



SACOP/IACP COMMITTEE REPORT

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SafeShield Project :

Suggested reading:

Visit IACP.org website, follow the SACOP link to Published articles. This report will highlight a published article *A Zero Tolerance Approach to Officer Injuries* by IACP 4th Vice President and former SACOP General Chair which adequately sums up the goals of the SAFESHIELD program by breaking down the eight principles of a safe work environment. Please review these principles and determine if there are areas within our department we can further apply these for the safest work environment possible.

Also, worthy of attention is an article titled: *Ballistic Body Armor: A Chief's Refresher Course*

The article outlines an IACP resolution adopted in 1999 which became IACP policy calling for

- Obtaining proper-fitting body armor for all law enforcement officers
- Establishing an ongoing program to educate all members about their obligations to protect themselves, as well as the “life-and-death” advantages of the routine wear of body armor
- Adopting a wear policy for all on-duty field and investigative personnel
- Conducting periodic inspections of issued soft body armor to ensure proper fit and usable condition, replacing defective armor as needed

Agencies are encouraged to employ a mandatory vest wear program if the option is currently left up to the individual officer. If there are agencies looking for model policies on vest wear, please contact your SACOP representative or see IACP model policies.

Training Opportunities:

Amber Alert Training:

Training is a key component to appropriate response to a missing child call and the training to assist local agencies from policy development to response are free through Fox Valley Technical College. Phil Keith is the program director for the Amber Alert Training and Assistance Program and hosts training across the country on the following topics:

- Basic Forensic Response to Missing and Abducted Children
- Canvassing, Search, and Recovery Strategies for Abducted Children
- Child Abduction Response Team (CART) Training
- Child Abduction Response Team Certification
- Investigative Strategies for Missing and Abducted Children (ISMAL)
- Leadership for Missing and Abducted Children (LMAC)
- Specialized Investigative Techniques in Child Abduction Cases (SITCAC)
- AMBER Alert Broadcast and Media Training

- Mock child abduction scenario planning and evaluation

Technology Training:

Formerly known as R.U.L.E.T.C. and now called N.L.E.C.T.C. is a NIJ funded group that serves to provide resources to local rural agencies with common problems associated with law enforcement technology. They provide week long institute for L.E. Officers across the country called Rural Law Enforcement Technology Institute which is a forum for sharing technology challenges and solutions common to most small and/or rural agencies across the country. Acceptance to the Institute is gained by developing a presentation of a technology need or advancement and the willingness to engage in dialogue with other professionals about solutions to common technology problems and is limited to space available. All expenses are reimbursed to your agency for travel, tuition, and per diem upon completion of the course. Having just returned from this training in Coronado California, I would recommend it to anyone and definitely rank it among the top L.E. courses I have ever attended. For more information on the Institute please go to <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/training/rural-institute.htm> or contact Scott Barker, Deputy Director-Rural Law Enforcement Technology Center, at 866-787-2553 or by email at ruletc1@aol.com.

Note: Chief Kim Wallace currently serves as a Board Member for the program and can provide more information upon request.