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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From the desk of... Craig Penet, FPPOA President

As we publish this newsletter, there is just over one month until the 9th FPPOA National Training Institute (NTI) in Tucson. As plans for the training come together each day, I would ask that as you read our newsletter, please be aware of the time and effort the FPPOA board has put into the planning of this program. Starting in the summer of 2018, the board began to scout a location, brainstorm, and make inquiries. Over a year later, we are putting the final touches on a conference which will include outstanding speakers, great presentations, over 600 attendees, over 80 districts in attendance, and with all of this, budget crunching. Do you know the biggest expense? Food and beverages!!! Let me tell you first hand, it is an experience and education to be involved in the preparation and organization.

It is all accomplished by a team of twelve board members, along with some outstanding volunteers in our host district, Arizona. It is an honor to be a part of this group, and to work with probation and pretrial officers in a district that strives for excellence. It is rare when you can be a part of a group of over a dozen people who work so closely and accomplish this major task. Not only does this group perform their daily duties as officers, but they put in extra time after hours and on weekends preparing for the conference.

So, when you see or hear from a board member of FPPOA, and maybe think of that question we hear so often, "what has FPPOA done for me", the NTI is just one of the many things. So, help us out, let's band together, get involved, become a member. If you are attending the conference in Tucson, please say hello....and let me know you read this message. I may just have something for you...

- Craig Penet, National President

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