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**THE NATIONAL WHITE COLLAR CRIME CENTER AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL PARTNER TO EDUCATE LAW ENFORCEMENT
ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CRIMES**

Richmond, VA-Intellectual property (IP) crime puts lives at risk and threatens public safety by passing off counterfeit goods as genuine including pharmaceuticals, vehicle parts, and baby formula. Crimes involving IP have been linked to organized crime, gangs and terrorism. As a response to this serious threat, the Bureau of Justice Assistance has partnered with the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) and the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) to develop and provide training to state and local law enforcement to help fight IP crime.

The first in a series of IP crime trainings has been scheduled for Hunt Valley, MD (a suburb of Baltimore) on Sept. 14, 2010. Although the entire training schedule has not been finalized, subsequent trainings will be scheduled in the Raleigh, NC; Jackson, MS; and Miami, FL areas, with others to follow over the course of the next year. The course curriculum will focus on the need to pursue IP crimes, identification of IP infringement, and investigative and prosecutorial techniques and best practices to address these violations. Law enforcement and prosecutors are encouraged to attend.

“The ultimate goal of this initiative is to increase investigations and prosecutions across the United States by providing training to both investigators and prosecutors,” said NW3C Director Don Brackman. “By bringing investigators and prosecutors together, these trainings will help to facilitate lasting communication between the two groups, helping to ensure the success of this initiative through the years.”

“Intellectual property crime harms consumers and businesses,” said NAAG President and North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper. “This training will help give law enforcement and prosecutors the tools they need to target these crimes and protect both shoppers and the marketplace.”

To register for the training please visit <http://outreach.nw3c.org/iprt/>

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About NW3C

Funded for over thirty years primarily by the Department of Justice (DOJ), through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), NW3C is a leader in the fight against economic and high-tech crime. For more information, please visit www.nw3c.org.

About NAAG

The National Association of Attorneys General, www.naag.org, was founded in 1907 to help Attorneys General fulfil the responsibilities of their office and to assist in the delivery of high quality legal services to the states and territorial jurisdictions.