



AACOP

ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

Spring Meeting Minutes

Juneau, Alaska

May 5, 2008

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

President Tom Clemons called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 pm.

Board Members present:

Chief Dan Hoffman, Fairbanks PD

Chief T.C. Kamai, Kodiak PD

Board members absent:

Chief Greg Browning, Juneau PD

Chief John Lucking, Soldotna PD

Chief Hugh Miller, Hoonah DPS (resigned)

Visitors present:

Chief Paul Burke, Nome PD

Chief Chuck Kopp, Kenai PD

Col. Audie Holloway, AST

Chief Rob Heun, Anchorage PD

Chief Laurie Burkmire, Anchorage Airport PD

Deputy Chief Page Decker, Juneau PD

Chief Dan Freigh, Alaska Railroad PD

Deputy Chief Brad Johnson, Fairbanks PD

Maj. Matt Leveque, AST

Chief Jamie Sunderland, Unalaska DPS

Chief Angela Long, Wasilla PD

Chief John Nichols, Yakutat DPS

Mr. Skip Coile, WSIN
Mr. Jim Wolfe, Alaska Crime Lab ret.
Chief Sheldon Schmidt, Sitka PD
Chief John Millan, Galena PD
Marshal Randy Johnson, USMS
Lt. Kris Sell, Juneau PD
Special Agent Kevin Fryslie, Anchorage FBI
Lt. Alan Bengaard, Ketchikan PD
Dep. Chief Josh Dossett, Ketchikan PD
Mr. Craig Freemont
Chief Ray Leggett, Skagway PD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2007 MEETING

There were no minutes from the previous meeting reviewed or approved.

TREASURERS REPORT

Delivered by President Tom Clemons as Treasurer Greg Browning was absent. President Clemons report that the Association had a net profit of \$40,952.87. Clemons also reported that the Association has received a grant for approximately \$180,000 from the Byrne Drug Control Program and that these funds would be used to sustain the ALEISS program. At this juncture Clemons said the ALEISS program will be sustained by this grant. However, unless another revenue source can be found it's likely that agencies will be asked to pay a fee for using ALEISS.

Additionally, a \$150,000 grant received from the Alaska Highway Safety Office will go towards hiring a project manager to oversee the TRACS program for municipal law enforcement agencies.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

IACP Conference:

President Clemons extended an invitation to all Alaska members to attend the upcoming International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference in San Diego, CA. President Clemons announced that he had secured a block of 18 rooms (at a preferred rate) at the Sand Diego Double Tree Inn for Alaska attendees. He explained that it was customary for Alaska attendees to stay at the same hotel. He added that in order to keep these rooms, attendees would need to book them by July; otherwise the hotel would release the rooms. He encouraged Alaska representation at this conference.

AGENDA ITEMS

Police Reserves:

Chief Chuck Kopp provided a summary explanation of the Police Reserve Sub-committees progress to date. Chief Kopp explained that the committee had learned that under current regulations, the Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) did not have the authority to establish

regulations over police reserve officers because police reserve officers were not defined in regulations that fall under the purview of APSC. Chief Kopp further explained that after consultation with Assistant Attorney General Sue McLean, council to the APSC, it was determined that the definition could be expanded to include police reserve officers, thereby making it possible for the APSC to establish regulations for police reserve officers. Chief Kopp said that he was seeking guidance from the AACOP on how to proceed; "Certification through the APSC or a best practices guide administered by AACOP."

Chief Hoffman said that it was important for AACOP to let the APSC and the reserve working group to know what their preferences were.

Commissioner Walt Monegan explained that in the 1980's a large percentage of officers hired by his former agency; Anchorage Police, came from the departments reserve program. He suggested that establishing a police reserve program could be a possible vehicle for recruitment.

Chief Rob Heun said that while he did not oppose standards or best practices for police reserves, it was his preference not to development a reserve program with the Anchorage Police Department. He cited the costs associated with training reserves as the principal consideration in his decision. He explained that he would prefer to spend the few precious dollars he has to train full time officers and not reserves.

Chief Jamie Sunderland asked if the tiered program that he was familiar with was going to be regulated by the APSC. Chief Hoffman replied that no decision has been made and that the purpose for this discussion was to resolve that question.

Deputy Chief Brad Johnson stated a preference for having the screening and appointment standards for police reserves identical to those currently recognized for full-time police officers. Chief Kopp explained that the committee had developed 13 AAC 86 for police reserves and that in this section the appointment standards for reserves were in fact identical to those required for full-time officers. Chief Kopp continued, saying that the standards and that chapter were irrelevant because police reserves officers were not defined by regulation.

Chief Kopp said that the reserve committee would develop a draft sponsor statement and attempt to find a legislator that would be willing to sponsor a bill to define police reserve officers in the regulations. If included, police reserves would fall under the purview of the APSC.

Chief Hoffman said that the committee would continue its work and that information would be shared with AACOP as things continued to develop.

Candidate for IACP Office:

Chief Crag Stickler of the Fremont, CA PD was introduced to the group by President Clemons as a candidate for the office of Fourth Vice President of the IACP. Chief Stickler was in Alaska to

campaign for this office. Chief Stickler shared his law enforcement experience with the group; highlighting his 40 years of experience in small and medium sized departments. He also discussed his experiences with the IACP. Chief Stickler described his platform as focusing on recruitment & retention issues and budget.

State Association of Chiefs of Police (SACOP):

President Clemons announced that he has been nominated for the office of Chair for the SACOP Western Mountain Region. SACOP is the largest section of the IACP; 100-115 members. The Western Region is comprised of 13 other states. The Chair of the Western Mountain Region is responsible for facilitating a number of projects and initiatives that affect policing in the Region, to include legislative lobbying and funding. If elected, he would be the first Alaska representative elected to any office in SACOP.

President Clemons asked if there was any opposition to him pursuing this position and launching his campaign. None was voiced. President Clemons expressed his gratitude to the group for their support.

ALEAAC:

President Clemons updated the group on the status of the law enforcement accreditation program and announced that the Fairbanks PD, Juneau PD, Sitka PD and Skagway PD had all applied for accreditation under ALEAAC.

U.S. Attorney Sponsored Chief Executive Training:

President Clemons reported that the U.S. Attorney's Office (USA) in Anchorage was sponsoring an executive level training course in Anchorage. The course will cover a variety of topics, e.g. terrorism, white collar crime, gang violence, cyber crimes, etc. Tentatively scheduled for September 2008, this training will be sponsored by the USA. Clemons said that he expected there to be no expenses for Chiefs and command officers to attend. More information to follow.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Clemons stated that he wanted to recognize Kalie Klaysmat of Soldotna for her support of the AACOP. President Clemons explained that he did not have administrative support at the Seward PD so he relied on Ms. Klaysmat's assistance with completing a number of AACOP projects, namely the TRACS and ALEISS grant applications. President Clemons said that "had it not been for her help, these projects would not have been completed." President Clemons proposed offering Ms. Klaysmat an associate membership in AACOP as a demonstration of gratitude for her support. He asked if there was any opposition to this offer. None were expressed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Clemons explained that the resignation of Chief Hugh Miller of Skagway created a vacancy on the AACOP Board of Directors as well as the position of Secretary. President Clemons explained that Chief T.C. Kamai had volunteered to act as Secretary, but that Chief Miller's seat still needed to be filled. President Clemons announced that he was nominating Chief Ray Leggett of Skagway PD to serve out Chief Miller's remaining term.

Chief Hoffman then opened the floor to nominations. None were made so Chief Leggett was appointed to the AACOP Board to fill out Chief Miller's remaining term. President Clemons said that elections for the position would be conducted at the next AACOP meeting (December 2008).

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Chief Jamie Sunderland, Unalaska PD, wanted to know how many AACOP members there were. President Clemons replied over 128 members.

No other comments were made.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the AACOP, the meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.