



SACOP/IACP COMMITTEE REPORT

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Task 1: Strengthening Your Leadership through Crime Prevention

Progress to date: Scheduled for TACP Annual Meeting in Johnson City.

Task 2: SACOP Mid-Year Conference March 4-7, 2006 Alexandria, Virginia

Progress to date: The following enumerate a number of areas addressed during the SACOP meeting. **Cory Ray (COPS/Dept Justice)** advises that there would be no funding for hiring programs in the 06-07 budget programs. One area that will continue to be funded which has proven to be a tremendous program for our state thanks to Mike Sullivan and Mike Hill is RCPI (Regional Community Policing Institute). **Craig Floyd (National Law Enforcement Memorial)** reported that last year that there were more traffic related deaths than firearms related deaths in law enforcement. Better driver training, more driver training, equipping cars with fire suppression equipment, and insuring that officers wear seat belts were suggested as possible ways to suppress these alarming statistics. Ground breaking for the National Law Enforcement Memorial is Fall 2007 with a projected opening Spring 2009. Eighty million to build with 20 million already raised state associations are ask to consider monetary contributions. **John Shanks (Brady Campaign)** Every initiative needs to be taken to stop the easy accessibility to weapons, and a greater need for public education. A handout on Hand Gun Safety Guidelines is available. It is also available in Spanish. Further info can be obtained at www.bradycampaign.org by clicking on the link to Brady Center. While there you might also look at the grade (D+) Tennessee received from not taking further initiatives of shielding families from gun violence. **David Blanchard (The Badge of Honor Memorial Foundation)** www.bohmf.org voiced concern that there is not an adequacy of knowledge possibly within our agencies as to the benefits available to family having lost a loved one in the line of duty. It is suggested that we provide a link on our TACP web site to the foundation for information.

Ray Franklin (National Decertification Database Project) advises that there are approximately 2000 officers decertified on a yearly basis. A resolution (See copy) was presented and passed with unanimous support from all states that each state association take the necessary steps to support state legislative efforts to authorize and incorporate their state's data in the national database **SAFE SHIELD PROJECT** Please read the attached resolution endorsed fully by the Divisions of State Associations of Chiefs of Police. This resolution fully encompasses the continued activities of this on-going project. One particular area of excite is that of meeting with vendors of products who are now understanding that the old conventional ways of addressing officer safety are antiquated, and these vendors are now desiring to listen to law enforcement for their suggestions in the future development of equipment for purposes of officer safety. **Elaine Deck IACP Research Center** www.iacpresearch.org Presently developing a curriculum more conducive to smaller agencies dealing with personnel and economic issues. Four areas being: Resource Procurement: Equipment-New-Free-Cheap, Maneuvering in the Political Environment, Personnel Management: Hiring & Retention, and Developing Future Leaders through Mentoring. A 2nd Edition of The New Police Chief Mentoring Program is expected to be available in 2007. Also in development is a Smaller Agency Technology Assistance Desk Reference date available was not disclosed. Big Ideas for Smaller Police Departments a publication available by mail out

on a quarterly basis is no longer available by mail because of funding restraints, but is still available in an electronic format. The following will assist you in navigating this process:

SPECIAL PROJECTS

New Electronic Format for *Big Ideas*



The newsletter Big Ideas for Smaller Police Departments will soon be available on the Internet, making it accessible to all current subscribers in a new expanded format. The new electronic format will provide readers with a wider variety of information and resources. The Internet access will allow subscribers to send questions and comments regarding newsletter content. In addition, all subscribers in the database can be notified of upcoming regional events and training.

Where to Register:

Even if you are currently subscribing to the printed newsletter you **MUST** still register at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=44625940412>

to begin receiving the electronic newsletter. Subscription and registration for the Big Ideas electronic newsletter are free.

How it Works: Subscribers will receive an e-mail when a new issue of the newsletter is available. The electronic newsletter can then be conveniently forwarded to friends, employees, and colleagues or easily uploaded from the Internet address. The newsletter may also be printed if a hard copy is desired for classes or meetings.

We hope you will enjoy this new format of information sharing and look forward to including your ideas and comments as Big Ideas for Smaller Police Departments continues its commitment of supporting and reaching all agencies in the U.S. with twenty-five and fewer officers. Contact Elaine Deck, 800-THE-IACP ext. 262 or decke@theiacp.org

D.A.R.E. Chief Randy Wiler (Leawood, Kansas, Police Department) gave an excellent program regarding Prevention Principles of the Kansas Bullying Prevention Program. I know we are all aware of the seemingly pandemic occurrences of violence within our school systems that often times stem from kids who have been bullied. The following may offer you some valuable insight into those needs within your community: KANSAS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM www.kbpp.org , Randy Wiler 913-406-1930 fax 913-322-9581, email randyw@everestkc.net , or www.stopbullyingkansas.org 913-642-5555 Ext. 208, email randyw@leawood.org

Distance Learning/Intelligent Classrooms a concept offered for consideration two years ago by the Smaller Section Committee of SACOP appears to be poised for development. I have an extensive Final Report/Feasibility of Distance Learning that has been prepared regarding the need for this type of learning environment to be provided by the IACP. If you have a desire to read this document I will glad to email a copy bpd_adm@bellsouth.net at your request.

Day On The Hill Tuesday March 8 2006 was IACP Day on the Hill. TACP President Larry Godwin, TACP Executive Director Maggi Duncan, and I met with members of Tennessee's Congressional Delegation to discuss specific issues of great concern to law enforcement. The following are those issues and talking points: FUNDING FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

1. Proposed FY 2007 budget contains massive and unacceptable cuts to critical law enforcement assistance programs.

2. When combined, the proposed FY 2007 funding level for DOJ/DHS assistance programs is \$1.535 billion. **This is a reduction of \$1.074 billion or 41% from the combined FY 2006 level of \$2.609.**
3. **Since FY 2004, law enforcement assistance programs have been slashed by more than 3.1 billion.**
4. Reductions in funding for critical law enforcement programs are not being offset by gains in other areas. The combined FY 2007 funding levels for the DOJ & DHS are **\$105 million lower** than was received by just the programs at DOJ in FY 2004.
5. In fact, the proposed total funding for the law enforcement assistance programs at the DOJ & DHS is **\$950 million lower than the \$2.4 billion that was provided in 1997.**

IACP Recommendations

1. Fund the COPS Program at its authorized level of \$1.05 billion.
2. Fund the BYRNE JAG Program at its authorized level of \$1.1 billion.
3. Establish Trust Fund for Terrorism Prevention and Law Enforcement Assistance Funding.

IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

IACP has not adopted a position on whether state and local law enforcement agencies should enforce federal immigration law. That is an inherently local decision that must be made by a police chief, working with their elected officials, community leaders and citizens.

However, the IACP has established that any legislation seeking to have state and local law enforcement agencies participate in immigration enforcement must contain, at a minimum, the following essential elements:

Voluntary: Because the question of state or local law enforcement's participation in immigration enforcement is an inherently local decision, any legislative proposal to enlist the assistance of non-federal agencies in immigration enforcement must be based on the completely *voluntary cooperation* of those agencies.

Authority Clarification: The federal government must issue a clear and complete statement that outlines the role of state, local, and tribal enforcement agencies and enumerates the legal authority of their officers to act in these matters.

Incentive Based Approach: Legislative proposals addressing immigration enforcement should provide law enforcement agencies with an incentive to perform immigration enforcement.

Liability Shield: Legislative proposals addressing immigration must provide: 1) personal liability immunity to officers acting within the scope of their official duties. 2) Immunity for state, tribal, or local agencies enforcing immigration laws unless their personnel violated criminal law in such enforcement.

Training Resources: The legislation should also ensure that the federal government will provide the financial assistance necessary to develop and provide a training program for state, local, and tribal law enforcement officers on federal immigration law and how they should respond when they encounter suspected illegal aliens and absconders.

HOMELAND SECURITY

The IACP believes that there is a critical need to develop a new homeland security strategy that fully embraces the valuable & central role that must be played by the state and local public safety community. There are five key principles that must form the basis for, and be incorporated into any successful national homeland security strategy.

1. Prevention, not just response and recovery, must be paramount in any national, state, or local security strategy.
2. Homeland security proposals must be developed in a local context, acknowledging that local, not federal, authorities have the primary responsibility for preventing, responding, and recovering from terrorist attacks.
3. Hometown security is homeland security. Because of their daily efforts to combat crime and violence, state & local law enforcement officers are uniquely situated to identify, investigate and apprehend suspected terrorists.
4. Homeland security strategies must be coordinated nationally, not federally.
5. A truly successful national strategy must recognize, embrace, and value the vast diversity among state & local law enforcement and public safety agencies. A “one size fits all” approach will fail to secure our homeland.
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I would encourage each of you to contact your respective Congressional delegate to reiterate your concerns as to the impact these areas have on your agency and the cities you serve. Your voice does make a difference.

Strengthening Your Leadership Through Crime Prevention Training being offered to (10) ten states was presented and critiqued by the SACOP membership for additions or deletions prior to being presented to state associations.

Task 3: 113th Annual IACP Conference Oct. 14-18, 2006 Boston, MA

Progress to date: Executive Director to advise when further information is available.

Task 4: CD available from National Crime Prevention Council containing power point presentations for Crime Prevention Presentations. Included are Crime Prevention Trends, Neighborhood Watch Part 1, Neighborhood Watch Part 2, Crime Prevention & Community Preparedness, Identity Theft, Police Community Relations, and Seniors and Crime Prevention.

Progress to date: Limited number of CD's available for association