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Hello Texas School District Police Chiefs' Association Members!

I hope this letter finds each of you and your families doing well. I know it goes without saying that we have experienced one of the craziest years ever! From COVID lockdowns, school reopenings, synchronous v asynchronous learning challenges to the recent winter storms; our students, teachers, and police officers have had to reimagine our roles and provide innovative solutions to get through this school year.

The solutions our respective teams have provided to these strange challenges should not surprise any of us, as we all know Texas has the best and brightest working in K-12 public education and school-based policing alike.

As we are quickly approaching the end of the 20-21 school year, I wanted to take a moment to update you on a couple key items your Texas School District Police Chiefs' Association has been working on.

Over the last several months your Association leadership has been feverishly working behind the scenes getting the new website up and running. If you have not had the opportunity to check it out, please click on the following link to do so <https://www.texasisdchiefs.com/> .

While the website is still a work in progress, it is really shaping up to be your one stop shop for all information on the Association. Once completed, members will be able to pay their dues, register and pay for the conference, and find any other conference related information.

Another interesting feature the website will have is an expanded members-only forum. This section of the website will allow you to post questions, share ideas or programs, and find potential vendors for items you may need such as body worn cameras, RMS platforms, etc.

Besides the great work we have done on our new website, I am very excited to announce that this year's conference **WILL HAPPEN** and is **IN PERSON** at the beautiful Moody

Gardens Hotel and Resort in Galveston, Texas! The scheduled dates are June 21-24, 2021.

On Monday evening (June 21, 2021), we will host our first ever Chiefs' Round Table discussion group. During this group meeting, there will be new and tenured chiefs in the room with their laptops ready to share helpful policies and directives that have already been vetted and approved by their respective school districts. **\*For anyone who wishes to share these resources please send me an email or text directly so that we can compile an accurate list for this event.**

In addition to this, there will be an open discussion where we will welcome those daunting questions many of us have at times. The Association will be providing refreshments for those in attendance.

I am also proud to say that the conference will have some very impressive speakers this year.

**Michael Dorn** - will lead us off Tuesday. If you have never seen Mr. Dorn, you are in for a treat. He is nationally known and has a remarkable presentation on active shooters. Mr. Dorn has served as the Executive Director of Safe Havens International and has aided with more than 300 post-incident assistance on major school crisis events, including 20 active shooter and targeted violence events.

**Nick Daugherty** - Financial Cop on Wednesday morning. Nick is someone I saw at Chief's required training and he is awesome. I know this may be a repeat for some of the Chiefs, however his message is relevant enough that it is worth hearing again. Additionally, many in the room are not chiefs, and the line troops are truly who needs to hear this message. We all know that financial wellbeing is essential for our staff.

**Dr. Joel Shults- Effective Police Leadership - Joel** is the founder of the Center for Police Advocacy. He has served in every role in a police department from Patrolman, Chaplin, Academy Instructor all the way to Chief.

**Ellen Spalding**- Ellen is a Houston-based Attorney who represents over 25 school districts across the state. Ellen is well versed in education law and she will be providing a legal update. If you have heard her speak, you know she is a treat as she understands cops and how we like to receive information.

In addition to the great speakers lined up this year, we have a record number of vendors slated to attend. Many have signed on to be conference sponsors as well and have agreed to totally fund the meet and greet sessions that we will have each night of the conference.

The finishing touches for the venue are currently being completed and I am certain that our membership will have a great time networking and making memories in the fun, relaxed environment awaiting them.

I would humbly ask each of you to plan on attending and bring your officers/ supervisors to the conference. If you know of Chief of an ISD or a local PD/ SO etc... that provides Law Enforcement services to a School district to invite them or their representative attend as well. If you know of, or are a new chief and have never attended, we are extending a special rate of \$200 registration for first time attendees. This offer is only good for one registration per new agency. We are trying to show the rest of the state what we already know, and that is we have a great conference with awesome members. We have really upped our vendor participation so now the second have is to up our attendance.

In closing, I hope you all get to see many of your old friends and make new friends during the upcoming conference in Galveston this June! It has been one of my greatest professional honors to serve as your President these last two years and I cannot wait to see you soon!

Humbly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Kimberly", written in a cursive style.

Chief David Kimberly,

President of the Texas School District Chiefs Association