

IALEP Minutes - Southwest Chapter Meeting – November 8, 2010

Board-2010: President-Debra Allemang; Vice-President-Kimberlee Lares; Secretary-Rhonda Cheetham; Treasurer-Candace Hammond; Webmaster: Tiffany Anderson

Host: Tempe Police Department, Apache Substation

8:15 Registration and Refreshments

Attendance included 17 members/associates, Tempe PD representatives Chief Tom Ryff, Assistant Chief Brenda Buren, and Administrator Paul Bentley, and guest speakers Dr. Michael White and David Choate from the School of Criminology at Arizona State University.

8:45 Call to Order, Meeting Opens, Welcome and Opening Announcements/Agenda

Debra Allemang, President, IALEPSW, Scottsdale PD introduced **Mary Anders-Greenwell** Tempe Police Department. Mary welcomed attendees and commended the Southwest Chapter for hosting a highly praised IALEP international conference in September. She introduced **Tempe PD Assistant Chief Brenda Buren** who welcomed attendees. Mary introduced **Tempe PD Chief Tom Ryff**, who expressed great support for the planning function in his agency and welcomed our members to the Apache Substation.

Debra Allemang introduced the first guest speaker, **Dr. Michael White, Associate Professor, School of Criminology, Arizona State University**

9:00 Dr. Michael White, Associate Professor, School of Criminology & Associate Director, Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety, Arizona State University.

Dr. White discussed Glendale Police Department's "Smart Policing Initiative", which is a project funded by a grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. The initiative is a two-year project involving a partnership between the Glendale Police Department and ASU's Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety. Dr. White described how together, the Police Department and ASU have worked to identify problems involving crime and disorder, develop and implement responses to the identified problems, and begin to assess the impact of the implemented responses. ASU professors guide and monitor the Initiative process and conduct an assessment of the outcomes. The Initiative allows ASU and Glendale Police Department to create a collaborative approach to strengthen efforts to reduce crime in neighborhoods. The initiative began during FY 2009-10 and has one more year of funding from DOJ.

Dr. White described the initial target problem to be excessive calls for service at Circle K convenience stores in the City of Glendale, with beer-runs being a particular problem. Data analysis helped them target the top locations with excessive calls for service. Their initial crime and disorder reduction efforts were directed at the Circle K with the most calls, and included outreach and education to store management, environmental design improvements, community education, and enforcement. Dr. White described the difficult process of getting corporate support for implementation of proposed improvements to the convenience stores and their eventual success after reaching the right level of

management within the company. Assessment of the outcomes of this phase of the initiative has just begun. Dr. White expressed his willingness to return as a speaker at a future chapter meeting to share and discuss results of their analyses. The next target problem the initiative will address is that of abandoned/foreclosed properties, which have drawn increasing numbers of calls for service in the City.

Dr. White transitioned to discuss some of the TASER research he conducted while serving as Deputy Director of the Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation Center (CJREC) at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York. Dr. White's research in this area is extensive. He has examined fatal and non-fatal incidents involving the TASER to identify possible predictors of suspect death, reviewed the impact of TASER on suspect resistance, and examined race, bias, and police use of the TASER in the United States. Recently, at the request of TASER International, Dr. White began investigating the possible relationship between use of the TASER and short term/long term cognitive impairment of suspects. He cited two recent incidents where defense attorneys have tried to argue that the TASER caused cognitive impairment to their clients, thus contributing to the decision to waive their Miranda rights. Although the defense attorney arguments in these cases were not effective, TASER International expects additional claims of this type in the future and would like to be prepared to respond.

10:00 Break

10:15 David Choate, M.S., Associate Director, Center for Violence Prevention and Community Safety, Arizona State University & Doctoral Candidate in the School of Criminology.

David Choate discussed the Arizona Arrestee Reporting Information Network (AARIN), an ongoing project designed for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and reporting drug use and drug related activities of arrestees in Maricopa County, Arizona. He explained how AARIN interviewers engage recent arrestees in in-depth survey interviews that focus primarily on the arrestee's drug use and related behavior, in addition to collecting urine specimens to determine the type of drugs the arrestees currently use. He said that arrestees are generally very willing to participate. The usual incentive is a Snicker's bar and assurance that the data is being collected by non-law enforcement academic researchers at Arizona State University.

The Arizona Arrestee Reporting Information Network (AARIN) is operated by researchers from Arizona State University at the west campus. AARIN is modeled after the National Institute of Justice's (NIJ) ADAM program. Based upon the proven research model employed by NIJ, the AARIN program provides a cost effective means for an early monitoring and warning system pertaining to drug usage of offenders in Arizona. The purpose of the project is to provide meaningful information to researchers and policy makers in assessing the impact of substance abuse upon criminal and juvenile justice systems.

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors currently supports data collection at three adult and two juvenile intake facilities. Data collection for AARIN began in January 2007

at the Central Intake of Maricopa County's 4th Avenue Jail, the local city jails in Glendale and Mesa, and the juvenile intake facilities located at Durango and the South East Facility (SEF), gathering information from males and females, adults and juveniles. It is anticipated that the AARIN program will be extended in other regions of the state. Pima County was an ADAM site from 1998 to 2003.

David Choate expressed that he would be willing to join us at future chapter meetings to present on-going research projects and findings.

11:30 Lunch Break and Business Meeting at Chompies in Tempe.

Debra Allemang, Chapter President. Business meeting called to order. Agenda items included: treasurer's report, 2011 Southwest Chapter Board election results, and IALEP conference attendee survey and budget outcome.

Candace Hammond, Treasurer, Chandler PD provided the treasurer's report.

Debra Allemang, Chapter President provided election results for incoming 2011 Southwest Chapter Board:

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| President | Bruce Kline | Glendale Police Department |
| Vice President | Kimberlee Lares | Tucson Police Department |
| Secretary | Debbie McKenzie | Maricopa County Attorney's Office |
| Treasurer | Judy Mandt | Chandler Police Department |

Debra discussed IALEP conference final budget. The International Board reported a couple of outstanding conference registrations expected to be paid. A final report on conference income, expenses, and overall financial outcome will be forthcoming in the near future. It appears at this time that the expenditures did not exceed conference income.

Results of a post-conference attendee survey were distributed to members. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive and complimentary of the Southwest Chapter.

1:00 Chapter Members drive from Tempe to TASER International in north Scottsdale.

1:30 Members met in the Lobby of TASER International for a private tour of the facility. TASER Master Instructor (and former Scottsdale PD Sergeant) Doug Dirren welcomed members and provided a guided tour through TASER International's 100,000 square foot corporate headquarters and manufacturing facility in north Scottsdale. **Doug** showcased some of TASER's products while explaining the history and functionality of the technology. The TASER line includes products for Law Enforcement/Corrections, Professional Security, Military, and the Consumer. Doug described a new first generation "remote area denial" technology called the "ShockWave" that allows for both increased safety and stand-off capability during hostile situations through the innovative use of TASER International's field-proven TASER® X26™ Neuro Muscular Incapacitation (NMI) technology. Another fairly new product he showed our group was

the TASER® X12™ Less Lethal Shotgun (LLS), which is a fully integrated less-lethal platform, utilizing a re-engineered Mossberg® 500 pump-action shotgun.

Doug then led us on a floor by floor tour of the state-of-the-art facility, ending with a visit to the production and testing area, where members watched TASER employees assemble and test the various TASER products. The facility utilizes retina scan technology, video and audio surveillance, and a security staff of former law enforcement officers.

3:00 End of meeting.

Next Meeting is February 2011, location to be determined.