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Community Breakfast Series: Fourth Annual 9/11 Memorial

Former NYPD Commissioner Howard Safir to Speak September 12th

Former NYPD Commissioner Howard Safir, chairman and CEO of SafirRosetti, will speak at the Fourth Annual 9/11 Memorial as the second program in the Community Breakfast Series, Monday, September 12, 2005 at the Austin Club (110 East Ninth Street). The breakfast buffet begins at 8:00 a.m., followed by Commissioner Safir's presentation at 8:30 a.m. There is no cost for the event, but reservations are required due to limited seating capacity. To reserve a space, e-mail cary@austincrime.org or call 512-445-4186.

Howard Safir was appointed the 39th Police Commissioner of the City of New York by Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani on April 15, 1996. In his four years as police commissioner, he achieved a 38 percent reduction in major crime and reduced homicides by 44 percent, bringing the total number of murders in New York to 667, the lowest level in three decades.

Commissioner Safir began his law enforcement career in 1965 as a special agent assigned to the New York office of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, a forerunner of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). He advanced through the ranks of the DEA and in 1977 was appointed Assistant Director of the DEA. Commissioner Safir also served as Chief of the Witness Security Division, United States Marshals Service. In 1984, he was named Associate Director for Operations, United States Marshals Service—a position he held until his retirement from the federal government in 1990. Safir rejoined government service in 1994 when Mayor Giuliani asked him to serve as New York City's 29th Fire Commissioner.

Homeland Security Conference: Mexico/Texas Border

Consul General of Mexico to Deliver Luncheon Keynote October 6th

The Greater Austin Crime Commission will host its second Homeland Security Conference, Thursday, October 6, 2005. The daylong program, which focuses on Mexico/Texas border issues, will be held in the Texas Medical Association Building's Thompson Auditorium, located at 401 West 15th Street. There is no cost to attend the event, but reservations are required due to limited seating capacity. To reserve a space, e-mail cary@austincrime.org or call 512-445-4186.

The Honorable Jorge Guajardo, Consul General of Mexico in Austin, will deliver the luncheon keynote address. Other confirmed speakers include *Adam L. Hamilton (Signature Science)*, Admiral Bobby R. Inman, USN Ret, Dr. Michael L. Lauderdale (University of Texas), Steven McCraw (Homeland Security/Office of the Governor), and Jack Schumacher (DEA).

Ambassador Antonio (Tony) O. Garza Jr. to Receive Kilgore Award

Gala Dinner to Honor Ambassador and Mrs. Garza on October 20th

The Honorable Antonio "Tony" O. Garza Jr., United States Ambassador to Mexico, will receive the fourth Joe M. Kilgore Award for Public Service, Thursday evening, October 20, 2005. For table sponsor and ticket information, e-mail cary@austincrime.org or call 512-560-0434.

Previous Kilgore Award recipients include U.S. Senator John Cornyn, Col. Dudley M. Thomas, former director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, and Senior Captain Bruce Casteel of the Texas Rangers. The late Congressman Joe M. Kilgore was a founding board and executive committee member of the Greater Austin Crime Commission.

Ambassador Garza presented his credentials to President Vicente Fox on November 22, 2002. Before being sworn in as Ambassador, Garza was Texas' 41st Railroad Commissioner. Elected in 1998, he became the first Hispanic Republican elected to statewide office in Texas history. In 1994, shortly after George W. Bush became governor-elect, he made his first appointment, naming Garza as Texas' 99th Secretary of State and a senior advisor.

Garza received his Bachelor of Business Administration from The University of Texas at Austin in 1980 and was recognized as one of five Outstanding Young Texas Exes in 1989. He received his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1983 from Southern Methodist University School of Law. In February 2001, Ambassador Garza received the SMU School of Law's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

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