

ALASKA ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE  
**Minutes from Spring Meeting**

**Kenai Landing, May 23, 2005**

13:00 President Tom Clemons called the meeting to order, in the Kenai Landing Theater Room.

After welcoming the respective members, President Clemons gave a brief financial report. The chapter secretary and treasurer were unable to attend, so were not available for details on either the minutes of the previous meeting, or the finance report. However, President Clemons indicated that the chapter was doing well. Terry Vrabec from APSC agreed to assist by taking notes for the meeting. (Thanks Terry!)

President Clemons updated the chapter on how AACOP assisted in HB134, by providing important information from the various police departments, as well as their concerns, from across the state.

President Clemons presented an idea, which appeared to be well received by the chapter. President Clemons requested the chapter consider hiring an Executive Director in order to monitor the Highway Planning funding. President Clemons further recommended that the position be based in Anchorage. The director would report to AACOP, but the position would be funded by Highway Planning. No objections were noted.

Highway Planning gave the chapter a presentation on the "Click it or Ticket" program, which will be in effect through this summer. After a short break at the end of August, the program will again receive a big push during the month of September.

Ken Jones and Kyle Sinclair, from the ALMR program, gave a presentation to the chapter. The ALMR Program has been active for several years, and may be completed and in place by the end of 2006, according to Jones and Sinclair.

Commissioner Tandeske spoke with the chapter in reference to the ongoing pharmaceutical bill, seat belt bill, HB134, 911 Surcharge, DNA Bill, and the Retirement Bill.

Greg Russell, AML/JIA, briefed the chapter on the progress made with the accreditation program, and the agencies which will pilot the program in the state.

Jeanne Swartz, State Crime Lab, spoke to the members in reference to the Drug Recognition Expert Program. Jeanne is the state coordinator and advised that there are currently ten (10) DRE's in the state.

There were no additional issues to come before the members, and nothing from the members. The meeting was adjourned at 1400 hours.

Upon completing the financial report, Treasurer Greg Browning returned the floor to President Clemons. President Clemons brought forth an item for discussion, which he had received from Chief Paul Carr of the North Slope Borough Police Department. According to President Clemons, Chief Carr had emailed in reference to issuing identification cards for retired officers. This item was discussed and the consensus being that the membership does not believe that AACOP is the proper forum to contend with this issue, but would prefer it to be managed by the community or department from which the officer retires.

President Clemons introduced Mary Reginald from the Highway Safety Office in reference to the national "Click it or Ticket" campaign. According to Ms. Reginald, there is approximately \$500,000.00 set aside for the campaign, which is currently beginning it's 14<sup>th</sup> wave of national attention. Further, according to Ms. Reginald, during the previous campaign in Alaska, a 13% increase in drivers wearing seatbelts was noted during the previous year.

Ms. Reginald also spoke in reference to the Drug Recognition Expert Program (DRE) which is to be instituted and training provided by the State of Alaska. The next class will be held in October 2004, in Anchorage. According to all parties, this class is an extremely difficult class to complete. Sergeant Terry from the Alaska State Troopers recently returned from the course and stated that it was the most difficult class that he has ever taken. At the present time all officers taking this course are receiving training out of state. Currently only 1 person is State Certified as a DRE.

50% of DUI arrests involve additional intoxicants, but the driver is normally not tested beyond the alcohol testing. Ms. Reginald requested all interested parties contact her office for the DRE Program and about any grants which may be available for the training.

Another class which will be offered to school administrators and employees will be the DYTAC Class, which instructs school officials on how to determine drug use in school children. This training will be held in both Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Denise Morris, Joe Garrute, and Brian Kauffman with WCIC spoke about the various benefits presented and available through WCIC, such as classes, training, and train the trainer instruction level courses. The trio further stated that an advisory committee made up of representatives of the law enforcement community should be assembled.

President Clemons introduced Jennifer Perry with Fight Crime/ Invest in Kids, and stationed in Washington D.C.. Ms. Perry spoke in reference to the program, which is designed to intervene before children can become criminals. According to Ms. Perry

currently there are over 2000 members in the program. In the State of Alaska, there were 15,947 confirmed cases of Child abuse or neglect.

Chief Lucking spoke in support of the program.

President Clemons introduced Chief Greg Russell (Ret.) with AML/JIA, who spoke about the accreditation process, the background, how the process was formed, the membership and affiliates. Chief Russell recommended that AACOP nominate and elect a committee for processing and proceeding with the process. Chief Russell advised that 26 other states have formed accreditation boards for their respective states.

Discussion was brought forth by Asst. Chief Browning in reference to CALEA and the proposed process.

Kevin Smith with AML/JIA spoke briefly about liability concerns, and how they were being addressed.

Chief Russell motioned that AACOP nominate and elect a committee, Chief Lonnie Hatman seconded the motion. A vote of the members was taken, the vote was unanimous for the nomination and election of a committee, with no opposition.

Asst. Chief Browning spoke about sharing data between agencies, and spoke about Alaska Law Enforcement Information System (ALEIS), and encouraged everyone to learn more about the system through [www.aleis.org](http://www.aleis.org).

The meeting was adjourned at 1440 by President Clemons