



Atlanta Welcomes NOBLE's 29th Annual Conference

ATLANTA (July 11, 2005) – The Atlanta Convention & Visitors Bureau welcomes the Georgia Chapter of the National Organization of BLACK Law Enforcement Officers' (NOBLE) 29th Annual Training Conference and Exhibition, July 23-27, to the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

The meeting will bring more than 1,000 law enforcement professionals from local, state and federal entities to Atlanta for professional development workshops and seminars. The 2005 conference theme will be "NOBLE: Living the Dream Through Justice by Action", referring to this year's events and speakers with historical connections to the Civil Rights Movement and Atlanta. The Opening Plenary Session will be highlighted by notable speakers including Mayor Shirley Franklin, Atlanta Police Chief Richard J. Pennington, Corretta Scott King, Attorney General Thurbert Baker and keynote speaker, U.S. Congressman John Lewis.

Atlanta Police Chief Richard J. Pennington, current vice president of NOBLE, will serve as chair of the 2005 conference and will be sworn in as the organization's 2005 president at the Awards Banquet on Wednesday, July 27, 2005 at 8 p.m. in the Atlanta Marriott Marquis Ballroom.

Conference attendees and local law enforcement officers will participate in the Annual Memorial March on Wednesday, July 27. The procession begins at 8:30 a.m. at the intersection of Peachtree and Baker Streets and ends at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church. The Memorial march is an annual tradition that recognizes NOBLE members that have passed.

Media are invited to attend the Opening Plenary Session on Monday, July 25 at 8 a.m. in the Marquis Ballroom at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis. Interviews will take place following the Plenary Session. A press room will be available to working media throughout the conference in the Copenhagen, Stockholm, Amsterdam, rooms located on the convention level at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

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