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2007 State of the VCPI Address

BY LYNDA S. O'CONNELL, VCPI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I THINK THAT THE PASSING OF THE NEW YEAR naturally makes people reflect on the past and anticipate the future. I certainly do that every year with VCPI. It's a particularly special time for me. That may be because I'm continuously awed by what VCPI's staff, board, instructors, participants, and supporters can accomplish in a given year. January 1 is simply a reason to pause and reflect.

2006 was a busy year for us. We developed new courses including Basic Spanish for Corrections Personnel and The Search Warrant Process. We also added several new services outside of our normal training venues, such as implementing the statewide automated victim notification program (VINE), and enhancing the state's sex offender registry with the Virginia State Police. We conducted 50 courthouse assessments across Virginia and developed and delivered an Advanced Court Security course to 48 law enforcement officers at the request of the Supreme Court of Virginia. All of this was in addition to conducting more than 130 courses in the calendar year across the state. Oh, and if that isn't enough, we also changed our name! It was a HUGE year for VCPI.

2007 began picking up speed months before it arrived and is already in full swing. We've scheduled courses through next December and new programs are in the works. We've partnered with Armor Group, an international training company specializing in tactical law enforcement and military training, to bring you new opportunities in the areas of executive protection, basic surveillance for law enforcement, and hand-to-hand combat. We're also working with a company in Canada to bring much needed training to you in the areas of managing targeted violence, infrastructure vulnerability, and protective intelligence. All of these new training initiatives will measure up to the highest quality that you've come to expect from a VCPI training **experience**.

By now, you might have gathered that VCPI is broadening its training and service directions. VCPI is known for offering the best and we're **expanding** just what you can obtain through VCPI. In fact, VCPI is coordinating an effort to develop an entire homeland security/anti-terrorism track. For years, VCPI has offered a few courses in this area, but specific requests are demanding that VCPI provide additional services. VCPI is forming a task force of law enforcement officers from state and local levels to spearhead this initiative and will identify the exact training needs, develop the

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NOTES FROM THE CLASSROOM

Terrorism Training A Runaway Success

BY M. ADAM BRACEY, VCPI LEAD INSTRUCTOR

YOU MAY REMEMBER THAT IN MY LAST ARTICLE I addressed our decision to stop offering our Anti-terrorism Training for State and Local Law Enforcement class. This decision was prompted by a trend in student evaluations indicating that some of the material just wasn't fresh enough. So the search for a more timely and effective class began. Making use of VCPI's partnerships with other training organizations around the state, we were able to quickly identify a provider for such a training experience – and we're glad we did.

In furtherance of our efforts to always offer the best training possible we reached out to the Washington, D.C. field office of the FBI, specifically to Special Agent Tom O'Connor of their Joint Terrorism Task Force. This past November, VCPI hosted Special Agent O'Connor at the Rappahannock Regional Criminal Justice Academy for delivery of *Terrorism Trends*. The feedback from participants was incredible. For a full day they listened to a true anti-terrorism expert recount his experiences preventing and investigating acts of both domestic and international terrorism. Sharing not only his personal stories but his actual photographs from terrorist acts in Iraq, Nairobi, Kenya, on board the USS Cole, and at the Pentagon, Special Agent O'Connor was able to provide real-world urgency and relevance to the course material that only an expert of his caliber can deliver. All of this, coupled with his easy-going yet professional demeanor resulted in a presentation that was a runaway success.

As world events continue to unfold and evolve, so do your training needs and, as always, we will continue to provide only the best training available. ❖



Participant feedback at the end of any class we offer is of critical importance to all of us at VCPI. On occasion we get some "extra special" feedback and in this case it comes from an officer who recently attended our two-day Patrol Drug Interdiction class. We'd like to share it with you: *"Capt. Duff, I just wanted to let you know that the class you and Lt. Franklin taught... was a great class. Two days after the class I was running radar and stopped a vehicle for speeding. During the stop I seized close to \$3000 in cash, over an ounce of marijuana individually packaged for resale and a scale. All based on a consent search during a lawful detention. Thanks for everything!!"*

VCPI thanks Captain Wayne Duff, Lynchburg PD, and Lieutenant Anthony Franklin, Richmond PD, for continuously providing thorough and, most importantly, practical instruction to Virginia's law enforcement personnel.

VCPI Is Tearing Down the Walls

BY TERESA CAREY, VCPI FINANCE & MARKETING COORDINATOR

THE VIRGINIA CENTER FOR POLICING INNOVATION IS

known for collaborative, creative, interactive law enforcement training in a classroom setting. This spring we are tearing down the walls and expanding our curriculum in new directions. Responding to the need for affordable tactical training, VCPI has partnered with Armor Group International Training, Inc. to provide the same experience outside the classroom setting.

The following training opportunities will be offered:

BASIC SURVEILLANCE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT:

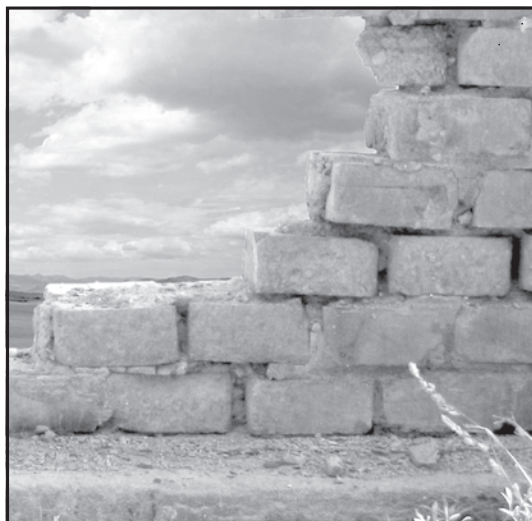
This five-day course provides law enforcement officers with a fundamental understanding of surveillance operations. Participants will learn concepts related to conducting surveillance team operations, including surveillance of individuals while on foot and in vehicles.

Practical, hands-on exercises comprise approximately 80% of the training. Participants will conduct discrete surveillance of individuals to determine their behavior, intentions and associates.

HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT:

This three-day course provides law enforcement officers with increased defensive tactical skills based upon the Russian "Systema" of hand-to-hand combat. These techniques are taught to Russian operatives. Participants will be introduced to the following skills:

- Postures, stances, falling and rolling
- Joint locks, holds and releases
- Concepts of ground fighting and grappling
- Appropriate use of open and closed handed strikes and kicks
- Defense against edged weapons



- Disarming techniques
- Situational drills

This course is designed to add to the basic skills possessed by every law enforcement officer. Course work can be easily adjusted to the experience level of the class. The instructor is a former U.S. Army Special Forces member with more than 30 years experience in defensive tactics.

EXECUTIVE PROTECTION UNIT OPERATIONS 1: PROTECTING EXECUTIVES AND OTHER THREATENED PERSONS:

This five-day course provides law enforcement officers with the essential elements of evaluating, planning, and conducting an executive protection operation. Emphasis is placed on proactive approaches to each element, including theory, functionality, locality, and team composition.

Participants will learn concepts which include: route analysis, motorcade operations and foot formations, firearms fundamentals while protecting a principal and advance operational planning to include scheduled routes, arrival/departures to and from visit sites, and high and low profile operations. The course includes analysis of attack case studies and practical exercises covering all key aspects of executive protection operations.

Course techniques and methods have been taught to members of the armed services and special intelligence details that deploy all over the world. Instructors

include former Air Force OSI agents and protective detail leader for the Commander-in-Chief NATO.

These courses promise to be an experience like no other! For more information and to register please visit www.vcpionline.org. ❖

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curriculum, and bring only the best anti-terrorism training to you.

VCPI is working hard to make sure that you have the training and services you need to **excel**. These new programs aren't just happening here, we're purposefully working with local, state, and federal law enforcement to make sure that VCPI can fill those critical training needs now and in the future. Make sure you're a part of VCPI in 2007. Check out our website for training opportunities or contact us if you'd like to instruct, develop curriculum, or be a part of one of our new initiatives. There's a lot to celebrate this New Year.

Now, if you'll excuse me, 2008 is fast approaching. ❖

You might have noticed my sneaky, psychological method used to engrain our new tag line into your subconscious. When we changed our name, we also took the opportunity to rethink our tagline. We needed a strong tagline to describe just what VCPI offers. I think we hit the nail on the head. Join us in 2007 and see just what VCPI means:

Experience. Expand. Excel.

VCPI ❖

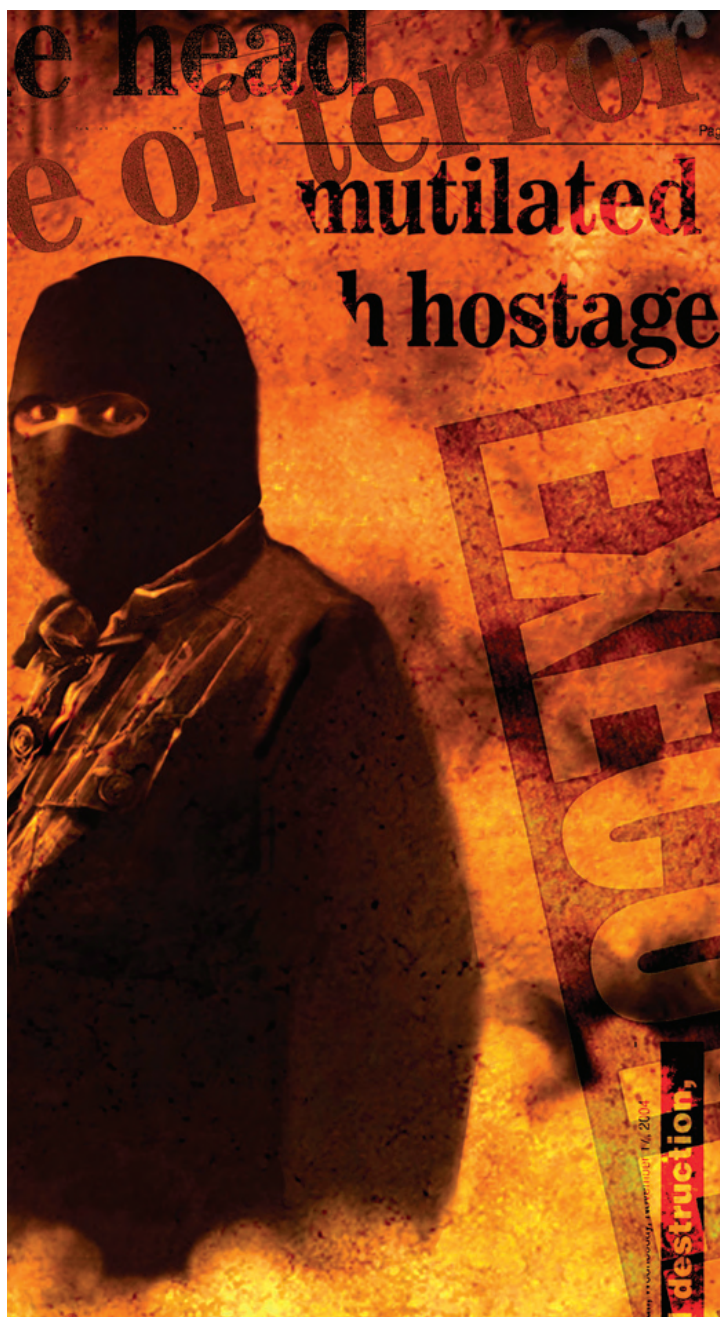
Terrorism: Understand, Investigate & Interdict

BY TERESA CAREY, VCPI FINANCE & MARKETING COORDINATOR



"I had the pleasure of seeing Steven Rocke speak in Canada and was so impressed that I invited him to speak as our terrorist expert at the SKYNARC conference. Steve is extremely knowledgeable and presents a phenomenal program. The audience agreed giving him the highest evaluation scores of the conference. Do not miss this opportunity!"

Clayton Searle, President, International Narcotics Interdiction Association



VCPI IS THRILLED TO OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY

to Virginia area law enforcement officers to experience what those at SKYNARC experienced. On March 8th at George Mason University's Verizon Auditorium, terrorism and explosives expert, Constable Steven J. Rocke of the Peel Regional Police will share his experience and insight in his presentation, **Terrorism: Understand, Investigate & Interdict**. This training event deals with the basics of terrorism interdiction and investigation; what to look for and where to find it.

Constable Rocke serves as the Security Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism Officer at Pearson International Airport, Canada's largest and busiest international airport. For two decades he has been involved in the study of terrorism and is the creator and publisher of a daily open source briefing document on terrorism, international conflict, crime and aviation matters, which is distributed to hundreds of agencies and individuals in more than fourteen countries.

The presentation will begin with an in-depth discussion of terrorism, the various terrorist groups functioning within North America, and their ideology and group structure. Participants will learn to recognize the difference between terrorist financing and standard money laundering. Constable Rocke will also illustrate the difference between a standard criminal investigation and the pre-emptive investigation of terrorist activity. Participants will explore the use of behavioral analysis as a successful method for detection of terrorists.

Utilizing his 20 years of expertise in the area of explosives, Constable Rocke will identify the precursor materials and components used in the construction of common terrorist IEDs. Through the application of case studies, participants will learn about suicide bombers and will examine the use of transportation as a target of terrorism.

The training will culminate with simple, applicable and realistic strategies that participants can use to prevent attacks and harden targets within their communities.

Do not delay! Visit www.vcpionline.org to register or to obtain further program information. ❖

Central Virginia Is Fighting Back

BY INVESTIGATOR CHRISTOPHER P. SMITH, AMHERST COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

THERE IS A NEW POSSE INTOWN and it's called the Central Virginia Computer Crimes Task Force (CVaCC). CVaCC was created earlier this year through a cooperative initiative spearheaded by the Campbell County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the Amherst County Sheriff's Office, Appomattox County Sheriff's Office, Bedford County Sheriff's Office, Lynchburg City Police Department, Virginia State Police, and the F.B.I.

With the continued increase of computer related crimes and the lack of resources available to thoroughly investigate and prosecute them, Campbell County Sheriff Terry Gaddy decided it was time to combine resources and help the citizens in Central Virginia. He contacted his neighboring law enforcement agencies to start a dialog that eventually lead to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding. It was decided that each of the member agencies could best serve their jurisdictions by assigning a part-time specially trained investigator to work on this growing crime. Each agency would also work to spread the costs of equipment and training as equitably as possible and apply for available grants as a group.

Since its formation the CVaCC Task Force members have investigated crimes involving identity theft, identity fraud, online auction fraud, online banking fraud, cyber intrusions, theft of computer service and denial of services, cyber terrorism, online threats, child exploitation and child pornography.

Through combined efforts, CVaCC investigators were able to identify and prosecute Joanne Clemenson on charges stemming from her attempt to broker the adoption of babies over the internet. This scam was brought to the attention of the Task Force by the Department of Social Services who had received calls from complainants in California, Utah and North Carolina, among other places. The subsequent investigation led to Ms. Clemenson being charged with five felony counts of violating Virginia Adoption laws by operating an adoption referral service.

And just when you thought there was no relief in the Nigerian scams, investigators interrupted a Campbell County man's prolific business of reshipping computers, peripherals and other items to Nigeria. This resident was receiving orders from around the country and repackaging the items and forwarding

them to Nigeria in an attempt to bypass international customs and technology laws. During a consensual interview the subject volunteered that he had some child pornography on his computer and offered his backup disks to investigators. Charges are pending.

In March, John Patrick Donohue pled guilty to 11 counts of Distribution of Child Pornography and 24 counts of Possession of Child Pornography and received a sentence of 28 years and 6 months. This case was initiated when AOL intercepted a known image of child pornography that was being sent between two AOL users. During an interview with Mr. Donohue, he stated that he had transmitted the image and that he believed that the child pictured was 12 years old. A subsequent forensic analysis of his computer discovered 70 sexually explicit images and a list of AOL screen names to which he had sent these images.

The investigators assigned to the CVaCC Task Force are not only tasked by their chiefs and sheriffs to investigate crimes committed by the computer savvy criminal, but also to educate and, hopefully, prevent some residents from becoming victims. This educational effort is met through the development of several interactive, multi-media presentations. These present-

tations have been customized to fit several different victim demographics.

Community outreach is also an important function of the CVaCC. In an effort to educate children and adults, the Task Force participates in multiple public events, setting up informational kiosks and distributing VCPI's interactive CD-Rom, MOUSETRAP, to parents, grandparents and other adults wishing to learn more about child internet safety. Additionally, the CVaCC participates in school programs designed to educate children of potential dangers associated with computers. During these programs the CVaCC introduce the "Safe Surfing Contract," found at www.wiredsafety.org and MOUSETRAP as tools the school children should share with their parents.

A cyber-war has been declared against the computer savvy criminal in Central Virginia; however, the fight is not restricted to Central Virginia alone. CVaCC is prepared to respond



VINE® UPDATE

VINE® System Comes to the First of Virginia's Regional Jails

BY EMILY L. LUCIER, VCPI PROJECT COORDINATOR

OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, substantial progress has been made in the statewide implementation of the Victim Information and Notification Everyday System (VINE®) here in Virginia. Final scripts of the 800-phone number recording were approved and recorded. Testing of both the 800-phone number as well as the notification calls were made by VCPI and the Department of Corrections. The promotional materials were approved by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. While these were all important behind the scene accomplishments, the most notable progress came with three of Virginia's Regional Jails coming online with VINE®.

On November 28, a press conference was held to announce that the Northwestern Regional, Piedmont Regional and Western Tidewater Regional Jails successfully came online at the end of October with the VINE® system. The event was hosted by Delegate Beverly Sherwood, at the Northwestern Regional facility in Winchester. Delegate Sherwood has been



an ardent supporter of the VINE® system, and it could not have been brought to Virginia without her efforts.

Demonstrating how the VINE® system works, a VINE® training video was shown at the event. Individuals may call a toll-free number day or night to confirm whether an offender is housed in these facilities, and can register to be notified when that offender is released, transferred or escapes. Any change in the offender's status will trigger a notification. Individuals can choose to be informed over the telephone, through the internet or by e-mail. During the press conference recordings were played of a VINE 800-phone call to demonstrate how citizens use the service, as well as an example of a notification call.

The press conference was well attended and served to educate individuals and the media on VINE. Appriss and VCPI promise the continuation of our joint efforts and look forward to numerous regional jails coming online in the next few months. ❖

PTO: The Next Generation of Post-Academy Training

BY M. ADAM BRACEY, VCPI LEAD INSTRUCTOR

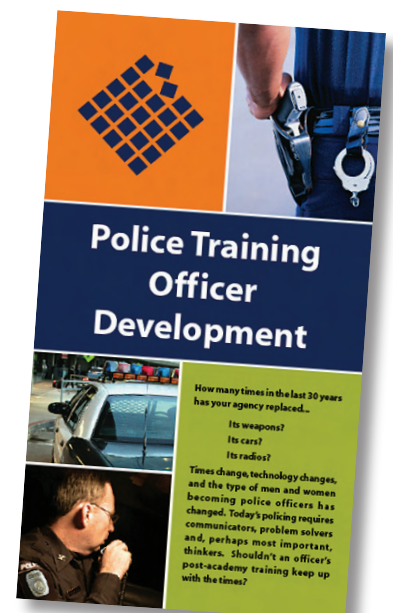
THE VIRGINIA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT is about to join the growing ranks of Virginia's law-enforcement agencies that have made the switch from the 30 year-old San Jose FTO model to the new Police Training Officer model. In December, the Virginia Center for Policing Innovation provided the VBPD with two Police Training Officer Development courses, training their personnel to perform the duties as post-academy trainers, or PTOs.

VCPI is dedicated to providing training and technical assistance to keep law enforcement professionals and their agencies forward-thinking. VBPD's move to PTO brings to eleven the number of Virginia departments that have been trained by VCPI on the PTO model. In addition to VBPD personnel attending these two weeks of training, Portsmouth Police Department sent an additional 10 officers having already hosted the forty-hour course earlier this spring.

If you have been exploring the switch to PTO in your agency, VCPI can assist you in making this important transition. VCPI developed the Police Training Officer Development course to provide officers with the elements of the PTO model and how to implement and customize the program to best serve their agency.

This 40-hour course is currently a grant supported offering from VCPI. If your agency has given any consideration to implementing PTO, it is the optimal time to do so. Due to grant support, we are able to offer the PTO course at a registration fee of only \$195.00 per participant which is substantially less than it costs to deliver. Police Training Officer Development courses are being scheduled for 2007.

For more information on the PTO model contact VCPI Lead Instructor, Adam Bracey at 804-644-0898 or by e-mail at abracey@vcpionline.org. ❖



Virginia Center for Policing Innovation Expanding Beyond Virginia

BY TERESA CAREY, VCPI FINANCE & MARKETING COORDINATOR

AGENCIES OUTSIDE OF VIRGINIA ARE RECOGNIZING the exceptional quality of VCPI training. VCPI has received calls from Texas, Oregon, Missouri, and other states that are having trouble meeting their training needs with resources closer to home. VCPI just completed part one of a two week out-of-state contract in Connecticut where approximately 106 Connecticut state and local law enforcement officers were trained in Human Trafficking Awareness. The course was a huge success.

“This training was very timely in light of Connecticut’s new human trafficking law.”

“It met and exceeded my expectations. I am more comfortable with material which I already teach. You have enhanced what I can present. What was best - it is Connecticut specific! Both instructors worked well together and enhanced the presentation.”

VCPI is receiving more and more calls for service from law enforcement agencies outside of Virginia. These agencies are learning about VCPI from many of you; the referrals are greatly appreciated! ❖



VCPI Lead Instructor, Adam Bracey and co-instructor Deputy Sheriff Rick Castro of the San Diego County Sheriff’s office provide Human Trafficking Awareness training at the Connecticut State Police Academy.

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anywhere within the Commonwealth and to assist other law enforcement agencies with any computer related crimes. When a computer crime reaches beyond Virginia’s borders, the CVaCC Task Force will work cooperatively with local, state or federal law enforcement agencies to aid in the identification and prosecution of internet predators.

It should be noted that CVaCC Task Force is a separate entity from Operation Blue Ridge Thunder, which is wholly operated by the Bedford County Sheriff’s Office. The Bedford County Sheriff’s Office is a working member of CVaCC. For additional information on the CVaCC please contact Investigator Smith at cpsmith@CountyOfAmherst.com. ❖

Training for Law Enforcement Supervisors in Early 2007

*Mark Your
Calendars!*

BY SHEILA GUNDERMAN, VCPI TRAINING COORDINATOR

DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, please don't miss the opportunity to send your supervisors to a couple of truly unique training events geared specifically for them available through VCPI.

The first is the *Central Virginia Counterterrorism Summit* being held January 9-11 at the Army Logistics Management College, Fort Lee, Virginia. For this important summit, the Richmond office of the FBI has joined forces with Fort Lee and experts from the Combating Terrorism Center (CTC) at the West Point Military Academy to provide 2½ days of training you won't find anywhere else. As part of its mission, the CTC educates FBI Joint Terrorism Task Forces across the United States on the basic fundamentals of terrorism and those issues critical to their terrorism investigations.

At this Summit, your supervisors will earn 17 hours of DCJS-approved career development in-service credit while expanding their knowledge of militant Islamic ideologies, Sunni extremism, Al-Qaeda, Hizballah, Hamas, North African terror organizations, terrorism financing, and Jihadi use of the Internet. Key investigative tools will be covered, as well as how local law enforcement officers can and should contribute to the global fight against terrorism.

Admission is free, and your supervisors can't afford to miss the chance to learn how to identify and connect critical terror-related components of their daily investigations. Seats are limited; please register today at www.vcpionline.org.

Another event available exclusively for your leadership – from veterans, to recently promoted, to soon-to-be supervisors – is *Mastering Performance Leadership* being held March 19-21 at the Norfolk Police Academy. This is the third year VCPI will bring nationally-acclaimed instructor Bill Westfall and his extraordinary 3-day leadership program to Virginia's law enforcement communities. During Mr. Westfall's interactive training, your supervisors will gain the essential skills they need to effectively communicate, properly guide and truly develop your organization's personnel. This training, approved for 24 hours of career development in-service credit, is guaranteed to impact the competency, commitment and attitude of your leaders. What's even better is the cost for this valuable experience is only \$150 per person.

Seats are very limited for both of these unique training opportunities. Enroll your leaders today at www.vcpionline.org.



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