LECC Community Relations Subcommittee

- Annabelle Jaramillo
- Ron Louie
- Edwin Peterson
- Frank Thompson

LECC Staff Present
- Claudia Black
- Meredith (Bud) Bliss
- Laura Uva

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- Members Present
- Keith Aoki
- Charles Martinez
- David Fidanque

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- Members Excused
- Lisa Grisham

Welcome / Introductions
Lisa Grisham is the executive secretary and scheduler of Jaramillo.

Introduction of new member
Chief Louie, of the Hillsboro Police Department, was selected by the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP) to replace Walt Myers as their representative on the LECC. Louie has been officially appointed to the LECC by the Governor, and will be serving on the Community Relations Subcommittee.

Louie explained that the Hillsboro Police Department started collecting traffic stop data in 2000, and maintains a contract with Portland State University for analysis of this data. They now have data on 82,000 stops. The only anomaly found in their data is the slightly higher search rate, yet lower rate of contraband found, of male Latino drivers of a certain age group.

Some lessons the Hillsboro Police Department has learned through the process of collecting data include the importance of comparing stop data to the entire driving population, rather than only to the resident population. Another important lesson is that collecting this data is simple and takes very little time. He said that stop data collection has not been a problem for the troops of the Hillsboro Police Department.

Louie suggested that departments in jurisdictions close to universities take advantage of this for data analysis contracts. Partnerships, such as these, could save resources for law enforcement agencies and add objectivity to the analyses.

Louie stated that there will be another analysis of their data in a couple of months, and he would be glad to present the findings to the LECC.
Approve Minutes of June 16, 2005 Meeting
It was decided that the minutes be approved at the full LECC meeting on August 29, because more of the members of this subcommittee will be present at that meeting.

Update on OSP, OSSA and OACP Presentations
Black informed the committee that the LECC is scheduled to meet with leadership of the Oregon State Police on September 1 at 10:00 a.m. in Salem. The LECC is scheduled to meet with leadership of the Oregon State Sheriffs Association on September 7 at 2:00 p.m. in Hood River. The next scheduled meeting of the Executive Board of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP) is on October 25 in Newport, but the OACP is willing to arrange a meeting with the LECC at an earlier date if so desired. The subcommittee recommended, pending the full committee’s approval, not requesting an earlier meeting.

It was suggested that Peterson, Jaramillo and Chaiken try to attend all of these meetings. In addition, Willeford should attend the OSP meeting, Ramirez the OSSA meeting, and Louie the OACP meeting.

Members agreed that these meetings should help develop positive partnerships with law enforcement. Peterson suggested that the LECC provide the executive committees with draft questions before the meeting.

As time permits, staff will put together a chronology of efforts to address bias-based policing in Oregon. This will provide an historical framework for understanding the current work of the LECC.

Louie encouraged all LECC members to do a ride-along with a law enforcement officer that collects traffic stop data, in order to witness how simple the process is.

Thompson suggested that the LECC assess post-9/11 impacts on law enforcement stops. Louie agreed, and offered to go through his file on post-9/11 issues and compose a list of talking points on this issue for the committee.

Louie stated that he will provide all LECC members with lists of national and state accreditation requirements.

Approve Law Enforcement Survey Questions
Staff will edit the survey questions to include aspects of the questions recommended in a document by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) entitled “Understanding Bias-Based Traffic Law Enforcement.” An edited version of the questions will be distributed to all members by August 8, 2005.

Terminology
Louie and Thompson explained that the term “biased policing” is a good middle-ground between “racial profiling” and “professional stops.”
Update on DPSST Curriculum Subcommittee
Thompson informed the subcommittee that the first meeting of the DPSST Curriculum Subcommittee was held in July 2005. This was an introductory meeting, and the curriculum development coordinator has yet to be hired. Thompson stated that one challenge in working with the DPSST Curriculum Subcommittee will be coordinating with the LECC and being able to report their feedback to the DPSST subcommittee by the deadlines of the DPSST rather than those of the LECC. Thompson stated that 60 percent of the DPSST training courses will be scenario-based, and that legislation mandates the courses to be offered.

Model Training and Community Outreach Programs
Copies of several documents on this subject were given to each member. Discussion of this item was postponed due to time constraints.

Population and Law Enforcement Agency Statistics
Copies of a document outlining statistics on law enforcement agencies in Oregon were distributed. Discussion of this item was postponed due to time constraints.

OASIS Update
Bliss made a report on the OASIS data.

Finalize Work Plan
It was decided that the tentative work plan, especially the section on community outreach models, needs to be “fleshed out.”

Next Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting
The next Community Relations Subcommittee meeting will be on October 17, 2005 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Salem, Oregon.

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.