Approve Minutes of April 3, 2006 Meeting
The committee unanimously approved the minutes of the LECC meeting on April 3, 2006.

Oregon Law Enforcement Accreditation
Joe Simon, Executive Director of the Oregon Accreditation Alliance (OAA), was invited to this meeting to provide the committee with information on law enforcement accreditation, both state and national. Mr. Simon offered a brief history of law enforcement accreditation and the OAA, noting the differences between state and national accreditation. He also described the process of Oregon accreditation.

The OAA was established in 2001 with the mission of providing professional standards in order to increase the quality of law enforcement service throughout the state of Oregon.
Oregon. Accreditation acts as a validation of an agency’s operations, much like insurance.

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) has approximately 465 standards, but not all of these are mandatory because they apply to such a diverse audience. There are currently 147 mandated standards in Oregon state accreditation, and these include almost all of the mandatory CALEA standards. OAA is currently going through a transition and is working on developing standards.

There are four different fees for receiving Oregon accreditation, ranging from $550 to $2050, according to the size of the agency; this is significantly less expensive than national (CALEA) accreditation. Additional costs of accreditation include ongoing training and maintaining an up-to-date policy and procedure manual.

To apply for Oregon accreditation, an agency must submit an application to be approved by the Professional Standards Committee. This committee is made up of 20 members who are sheriffs and chiefs from around the state. Upon receipt of the application, the committee sends a self-assessment package to the agency. It can take an agency anywhere from a few months to a couple of years to go through this self-assessment, after which they request a formal assessment. If the agency is found in compliance, a recommendation is made to the Professional Standards Committee for approval of the agency for accreditation. The recommendation is then forwarded to OACP and OSSA for the last step in the review, after which the reward is made. The accreditation is valid for three years, and requires annual reports. Another formal review is required after the three years.

Mr. Fidanque asked what the standards for racial bias are and if the LECC could assist in the process of developing them. Mr. Simon read the standards and replied that feedback was welcome. Mr. Fidanque then suggested that OAA add a commentary on how some agencies collect stop data on race/ethnicity as part of their way of meeting the standards. Mr. Simon said he could bring that suggestion to the Professional Standards Committee, with care to avoid policy development issues, which are outside their scope of work.

Mr. Simon will forward the OAA website address to the committee. This website lists which agencies in Oregon are currently accredited. He added that the International Association of Chiefs of Police has developed a body of model policies that are accessible to chiefs.

**Update on Oregon Law Enforcement Survey**

Dr. Renauer distributed two preliminary reports, one outlining each section of the survey. He stated that he will bring a more complete report to the next LECC meeting.

**Data Review Subcommittee Update**

Dr. Chaiken brought forth a couple of recommendations from the Data Review Subcommittee. He moved that the LECC send a response through OSSA, OACP and OSP to all Oregon law enforcement agencies, thanking those that responded for their
participation and offering a general description of the survey results. Fidanque seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Fidanque moved that LECC staff work with the legislative council and Criminal Justice Commission staff to amend the bill draft that is already in process. The additional language would make the statute requirements to collect data more flexible while still maintaining the ability of the committee to recommend additional data points. Lt. Col. Willeford seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Chaiken stated that the Data Review Subcommittee had discussed the analyses of Oregon State Police data at length and had requested several format changes.

**Technical Assistance Team**

Lt. Col. Willeford distributed a draft proposal on technical assistance. He will make sure the next version of this handout says that the Technical Assistance Team (TAT) will also make it a priority to work with agencies that are currently collecting data.

Lt. Col. Willeford stated that approximately 55 agencies, most of whom had never collected data, indicated in their survey responses requests for some sort of technical assistance from the LECC. The vast majority of these requests were for assistance in efficient and inexpensive training. Some agencies requested assistance in data collection as well. One theme that appeared in several of the responses was a request that the LECC recognize the efforts law enforcement agencies are making to prevent bias. Another common request was for the LECC to write and distribute a report on the results of the survey and what the next steps should be.

Lt. Col. Willeford proposed that the TAT write a “best practices” and resource manual with an Oregon perspective that offers information on training, data collection, data analysis, model policy on professional policing, and community outreach and involvement. The TAT will also initiate outreach to agencies requesting assistance, and to agencies that are currently collecting data. Lt. Col. Willeford will formally convene the TAT to start discussing the feasibility of producing the technical assistance listed above.

Lt. Col. Willeford moved that they adopt the concepts contained in the handout on the draft proposal on technical assistance. Dr. Chaiken seconded, and the committee unanimously approved the motion. Lt. Col. Willeford will bring a revised version of this handout, as well as an update on the progress of the TAT, to the next LECC meeting.

**Community Relations Subcommittee Update**

Commissioner Jaramillo updated the committee on the work of the Community Relations Subcommittee. At their last meeting on June 5, 2006, the subcommittee had discussed the work of the DPSST Scenario Development Workgroup and the TAT. Ms. Black had also reviewed a couple of videos on racially biased policing provided to her by DPSST, and had spoken about a grant that the LECC is applying for through the Department of Transportation.
DPSST Law Enforcement Curriculum Development Subcommittee Update

Commissioner Jaramillo explained that there was a great deal of conversation on what the focus of the scenarios should be at the last LECC Community Relations Subcommittee meeting.

After listening to members’ comments, Justice Peterson stated that there was a consensus that there should be a focus on post-stop conduct because of what statistics are showing. He regrets the phrase “racial profiling” because most people associate it strictly with the stop and not post-stop conduct.

Commissioner Jaramillo stated that the discussion needs to move beyond specific definitions of “racial profiling” and “racially-biased policing.” The LECC recommended that the DPSST Scenario Development Workgroup examine law enforcement contacts including stops, emphasizing post-contact conduct, with a focus on decision-making and sensitizing the officer to unconscious bias.

The DPSST Scenario Development Workgroup should also make sure that scenarios correspond with the general curriculum.

Justice Peterson suggested that the LECC discuss law enforcement agencies’ in-service training at a future meeting.

Future Meetings
The committee scheduled its next Data Review Subcommittee and full committee meetings for:
- Wednesday, September 20, 2006
- Wednesday, November 8, 2006
- Wednesday, January 17, 2007

The Community Relations Subcommittee will schedule its meetings separately.

Other Business / Open Comments from the LECC
Ms. Black informed the committee that staff are applying, through the Oregon Department of Transportation, for a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to help expand operations such as data collection and technical assistance. The minimum grant, if awarded, would be $100,000.

Ms. Black described a community forum she recently attended held by the Portland Police Bureau to address the release of their traffic stop data. This forum consisted of an overview, community testimony, chief/police reports, small group discussions, and reports back from the small groups. The small group discussion questions were:
- What does “racial profiling” mean to you?
- Why do you think people of color are pulled over or searched more often?
- What changes (remedies) should happen in order to stop racial profiling?
Public Comments
There were no public comments.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Further information on the LECC is available at:
http://www.ocjc.state.or.us/Racial_Profiling/LECPDRC.HTM