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#### Training event will cover health issues for correctional officers

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The Alabama Sheriff's Association, in collaboration with the Alabama Department of Public Health, will conduct a one-day training event titled "Health Issues for Correctional Officers" on April 15 at the APOSTC Law Enforcement Academy located at the Tuscaloosa Airport from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This training will focus on airborne and blood-borne infections that pose a risk to officers and other first-responders in the course of their duties.

Pam Barrett, training coordinator for the Division of TB Control at ADPH, stated, "We know from experience that populations in prisons and jails have a higher rate of TB than the population at large."

The same holds true for other infectious diseases such as hepatitis and HIV. Barrett also said that the primary objective of the training event was to give the officers information on how to protect themselves, and how to respond when persons in their care exhibit symptoms of disease.

For more information on TB-related training events, please call Pam Barrett at (205) 391-5469 or e-mail: [pbarrett@adph.state.al.us](mailto:pbarrett@adph.state.al.us). The point of contact for the Alabama Sheriff's Association is Brice Paul at (334) 264-7827 or email: [alsheriffs@aol.com](mailto:alsheriffs@aol.com).

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