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#### Greetings!

Tragedies abound in the Sanford, Florida death of Trayvon Martin and the arrest of George Zimmerman. While we will *never* know what really happened, it is clear that Trayvon was a victim of more than just the actions of George Zimmerman.

Many of those outraged by Martin's death commented that Martin was targeted because he was black, and politicians joined in, as represented by Rep. Hank Johnson (D-Georgia) comments from the halls of Congress: "He was executed for 'WWB' in a 'GC.' Walking While Black in a Gated Community." MSNBC altered the 911 call such that it appeared that Martin was targeted because "he's black".

I don't know what happened, but I know that the certain politicians, certain media outlets, and a select few community activists are more interested in stoking the fires of racial discourse than they are in solving the real problem, gun violence in the African American community.

Black on black violence, while down somewhat year over year, represents

a far greater threat to future "Trayvon Martin's" than any future "George Zimmerman". The question is why are we as a society allowing the media to coverup the real issues confronting our communities?

Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles H. Ramsey was recently quoted in the New York times as saying "Nobody in this room, unless you're from Sanford, Fla., would even know the name of Trayvon Martin if it was a black kid that had shot Trayvon Martin," who is African-American.

For J. Whyatt Mondesire, the Philadelphia NAACP president, the problem of black homicide victims has posed a significant challenge. "I'm at my wit's end looking for solutions to this problem," said Mondesire, who has tried to reduce gun violence by speaking in Philadelphia schools.

Mondesire said that reaching black parents is an even more difficult, although necessary, task. "It starts in the home," he said. "There's a whole lot of parenting that's not going on."

Stopping the cycle of violence begins in the home, and requires everyone of all races to demand more of the parents.

Jim Rechel - Newsletter Editor

## "Don't Jam My Phone!"

At a recent conference, the CEO of a company that manufactures cell phone jamming makes the case that allowing local police the option of using cell phone technology is a tool that could be used to combat criminal activity in our cities.

Is this something that can reduce violence in your community?

[Cell Phone Jamming Needs to be Made Legal for Local LE](#)

## Cyber Tools to Consider for Law Enforcement

Research and investigative tools available on the Internet include BATTLE, The Botnet Analysis and Tactical Tool for Law Enforcement (BATTLE) displays IRC and HTTP botnet, crimeware, and phishing data on an interactive world map in near real time. It is intended to provide enough information to enable law enforcement to identify botnets and attacks that are of interest to them.

For more information: [BATTLE Link](#)

## Stopping the Violence - A Community in Crisis

St. Louis officials look for answers after a 15 year old boy is shot by police officers.

Read more at: [Community Fights Violence](#)

## Police Department Implements New Tools to Fight Violence

Going after repeat offenders, targeting new partnerships are but a few of the ideas one department is taking to thwart the violence in their communities.

Read more about their efforts: [Police Implement New Policies to Fight Violence](#)

## Hip Hop Artists Offer to Help Reduce Violence

Seeking to end the violence in urban neighborhoods, Hip Hop artists joined with community leaders to offer alternatives to violence

To LEARN More: [Musicians and Athletes Join Forces to Fight Violence](#)

## ICJE / AUM Law Enforcement Training

Click the Course Name link to view details and enroll.

Title	Course #	Begins	Meets	Fee
<a href="#">Investigating Sexual Assault Crimes</a>	12CP115	04/05/12 Th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Session		0.00
<a href="#">Warrant Affidavit Preparation</a>	12CP116	04/12/12 Th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Session		0.00
<a href="#">Bomb Threat Response II</a>	12CP117	04/17/12 Tu from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Session		0.00
<a href="#">Cultural Diversity and Elder Abuse</a>	12CP118	04/19/12 Th from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Session		0.00
<a href="#">Statement Analysis I (University of Montevallo)**</a> FULL **	12CP120	04/26/12 Th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Session		0.00
<a href="#">Bomb Threat Response I (Rainsville, AL)</a>	12CP119	04/27/12 F from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Session		0.00
<a href="#">Statement Analysis I</a>	12CP122	05/15/12 Tu from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Session		0.00
<a href="#">Statement Analysis II</a>	12CP112	06/12/12 Tu from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 1 Session		0.00

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### 2012-B Certified Instructor Development Course Update

The next Five Day Law Enforcement Instructor Development Course for 2012 will be held in Montgomery at the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center in October, dates to be announced. Registration link will appear below.

This course will only be open to the first 15 APTA members who register. Those registering after the class is full will be placed on the standby list. If there is enough interest, ICJE will hold the next class in February, 2013.

Although the training is free to APTA members, there is a required registration fee of \$75 per participant. This fee helps cover the course materials and a working lunch each day. The fee is due prior to the course (unless registrants provide a departmental purchase order) and is non-refundable due to the limited class size; however, substitutions are permitted.

### **Instructor Development Course Curriculum**

- Course Introduction
- Instructional Systems Design
- Instructional Goals and Objectives
- Adult Learning
- Needs Assessment
- Task Analysis
- Lesson Plans
- Evaluating Instruction
- Creating Tests
- Basics of Instruction
- Instructor Role
- Methods of Instruction
- Student Perception
- Leadership, Ethics and Legal Responsibility
- Facilitation Skills
- Motivation and the Psychology of Learning
- Presentation Skills
- Creating Effective Learning Environs
- Visual Aids
- PowerPoint and Practical Exercises
- Student Presentations and Final Exam

### **APTA Annual Meeting and Training**

The 2012 training and annual meeting date is set for December 11, 2012, at AUM in Montgomery. The training and meeting are free to APTA members and a complementary lunch will be provided. This promises to be our best seminar yet, so please plan to attend. Those attending the training will receive 6 APOST CEUs.

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