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Chief Willie Brinkley
Social Circle Police Department
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Dear Chief Brinkley,

Congratulations for your achievement of Law Enforcement Certification!

This accomplishment establishes the Social Circle Police Department as one of the top agencies in Georgia. You can clearly be proud of this achievement.

State Certification is neither easy, nor simple. In fact, achieving State Certification requires a great deal of effort and commitment to a complex task, which requires compliance with a solid and complete set of policies that cover all the areas found in the standards.

Certification standards focus on officer safety and high liability issues; however, the certification process goes far beyond just these important issues by offering proof to your community that you are doing the right things for the right reasons. Certification standards are indeed a blueprint for success in the field of law enforcement.

The State Certification standards are continuously under review. This is reflected by the fact that the program is currently under the 6th Edition of Certification Standards. Recently there were several modifications made to keep the State Certification Standards up to date with the current legal issues in law enforcement. There is little doubt that law enforcement is under a microscope nationwide. Certification is more relevant today than ever before.

In 2006, the GACP partnered with the Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) to provide special rate reduction incentives to cities and counties that have achieved and maintained their State Certification status. These rate reductions can decrease liability premiums by 20 percent. In addition, GIRMA contracted with the Legal and Liability Risk Management

Institute to provide the most current legal updates available to enhance our ability to provide policy guidance in high liability areas.

Achieving and maintaining high standards makes your agency more professional and provides the basis for your agency to be recognized as a role model through the award of State Certification. This achievement is confirmation that your agency's practices are consistent with progressive, professional standards. These standards provide for greater operational and administrative effectiveness, ensure better understanding of your agency's policies and procedures, and when properly publicized, should lead to greater public confidence in your ability to provide quality service to the community.

Your continued involvement in the State Certification program is good for your agency, good for your constituency, and good for Georgia law enforcement.

Since the program's standards incorporate professional thought and practices in the State of Georgia and ensure the goal of increasing effectiveness and efficiency of Georgia law enforcement, I share your pride of accomplishment and commitment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A.A. Ayers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

A.A. "Butch" Ayers
Executive Director

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