

DPS Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting
March 2, 2011
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Jim Coons, Jim Leene, Francis (Paco) Aumand, Glen Button, Jim Baker, Bill Goggins, Jim Hughes, Tom L'Esperance, Cindy Maguire, and Suellen Royea.

Meeting called to order by Paco Aumand, Chair, at 1:45 pm.

Paco reviewed the 2010 Annual Report and action items for this year.

Handouts of the following were passed out: Business plan, agenda, and Human Trafficking bill passed by the House.

Some discussion was held on working groups, training and the innocence project. Jim Baker gave an update on the teaching of best practices and show up line ups. He has been in touch with someone from New York, who also helped Massachusetts to set up their model, that Jim thinks would be good to have come for a day of training. Jim has found out that Chittenden area is waiting for some guidance on best practices. Paco noted that VCIC will roll out their Mugshot Repository which has a line up option. They have the technology, but no standard policies. It was suggested to use the Massachusetts model and adopt it to Vermont. Jim Baker offered to find a date at the Academy to work with Massachusetts and Ms. Brown to do some upfront work and an awareness Summit for leaders. Jim Hughes would like the SA's on the invitation list. Paco envision that the LEAB would help sponsor the Awareness Summit. It was noted that it might be a good idea to include Senator Dick Sears.

Old Business-Human Trafficking legislation: Paco noted that he testified on Commissioner Tremblay's report on Human Trafficking that was included in the annual report. He also reported that the House passed a bill recently regarding Human Trafficking (see above handout). Tom L'Esperance expressed his feelings that any investigations should be turned over to the US Attorney's office. There was some language that concerned the VSP regarding passing out some paperwork. Jim Leene spoke on the types of visas and Federal systems this bill/law may interact with. Jim Leene suggested that the board extend an invitation to ICE and the FBI for more information. Tom L'Esperance expressed his support of the awareness training piece and then how we investigate. Paco reviewed the section of the Annual report where the Board endorsed Commissioner Tremblay's report and that the Board would assist in any protocols. The general census was to call the Federal Government if a police agency came upon a Human Trafficking case. Jim Leene and Paco with set up a meeting with ICE and FBI at the US Attorney's Office. Cindy Maguire noted there is a population that has been victimized, but will not come forward. Tom L'Esperance noted that there is a training video available.

New Business:

- Glen Button reviewed Ignition Interlock devices, which is similar to an automatic start that someone has to blow into in order to start a car. Glen noted that the device has a set tolerance level and described what happens if they go over the level while it is started. There is also a camera piece to show who submits the sample. He reported that there is a pilot program

centered in Burlington, which will be opened up to everyone on July 1, 2011. Glen also gave some cost estimates: Initial cost is \$150-175 and a monthly lease of \$70 for the device, with an additional charge of \$15-20 for the GPS option; paid by the offender. Other states require a device for DUI convictions. DMV's recommendation is to allow the program to run for a year and then make recommendations. A question was asked about calibration. Glen noted that there is a piece that the offender would mail in and a new piece would be mailed to them for this purpose and the reason for the monthly lease charge. There was some discussion about repeat offenders.

Paco noted that he was asked to testify on the old Act 170, DUI initiatives and recommendations. Jim Hughes reported that the Chief Schirling in Burlington put together a Dangerous Driving working group, which meets monthly. It was also noted that there are a couple of bills in the legislature regarding DUI and Dangerous Driving.

Paco reviewed the Business Plan Goals and asked if the Board supported this technology. He also asked what DMV wanted from the Board. Jim Hughes made the recommendation to support the technology and encourage a program to be in place for a year. Motion seconded. Action item: this will be noted in the annual report.

- Paco introduced and explained the invitation extended to Cindy Maguire to present their Bias Free Policing Policy. Cindy reported the Attorney General's office was asked in November 2009 to look at bias free policing and racial profiling. They sent out a survey and the response was that a lot of agencies did not have a policy. They also held a public forum. Cindy passed out a copy of a proposed policy. She noted that it has received good response by both law enforcement and advocacy groups. Some agencies have adopted the policy in whole or in part. When it was rolled out, the AG's office offered to assist in the training and every agency received a copy. Cindy noted that a report in the Chittenden area was conducted. VSP is currently collecting data. Paco asked if the board could help. An endorsement in the Board's annual report would be helpful. A question was asked if the League of Cities and Towns was going to adopt this. Cindy feels they will but has not heard from them. Tom L'Esperance made a motion to adopt the integral parts of the AG's proposed policy and encourage all state and local agencies adopt this policy. Jim Hughes seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Baker noted that the Police Academy has an MOU with Vermont Center for Crime Victims Services for funding a one-day seminar on violence against women. Paco noted it is a good idea for the Academy to play that role and the Board should distribute the work done on the model policy around Domestic violence. Paco asked how to keep protocols/policies current. There was some discussion about the Academy/VCJTC being reactive/proactive and best practices training.

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- 2011 LEAB Business Plan: First 5 issues are a follow up to the 2010 annual Report. Other items listed are not new. Paco feels that information sharing is still a hot topic and reported that DPS is watching Burlington PD efforts. He also reviewed a pilot project taking place at Probation & Parole around the value of sharing information. A presentation was held earlier today at the VIBRS meeting. Paco noted that more presentations will likely take place with DOC Administration, the Chiefs and Sheriffs, VCJTC and the Cabinet. Paco reviewed how the project got started and the VJISS search tool. There was some discussion on how it works and who has access to the information.

Meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.