

Idaho Sheriff's Association General Meeting

June 8, 2010

Coeur d'Alene Inn

Meeting called to order by ISA President Wayne Rausch

Attendance: Sheriff's Chris Goetz, Rocky Watson, Lorin Nielsen, Rick Anderson, Marv Williams, Daryl Wheeler, Len Humphries, Patti Bolen, Chad Huff, Chris Smith, Walt Femling, Robert Kirts, Gary Raney, Doug McFall, Shaun Gough, Tom Carter, Wes Collins, Kevin Halverson, Doug Giddings, Brian Brokop, Dave Sanders and Dave Johnson. Also attending, Dave Sasser, Jim Dalley, Rick Miller, Matt Thomas, Mike Kane, Gene Ramsey and Alan Johnson.

POST Director: A new POST Director has been hired, William Flinke. He just started one week ago and is starting to learn about what is going on with POST. Sheriff Wayne Rausch was awarded his Executive Certificate from POST.

Budget Review: Dan Chadwick- Dan presented the budget review and noted that everything was going as it was expected. No major issues or changes needed.

Jail Committee: Sheriff Paul Wilde- the Detention Academy POST curriculum is currently being reviewed. Sheriff Bolen is leading this project and is focusing on if POST is teaching what is needed. She needs any input that you have about the Detention Academy curriculum. Canyon County has asked for a waiver the Jail Standard 1404 concerning the taking of money into the facility. Canyon County wants to only take money electronically and send any other money back to the sender. This issue is going to be further reviewed.

NSA Jail Training Initiative: NSA has a program called the Jail Training Initiative which is currently being tested in Bannock County. This program combines the jail standards, the reason for the standard and any case law impacting the standard into one place. It is similar to Lexipol and has already been started in a couple of States. Both Sheriff Nielsen and Dave Sasser have been involved with this program and think that it would be beneficial to Idaho Sheriff's. There is a monthly cost associated with the program and Sasser said that ICRMP will not pay for it at this time. There was discussion on how to get ICRMP to pay for or help pay for this program. Motion by Sheriff Nielsen to write a letter to Rick Ferguson from ICRMP explaining the importance of the Standards and ask for support of the NSA Jail Training Initiative. Look at it like Lexipol and consider funding all or part of the project. Second by Sheriff Gough, motion passed.

Operations Committee: Sheriff Goetz- the EMS rules are currently being changed and the definition of Rescue talks about locating endangered persons at an emergency incident and needing to be licensed to perform this function. The concern is continuing to make it clear that the Sheriff is in charge of Search and Rescue. Mike Kane said that he has a good relationship with EMS and will fix any potential problems. The additional \$1.00 fee that is added to ATV registration is now building and we need to start planning on the process to submit the qualifying Sheriff's ATV programs to IDPR so that this money can be distributed. Sheriff Goetz will send out an email to start compiling information on Sheriff's ATV programs. Kane is going to try and get us more than \$1.00 during the next Legislative Session.

Training Committee: Sheriff Wheeler- the last Civil School went well and they are planning for the next one. They are also planning the training for the December meeting.

US Marshal: Brian Underwood is the new US Marshal for Idaho and was introduced by his Chief Deputy Kevin Platts. Federal prisoners will start stopping in Boise instead of having to go to Salt Lake or Seattle.

Legal Issues: Dave Sasser- there have been four non-pursuit driving \$500,000 tort claims paid within the last year with one more pending. We need to pay more attention to our driving. Dave showed both the in-car video from the Adam County Deputy's fatal crash and the Distracted Driver Video.

DEA Marijuana Eradication: Niles Gooding- the more plants we eradicate in Idaho the more funding we can receive. There were 77,148 plants eradicated in Idaho last year compared to 608,000 in Washington. The money used should be focused on overtime and helicopter costs. Idaho does not have a RAID team so we are using ones from Montana and North Dakota.

Idaho National Guard: LTC Dan Weaver- Guard resources are available but they are focusing on the Boise area because of funding issues. Sgt. Rick Jenson is not at the Idaho Fusion Center. The Guard can provide counterdrug training and Guard assets can be used for Search and Rescue missions but it may take up to 24 hours for them to respond.

DRE Program: Jared Olson- ISP has cut funding to the DRE program because it is not a required program. They are also looking at revamping the ALS program and looking for funding for the DRE program.

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Vine Program: Teri Wedding- Sheriff's Offices can put links on their websites to VINE. VINE program is currently working and being paid for by ISA. They can provide free web training to anyone that needs it.

Legal Update: Mike Kane- There will already be lots of changes based on the results of the primary elections. There is an opinion by the AG's office that there can be standards set to run for Sheriff the question now is what we want them to be. Kane suggested that we support a bill next year at the State level similar to the Federal Prison Litigation Control Act. This would give us protection in State court that would match our current protections in Federal Court. One of those areas is frivolous lawsuits. We need to figure out a way to fund the VINE program when the grant runs out. Kane feels that we should start on that now so that we can get it done by the time we need the funding. Texting bill, there will be one and we will be asked for support. Mike recommends that we support the Prosecutors felony reckless bill. This would make reckless driving a felony when it involves injuries.

Mexican Consulate: Ricardo Pineda- there has been a good working relationship with the County Jails over the last year and he wants this relationship to continue. The Mexican Consulate can help verify Mexican documents.

IDOC: Director Reinke- he explained the new Rider/CAPP and TC Rider programs and how they will benefit the inmates and give the Judges more options in sentencing. Part of this includes extending retained jurisdiction from six months to one year.

ISP: Colonel Russell- Introduced new POST Administrator William Flinke. There are a lot of issues that need to be addressed and he wants to work with the Chiefs and Sheriffs.

PSAP Committee: Brad Coughenour- the PSAP committee works under the EICC. They have completed a dispatch training manual and when it is completed the Dispatcher will get 10 hours of POST Credit. They have also started a secure web site for dispatchers.

Intelligence Center Report: Major Dan Thornton- The fusion Center is working with RMIN to develop a watch center and is designed to link Federal State and local information. The Fusion Center is still in its infancy and is getting more efficient all the time.

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