, materials for participants, and food during the conference. You are responsible for transportation and lodging. We have negotiated a reduced rate of \$137.00/night at the Embassy Suites and Hampton Inn in Charleston. To reserve your room, please call: **843-723-6900** (mention that you are with the Domestic Security Conference for special rate).

To RSVP, please email Dr. Mike Wagers, project director, at: mike.wagers@citadel.edu. You can reach him at 843-953-2425. More information and the agenda will be posted on the website of the Manhattan Institute’s Center for Policing Terrorism (www.cpt-mi.org) within the next few days.

I look forward to seeing you in Charleston.

Sincerely,

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