Law Enforcement Contacts Policy and Data Review Committee (LECC)
DATA REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 29, 2005, 10:15 a.m.
Oregon State Library, Salem, Oregon

LECC Data Review Subcommittee
Members Present
Jan Chaiken  Edwin Peterson
David Fidanque  Greg Willeford

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

LECC Data Review Subcommittee
Members Excused
William Feyerherm  Raul Ramirez

Approve Minutes of June 20, 2005 Meeting
Willeford moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2005 LECC Data Review
Subcommittee meeting, and Peterson seconded. Chaiken noted that a conclusion was not
drawn at that meeting as to whether they would request a delay in the archiving of OASIS
data, but the subcommittee decided at this point that there is no need for such a delay.
The subcommittee unanimously approved the minutes as distributed.

Approve Work Plan
Item “2b” of the subcommittee’s work plan was edited to read, “In analyzing the data,
extend focus to post-stop actions (search, arrest, etc.) in addition to over-representation in
stops. [Reserve “denominator” or “baseline” study (how minority populations are
represented in the driving public) as a secondary strategy because of high cost.]” The
subcommittee voted unanimously to approve the edited work plan.

Update on Obtaining and Analyzing Law Enforcement Data
Black informed the subcommittee that the Eugene Police Department no longer collects
stop data. Fidanque added that the Eugene Police Department has a new Chief.

Washington County is also no longer collecting stop data. Fidanque stated that his
recollection was that Washington County used the same data collection mechanism as the
Hillsboro Police Department and therefore could probably use the same analysis format.

The subcommittee suggested that, considering the diversity of law enforcement agencies
in Oregon, it may be best to offer them essential standards, such as critical data points
and issues to consider in analysis, rather than trying to develop an encompassing and
specific model. For example, Bliss mentioned that it is important to be able to distinguish
the initial reason for the stop from the final result of the stop, as well as to warn against
comparing stop data to general population data.
Update on Meetings with Leadership of Oregon State Sheriffs Association (OSSA), Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP) and Oregon State Police (OSP)

It was decided that the following items should be included in the discussions of the meetings:

1. The history of the LECC, including:
   a. What the LECC had accomplished prior to the hiatus
   b. The LECC’s progress since March 2005
   c. The current membership of the LECC

2. Presentation of OASIS results

3. Urgency for Oregon law enforcement agencies to collect stop data and have it analyzed

4. Draft survey of Oregon law enforcement agencies

Review of draft reports based on OASIS and related surveys

Bud stated, and the subcommittee agreed, that the problem right now is that the LECC does not have enough current Oregon stop data from law enforcement agencies to compare to the data from the public perception surveys.

Peterson moved that the statewide OASIS 08-29-05 update be posted on the LECC website after staff performs some minor editing. Fidanque seconded the motion, and the subcommittee unanimously approved this decision.

Several editing decisions were approved in order to increase the clarity of the draft report “Public Perceptions Surveys of Attitudes Held by Minority Groups about Law Enforcement in Oregon.” It was decided that the next draft of the report should be sent to Joel Blumen, formerly director of the Oregon Social Research Laboratory (OSRL), for his review of the analysis performed by Bliss, Chaiken and Peterson.

The draft of this document will be edited to reflect this meeting’s discussion by September 1, 2005. The public release of this report will be discussed at the next LECC Data Review Subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend to the full committee that the next draft be released to the staff of the Portland Police Department prior to the planned meeting of LECC staff and members with Chief Foxworth on September 7. The subcommittee agreed that the report is automatically on the public record as a result of this day’s discussion, but that this does not necessarily mean it will be publicized. Staff are free to produce PowerPoint presentations or other summaries of the report as they see fit.

National Literature Review of Stop Data Reports

It was decided that the Data Review Subcommittee will recommend to the full committee that an LECC member write a two to three page summary of the report, focusing on best practices.

Discussion of how data analysis will be carried out after September 9, 2005

September 9, 2005 will be Bliss’ last day working for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. He has accepted a position with the Beaverton Police Department. He
stated that he will be available in the future to respond to questions or assist in the interim. For the stop data, he will be preparing a thorough summary of his methods for combining the data from the different sources.

Prins had informed the committee, via e-mail, that the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission is facing many changes right now, and that he needs to meet with representatives of the staff and membership of the committee in order to discuss the budget and other topics of concern.

**Adjournment**
Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m., Willeford seconded, and the subcommittee unanimously approved.