

## **IALEP Minutes - Southwest Chapter Meeting**

**Host: Sierra Vista Police Department – Sierra Vista, Arizona**

**May 13, 2008**

### **9:30 – 10:00 Board Meeting and Sign In and Refreshments**

Attendance included 18 members, 4 border patrol guests, and 5 presenters/speakers.

### **9:00 Call to Order, Meeting Opens, Welcome and Opening Announcements**

**Steve Gendler, IALEP Southwest Chapter President**, welcomed the attendees and thanked host agency for their hospitality. Further introductions were turned over to **Gary Smith** of Sierra Vista Police Department.

### **10:05 Gary Smith**

**Gary** welcomed the planners and introduced **Chief Ken Kimmel**.

### **10:07 Chief Kimmel**

**Chief Kimmel** welcomed the planners to Sierra Vista and thanked us for traveling “south” to better understand front-line border issues.

### **10:11 Steve Gendler, Business Meeting**

**Steve** called for the secretary’s report (Kim de Beus), which included approval of February’s Meeting Minutes and the treasurer’s report (Candace Hammond), which showed 5,100.20 as of April 2008. Ilona Guzman (Conference Coordinator) provided the members a brief summary of the 2010 IALEP Conference proposal outlining the southwest chapter’s ability and resources to hold the conference.

### **10:20 Humberto De La Cruz, Border Patrol**

**Officer De La Cruz** outlined the Border Patrol’s historical role and slow evolution from immigration agency to anti-terrorism watcher. Primary duties include border security and border defense and recognize the need to partner with other municipal, county and state agencies in the fight against defending “the line”. A question and answer session followed the presentation and many interesting question regarding border issues and border patrol’s role with such issues were addressed.

### **11:15 Break**

### **11:25 Cochise County Attorney Ed Rheimheimer**

**County Attorney Rheimheimer** spoke about border issues in the context of 1) legislative changes for the criminal charge of trespassing, which could allow for stiffer

penalties and a deterrence effect, 2) Mexico's Meth Super labs and the economic and logistic changes on that front and 3) the drug-gun connection between the U.S. and Mexico. Again, a time for questions and answers was provided.

**12:15 Lunch** delivered and distributed

**12:20 Sheriff Larry Dever**

**Sheriff Dever** provided context on how border issues impact the jail and community and how "border living" differs from the state's interior fight against illegal immigration.

**1:00 Break**

**1:10 Detectives Al Richard and Katherine Enriquez, Phoenix PD**

**Dect. Richard** spoke on the challenges interior municipalities face when borders are compromised. IIMPACT (Illegal Immigration Prevention Apprehension Co-Op Team) seeks to responds to the human smuggling and kidnapping issues by dismantling and disrupting illegal immigration.

**1:40 Roundtable**

Roundtable allowed each member time to outline current work projects and ask for input and/or help that may be specific to a particular project in the works. Tiffany Anderson of Chandler PD asked if any of the represented agencies had knowledge and/or experience with in-car printers for patrol cars. If you have information regarding this request please forward to Tiffany.

One other roundtable notable. Randall Greely was leaving the following day to the International Board Meeting where the Sioux City conference would receive a few finishing touches, next year's conference plans would be finalized and the 2010 conference deliberations would begin. Randall will be taking the charter's submitted 2010 proposal with him on this trip.