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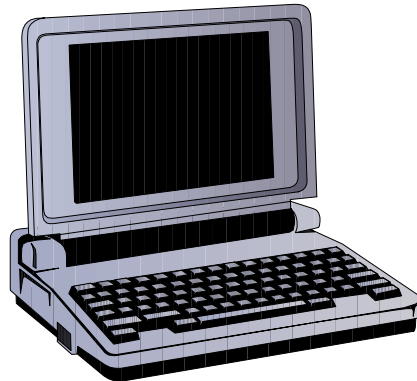
Hello, I want to introduce the first newsletter for the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police. I hope this form of media will help keep us up-to-date on the events and happenings of our organization. We have a lot of things which are happening and with over 300 members it is difficult to keep up with illnesses and other concerns. This is also a good way for us to list the training schedule and post committee reports, such as SACOP, Governors Highway Safety Grant information just to mention a few.

As most of you heard from our last meeting in February that Chief Bob Smith the Executive Secretary has become ill over the last several months and in fact resigned from his position. I have named Richard Holt, former Chief of Police of Cookeville as interim Executive Secretary of the organization. Harold Hays, who we all know, has agreed to assume the responsibility of administering the Highway Safety Grant. We will be getting updates from both of them within this newsletter.

I want to invite all members to participate in the content of this newsletter and if

you have information please write or give Richard a call the new address for the TACP is: 1015 Buffalo Valley Rd, Cookeville, TN 38501; Phone: (931) 432-5696 or FAX: (931) 432-1345. We also want your feedback on the concept of the newsletter so feel free to let one of us know.

Advertisement (We've had



Offers)



April Training Schedule

**Regal Maxwell House
Nashville, Tennessee**

April 8, 1999

10:00 AM - 12:00

**No
on**

**Board of Directors
Meeting**

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Product

Familiarization

Vendor Day

April 9, 1999

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Business Meeting

8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

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By, Harold Hays

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the GHOS grant is moving along very well the following is a tentative schedule of courses being offered for 1999. IPTM has been approved to facilitate the training. Please plan to support these courses through your department and pass this schedule on to your Training Officers:

April 19 - 30

"At-Scene/Basic Traffic Accident Investigation" Franklin Police Department, Contact: Chris Gentry, Training Officer (615) 794-2513.

May 31 - June 11

"At-Scene/Basic Traffic Accident Investigation" Memphis Police Department, Contact: Insp. Gil LaVern, Training Academy (901) 357-1700.

July 19 - 30

"At-Scene/Basic Traffic Accident Investigation" Oak Ridge Police Department, Contact: Leah White, Records Section (423) 482-8412 or Fax: (423) 482-8557.

July 19 - 30

"Traffic Accident Reconstruction" Chattanooga Police Department, Contact: Stan Allen, Training Academy (423) 697-1463.

August 2 - 6

"Selective Traffic Enforcement" Chattanooga Police Department, Contact: Stan Allen, Training Academy (423) 697-1463.

September 13 - 17

"Computerized Collision Diagramming" Nashville Metro Police Traffic Division, 5101 Harding Pl., Nashville, TN 37211. Contact: Sgt. Mike Hagar (615) 880-3187 or Fax (615)880-3047.

September 20 - October 1

"Advanced Traffic Accident Investigation" Nashville Metro Police Department, Contact: Mike Hagar, Traffic Division (615) 880-3187.

You will note not as many traffic safety courses are being offered in 1999 as in previous years. The reason is two-fold. The FY '99 grant was not approved until December 17, 1998. Additionally, the transition of management of the grant from Bob Smith to Harold Hays did not start until late January 1999. It is believed the TACP can successfully conduct six traffic safety schools in FY

'99 without sacrificing its reputation with the Governor's Highway Safety Office. Every effort will be made to avoid such a circumstance in the FY 2000 grant proposal and management."

"The only cost to a department for an officer participating in any of these courses is a \$25.00 per week administrative fee, specifically, 40-hour courses will cost \$25.00 and 80-hour courses will cost \$50.00.

A TACP representative will collect these fees on site the first day of each course and provide receipts. Checks should be made payable to 'Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police.' Contact the appropriate host department representative as soon as possible to reserve slots for your officers."

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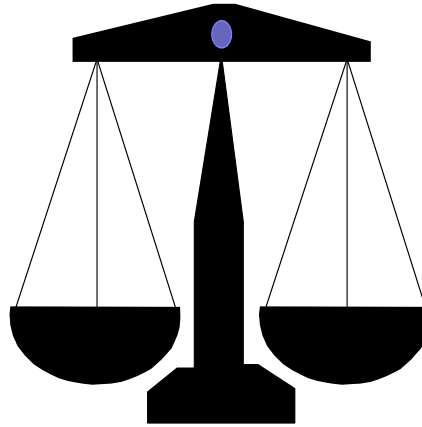
Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee will have a meeting Monday March 8, at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy. A follow-up will be posted in the newsletter after that meeting.

Leadership Award

Leadership Award for the 873rd Session of the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy goes to Addis Leroy Farris of the Brentwood Police Department. Addis was presented the Leadership Award Plaque at the graduation ceremony on February 26, 1999. Our congratulations to Addis Farris and the Brentwood Police Department. We wish Addis the very best and prosperous law enforcement career, welcome to the profession.

TACP sponsors this award to the outstanding candidate demonstrating leadership from each "basic" class at the Law Enforcement Training Academy.



Assistant Director Jack R. Cotrel
ETSU, Johnson City, Tennessee.

Deputy Chief Charles F. Cooke
Chattanooga, Tennessee.

President Robert A. Bryden
Memphis Shelby Crime Commission.

Something to think about "Analyze This"

by Harold Hays

There is much talk about lower crime rates nationally. Safety and crime concerns always rank at the top of all citizen surveys. Thus, who can fault any criminal justice initiative which substantially enhances the quality of life in any community by reducing crime? Yet, many law enforcement officials who observe the daily trek of individuals through the criminal justice system express skepticism and downright disbelief that crime is on the wane. What is the truth?

America has endured three crime waves in modern history. The first crime wave began in 1875 and lasted five years. The entire history of the American outlaw played out during this short period of time. The second

New Members:

Welcome aboard to the following new members:

Chief Danny L. Chapman
Jacksboro, Tennessee.

Chief Joe A. Westmoreland
Rutherford, Tennessee.

Chief Samuel E. Weatherly
Alexandria, Tennessee.

Director Joe W. Parker
Huntingdon, Tennessee.

crime wave began in 1930 and like the first, lasted five years. The escapades of the American gangsters began and ended during this time. The third crime wave began in 1963. Unlike the previous two crime waves, America endured a 30 year crime spree and did not see a decline in the crime rate until 1992. For seven straight years since 1992 crime rates have dropped in America. And yet, what is the truth?

The number of inmates in the nation's jails and prisons rose again last year, to a record 1.8 million. There were 313 inmates incarcerated per 100,000 population in 1985 and 668 inmates incarcerated per 100,000 population in 1998, meaning the incarceration rate has more than doubled since 1985. Some researchers state more convicted criminals are actually being sent to prison and more convictions carry longer sentences. Criminologists and law enforcement officials suggest the substantial growth in the number of inmates has helped reduce crime, at least by keeping more violent criminals off the street. But, what is the truth?

Crime rates are of little significance unless one is a victim of crime, or a neighborhood or community is overwhelmingly violated by criminal activity. Perhaps the most sensible perspective is not to be too

comfortable with our crime fighting success but remain vigilant to the vulnerabilities of our particular communities. Statistics on crime rates are a good general barometer of the success of criminal justice initiatives, but the truth regarding reduction of crime is the sense of general health and well-being of the citizens of each community. As Sir Robert Peel stated, "The ability of the police to perform their duties is dependent upon public approval of police actions."