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Dear Chief:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Women in Law Enforcement. This letter is regarding the Mid-Atlantic Association of Women in Law Enforcement's 24th annual conference. The conference is held each year promoting training and networking with law enforcement agencies within our region. The Association encompasses Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. The conference will be held this year in April at the Pier V Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland

An integral element of the annual conference is the award presentation. Awards are presented to individuals in three categories – valor, leadership and lifetime achievement. These awards are presented during the annual awards luncheon held during the conference. Recipients of these awards will receive a plaque and certificate recognizing their achievement, paid 2009 conference fee, and a one-year membership with MAAWLE. The notification of the award winners will be made no later than March 16th, 2010.

We are requesting that any officers meeting the criteria below be nominated for the honor. The nominating officer and the nominee must work in the Mid-Atlantic region. The nominee must be a sworn officer who would meet the guidelines for an active member of the MAAWLE organization, but does not have to be a member of MAAWLE at the time of the nomination. Nominees must be full-time officers with full arrest powers. The nominee must have contributed significantly to the safety and welfare of the public and her department and also present a positive example for law enforcement.

The standards for each award are as follows:

Any active sworn member of the organization may nominate a candidate for this award. The candidate and sworn nominating officer do not have to be a member. However, both the nominating officer and the nominee must work in the Mid-Atlantic Region and be sworn officers. The nominee must be a sworn officer who would meet the guidelines for an active member of this organization. The nominee must have contributed significantly to the safety and welfare of the public and her/his department and also present a positive example for law enforcement. *Four (4)* awards will be given.

1. Lifetime Achievement
2. For Valor for previous year prior to the annual conference
3. Leadership
4. Tpr. Jessica Cheney Spirit Award



The awards shall include but are not limited to:

1. One (1) year paid dues to the organization
2. Hotel and/or conference fee for year the award is to be presented.
3. A plaque honoring the achievements. The committee will recognize finalists with certificates.
4. Two (2) guests of the award winner can attend the banquet for free.

Valor - Recipient will be a law enforcement professional who distinguished herself by an act of extraordinary selflessness, personal bravery, courage or self-sacrifice during 2008.

Leadership - Recipient will be a law enforcement professional with at least ten (10) years of experience, who has distinguished herself through integrity, ethical standards, initiative, problem solving, communication, planning and organization, and administration

Lifetime Achievement - Recipient will be a law enforcement professional with at least *fifteen (15) years* who has distinguished herself through outstanding accomplishments and contributions spanning her career.

Tpr. Jessica Cheney Spirit Award - Recipient will be a law enforcement professional with five (5) years or less of service, who has excelled during her short tenure and embodies the spirit of Tpr. Jessica Cheney.

The deadline for submission of nominations is March 2nd, 2010. Applications are available on the organizations website MAAWLE.org. Requests for an application on-line can be sent to 218@nwpd.org or by regular mail to North Wildwood Police Department, Lieutenant Vicki Skill, 901 Atlantic Avenue, North Wildwood, NJ 08260.

If you have any questions regarding the awards, conference, or the Mid-Atlantic Association of Women in Law Enforcement, please contact me at 609-522-2411 or by e-mail at 218@nwpd.org. Thank you for your time in this matter,

Respectfully,

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