



FLORIDA COUNCIL ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY



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Dear FCCD Members and Conference Participants:

I would like to welcome each and every one of you to the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency (FCCD) 81st Annual Conference, in the beautiful City of Bonita Springs, Florida. I would also like to extend a gracious thank you to each of the Chapter Presidents and the various conference committees who certainly went above and beyond to make this conference an everlasting experience. These committed individuals dedicated a lot of personal time to ensure that you were provided with various activities and meaningful workshops that will further aid you in your on-going professional development. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities to network, exchange ideas, and to gain different perspectives that this conference will offer.

As President of FCCD, it is a pleasure to serve an organization that has made such a powerful difference in the lives of so many people, and in our respective communities. I have no doubt that FCCD will continue to respond to Corrections' challenges with inspired confidence and leadership. The Conference theme, ***"2010 and Beyond: Creating New Opportunities, Managing Limited Resources, and Developing Stronger Leaders,"*** is more meaningful than ever, considering the tough economic challenges that our agencies now face. It is expected that future operating budgets will remain tight, and provide little to no resources for the continuation, enhancement, or development of meaningful programs.

Therefore, it is vitally important for us to keep our eyes focused on what is ahead. In a time of dwindling financial resources, we need to make the most of the opportunities that this change presents. Expanding and developing new partnerships will not only help us to continue FCCD's legacy of making positive change, but will also allow us to reach out to a larger constituency. I am proud of the many successes and positive contributions that FCCD has made as an organization. FCCD is comprised of highly skilled, motivated, and experienced professionals who are helping chart the future of the criminal justice system.

It would be remiss of me not to recognize the agency heads that have supported FCCD so faithfully and diligently throughout the year. To this end, I would like to extend special thanks to my Chief, Michael A. Tidwell, Secretary Walter A. McNeil, Secretary Frank Peterman, Jr., Chairman Frederick B. Dunphy, our local Sheriffs, our non-profit and private sector partners for their support of FCCD and of this conference.

Please take the next few days to reenergize and revitalize, which is necessary for all of us to be our best and do our best.

Once again, welcome to the 81st Annual FCCD Conference.

Sincerely,

Cornita A. Riley
State President

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