

Economic Crime Summit Keynote Addresses Law Enforcement's Role in Combating Terrorism

Conference for fraud prevention professionals from the public and private sectors coming to Washington, D.C. May 4-7

RICHMOND, VA - April 22, 2003 - The Coalition for the Prevention of Economic Crime (CPEC) today announced that Walter Gary Sharp Sr., noted author and director of Global and Functional Affairs within the Bureau of Legislative Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, has been named a keynote speaker at the seventh annual Economic Crime Summit coming to Washington, D.C.'s Hyatt Regency Crystal City on May 4-7, 2003.

As the murderous attacks of September 11, 2001, clearly demonstrated, terrorism exacts a horrific cost in human life and economic stability. Law enforcement is the appropriate response when individuals commit criminal activity and terrorism. But what if law enforcement is not enough? What if these individuals work for or are supported by a foreign power? These questions and more will be answered in Sharp's address entitled *Cyberspace & Warfare*. The address will explore the legal regimes that govern cyberspace and warfare and how they relate to economic crime and terrorism, and how law enforcement activities in cyberspace may violate the sovereignty of a foreign state or trigger armed conflict.

"Cyberspace is one of the most versatile and insidious tools of terrorists in the 21st century, and is one of law enforcement's greatest challenges," said Sharp. "America's law enforcement have always been our first responders to public emergencies such as terrorist attacks, but after 9/11 we now recognize that they are also one of our most important first lines of defense against terrorism and modern warfare."

Sharp is responsible for ensuring that the President and the Secretary of State's foreign policy priorities are reflected throughout the legislative process. This responsibility requires managing the constitutional interaction between executive authority in conducting foreign policy and the legislative role in authorizing and appropriating funds for America's international engagement with respect to all global and functional issues.

In addition to Sharp's keynote, 30 other topics relating to homeland security issues, money laundering, insurance crime, health care fraud, identity theft, and e-fraud will be presented at the Economic Crime Summit co-hosted by NW3C (National White Collar Crime Center) and the CPEC.

Private and public sector co-sponsors include the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance and Office for Victims of Crime, the Middle

Atlantic - Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network (MAGLOCLLEN), Visa, LexisNexis, PaineWebber, Inc., Merrill-Lynch & Co., ChoicePoint, CaseSoft, Forensics Explorers, EvidentData, Experian, Data Systems Analysts, ID Analytics, ID Theft Resources, Internet Crimes, Joint Council on Information Age Crime, AccessData Corporation, Money Laundering Alert, and White-Collar Crime Fighter.

The cost to attend the conference is \$395 per registrant for government, law enforcement, and academic attendees; \$495 per registrant for private business attendees. Day passes sell for \$200 on-site. For more information on the 2003 Economic Crime Summit, visit www.summit.nw3c.org or call (800) 221-4424, ext. 362.