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To: **New York State Law Enforcement Executives**

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Subject: **Graffiti Crime Course**

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The NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services periodically trains police officers in designated IMPACT counties and surrounding areas to achieve and sustain long term crime reduction. There will be a series of one-day training seminar on Graffiti Crimes. This training is designed primarily for police officers, correction officers and community corrections personnel.

Instructors will present information on “Tagger” and gang graffiti identification, evidence gathering, case preparation and prosecution strategies. There will be an emphasis placed on local gang graffiti at each training location. The Regional Community Policing “Graffiti Hurts” Task Force will present prevention and community partnership techniques that have gained results in arrests for property crimes within local communities. The similarities in cultures of gang graffiti and gang tattoos will be presented to the audience. These cultures are heavily dominated by criminal street gangs within New York State Communities.

**Buffalo**  
May 20, 2008

**Syracuse**  
June 17, 2008

**Rochester**  
July 21, 2008

Later in the year, we hope to repeat the training in eastern and downstate New York. When scheduled, another announcement will follow. Although we have planned for large enrollment, seats are limited. Therefore, you must receive confirmation on attendance. Please fax back the application enclosed. **Please return the application no later than the date specified.**

If you have any questions concerning the training, please contact Senior Training Technician Matthew Slater at the address in the letterhead, by email at [matthew.slater@dcjs.state.ny.us](mailto:matthew.slater@dcjs.state.ny.us) or by telephone at 518-485-5115.

