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South Carolina Drugs of Abuse Conference

Columbia, S.C. – The South Carolina Drugs of Abuse Conference will be held Wednesday, December 2 through Thursday, December 3, 2009, at the Marriott Columbia.

The Drugs of Abuse Conference is a unique event that provides nationally recognized instruction to state and local law enforcement, elected officials, educators, prosecutors, judges, first responders, and health professionals.

This year's conference is sponsored by the Anderson County Sheriff's Office. It is hosted by the South Carolina Methamphetamine Action Group (SCMAG).

Addressing the conference: John S. Skipper, Jr., Anderson county Sheriff; Henry McMaster, Attorney General; Walt Wilkins, United States Attorney, District of South Carolina; Mark A. Keel, Director of the S.C. Department of Public Safety; W. Lee Catoe, DAODAS Director; and Lynda Leventis-Wells, SCMAG Chairman and Director of the Carolinas Institute for Community Policing - COPS Office, Department of Justice.

Attorney General Henry McMaster is scheduled to address the conference at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 3.

The objectives of the conference include: fostering awareness among professionals and communities regarding the extensive effects of drugs on them; developing networks between professionals and communities to provide workable solutions; providing relevant, useful, and professional information and instruction; and understanding how drug use interrelates to other crime in the state.

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