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From President Samantha 'Sam' Robinson

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I want to take a moment to reflect on the tremendous success we've achieved together. Last week we shared not just tactics and case studies, but hard-earned wisdom based on experience, resilience, and the unshakable commitment to saving lives. Each conversation, presenter and competition reaffirmed a simple truth: negotiation is not just a skill, it's a lifeline. Whether it's calming a crisis, protecting the vulnerable, or de-escalating the most volatile situations, the work we do matters. And this conference has shown us that we're stronger, more prepared, and more united than ever.

To every attendee, instructor, and expert who contributed—you are the reason this event has been impactful. Your stories, your openness, and your professionalism have laid the foundation for an even stronger network of negotiators across agencies and communities.

As we look ahead to next year, let's carry forward the momentum. Let's keep training, keep collaborating, and keep pushing the standards of excellence in law enforcement negotiation. Lives depend on what we do next.

Thank you all for your service and your dedication.

Stay safe,

Samantha 'Sam' Robinson

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Next Conference – April 26-29, 2026

The Centennial Hotel by Davenport – Spokane, Washington