



SACOP COMMITTEE REPORT

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SACOP Midyear Meeting – Atlantic City:

The mid-year meeting in Atlantic City consisted of three days in March of meetings with highlights listed as follows:

Smaller Agency Section Meeting:

IACP has divisions and sections dedicated to Chiefs of agencies of all shapes and sizes. Recognizing the need for shared forums of Chiefs with similar interests and responsibilities is important. To that end, there is an effort to eliminate disparity between divisions and section within IACP by inclusion within the definition of smaller agency one which serves a population of up to 50,000 persons or has sworn staff not to exceed 50 officers. This change offers those agencies between 25 and 50 sworn and who serve populations from 25-50,000 a section to fit into within the IACP that has historically been overlooked because of disparity in definitions between smaller agency and mid-sized agency which starts at 50,000 population and 50 sworn officers.

Panel Discussion: Legalization of Marijuana – The California Experience:

Panel of Chiefs on front line of abuses stemming from the legalization of marijuana and medical marijuana proliferation in their state.

DEA:

provided information relative to synthetic cannabanoids sold as incense in stores that fall outside the legal reach of federal and state laws presently. Several states are considering strengthened statutes to make illegal entire classes of these drugs rather than continually playing catch up to the chemist. Kansas is one state on the forefront of this challenge and language for possible adoption of similar laws will be forthcoming from Kansas and from DEA for specific language.

DEA also presented at length information about emerging synthetic drugs of choice among teens such as the “bath salts”, “molly’s plant food” and others. Similar to the synthetic marijuana, there are chemists continuing to morph properties of these drugs to dodge current state and federal laws. DEA contends

that making illegal the entire class of drugs is the appropriate measure needed but seems doubtful that congress will adopt this tact.

Making pseudoephedrine a schedule drug was discussed among several meth burdened states and several states are in various stages of attempting legislation to accomplish this. The DEA representative present was asked by TN SACOP rep if the DEA had an official position on scheduling of pseudoephedrine and his response was that as an agency no but that in his opinion it was the only solution that makes sense.

Social Media 101:

IACP has invested much time and effort into studying the trends of social media and the impact on officers and agencies. There are excellent tools available for departments for policy development, web presence planning, and investigative tools for social media at the IACP.ORG website. Additionally, the IACP's Center of Social Media is launching a webinar series to help agencies understand and manage social media. The dates and times as well as the contact information for these webinars are as follows:

April 7, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. EST
Getting Started with Social Networking

May 5, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. EST
How to Manage Your Social Networking So It's Not a Time Suck

June 9, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. EST
Taking Your Agency's Social Networking Activity to the Next Level

For full information go to:

www.iacpsocialmedia.org/Resources/ToolsTutorials/ViewTutorial.aspx?termid=16&cmsid=4375.

SACOP Division:

Will be looking for State Associations to create standing committees dedicated to the furtherance of officer safety to bolster the SAFESHIELD project and advance that all injuries are predictable and thus preventable. We will seek and encourage interest in the project within TACP in the coming months.

There has never been a more appropriate time than the current era in policing to discuss safety in light of the sobering number of officer assaulted and killed cases during the first quarter of this year.

TENNESSEE WAS CHOSEN BY THE OTHER STATES TO HOST THE 2013 SACOP MID YEAR CONFERENCE. (March 2013)

