From the General Chair

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday season.

This past year has been full of significant and important changes within IACP/SACOP and as I look forward to the next two years, I am excited about the opportunities we have to serve our membership, and the law enforcement community as whole, with the information, programs and services they need and expect.

Through the Safeshield Project, we will continue to lead the way in promoting officer safety as a top priority for the Division and the Association. Our partnership with the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration has continued to strengthen and will allow us to provide greater assistance to State associations and departments as they work to keep our highways and roads safe. The Missing Alzheimer’s Disease Patient Initiative continues to grow, allowing us to develop desperately needed policy guidance, a toolkit and video, that will assist law enforcement agencies in addressing this tragically growing segment of our population.

Through our smaller agency section, the IACP/SACOP will also continue to serve as the voice of the smaller police agencies. It is imperative that we ensure that the unique needs and capabilities of these departments, which make up the vast majority of U.S. law enforcement agencies, are heard and addressed by policy makers both in our state capitols and in Washington, D.C.

I am also committed to enhancing SACOP’s role within the IACP. I believe it is essential for SACOP to have a key voice in the developments of IACP’s policies and in the identification and response to emerging issues of concern to the policing community. To that end, I look forward to working with the SACOP Executive Board, the SACOP staff and, of course, the Division membership, to identify and implement the steps necessary to ensure that our voice, and the voices of those we represent, is heard.

SACOP is successful because of the full engagement of each of our members – chiefs and executive directors – and we must continue this trend. To that end, I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming mid-year meeting in Atlantic City!

Kent W. Barker
Chief of Police
Tualatin Police Department
This past year has been filled with changes for IACP/SACOP. In April of 2010, Gene Voegtlin (Voegtlin@theiacp.org) was selected as the Director for the Division of State Associations of Chiefs of Police. As Director, Gene is responsible for legislative and public affairs along with member services and SACOP. This melding of association priorities allows SACOP to have a unique level of access to IACP leadership and Board, which will ensure our voice is recognized in the IACP legislative agenda, development of IACP programs and services, and partnerships with funding agencies.

In early August, Erin Vermilye (vermilye@theiacp.org) joined Team SACOP as the SACOP Manager. Erin has over six years of experience with IACP, most recently with the annual conference and before that the Volunteers in Police Service Program. As SACOP Manager, Erin is responsible for overseeing the daily activities of SACOP and ensuring that the SACOP Leadership, state association executive directors, presidents and members received the service and resources you require.

Eileen Songer (songer@theiacp.org) joined SACOP in February. She serves as the Project Manager for the Missing Alzheimer’s Disease Patient Initiative, Missing Alzheimer’s Disease Toolkit as well as a supplemental grant for the Toolkit. Eileen, and her husband Ed, happily announced the arrival of their son Jack Edward on December 22nd. Eileen will be on maternity leave through late February.

Christina Ciotti (Ciotti@theiacp.org) joined IACP/SACOP on December 13th. Christy is the Project Assistant for the Missing Alzheimer’s Disease Toolkit and recently relocated to the DC area from southeast Virginia. Christy is a graduate of Christopher Newport University and has a BA in Communication Studies.

Nuyiri Kasbarian (Kasbarian@theiacp.org) joined IACP/SACOP on December 20th as the SACOP Project Assistant. Nuyiri has been with IACP for almost six months working in the conference department and with the Center for Police Leadership. Nuyiri will work on the Reducing Officer Injuries grant, the NHTSA High Visibility Enforcement grant, the IACP Tribute to Slain Officers, Police Chiefs Scholarship Program, and SafeShield along with helping the daily activities of SACOP.

Upcoming Events

SACOP Mid-Year Meeting

The SACOP Mid-Year Meeting will take place March 5-7, 2011, in Atlantic City, New Jersey. We will begin our meetings on Saturday morning and will finish by 4:30 p.m. on Monday. We are finalizing the program over the coming weeks and look forward to announcing details soon. SACOP members are encouraged to register online (http://www.theiacp.org/sacop2011) and to reserve housing by February 11th to ensure the conference rate of $87/night. Please contact Nuyiri Kasbarian at Kasbarian@theiacp.org to make your hotel reservation.

If you are interested in sponsoring SACOP, please contact Erin Vermilye at vermilye@theiacp.org to receive the Corporate Sponsorship Program. We have enhanced the sponsorship program this year to offer more comprehensive packages with more exposure opportunities and provide year-round access points as it now includes SACOP’s activities at the IACP Annual Conference.
IACP Impaired Driving Annual Training Conference

IACP’s 17th Annual Training Conference on Drugs, Alcohol and Impaired Driving will be held July 19-21, 2011, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The conference hotel will be the Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth. The DRE State Coordinators’ Annual Meeting will be held on July 18 at the same location (by invitation only).

Sponsored annually by the IACP’s Drug Recognition Expert Section, the conference has been recognized as the major training event for drug recognition and impaired driving initiatives. Many DREs attend the conference to complete one of the requirements for recertification. In 2011 the conference will be held outside the United States for the first time. Since joining the IACP/NHTSA Drug Evaluation and Certification Program in 1996, Canada has certified more than 700 DREs. Approximately 600 DREs are presently active in Canada.

Details on conference registration and the special hotel group rate will be available in January. Continue to check the DRE Section’s Web site (www.decp.org) for more details.

IACP Programs and Services Update

IACP Center for Social Media

IACP launched its Center for Social Media in October. The goal of the initiative is to build the capacity of law enforcement to use social media to prevent and solve crimes, strengthen police-community relations, and enhance services. IACP’s Center for Social Media serves as a clearinghouse of information and no-cost resources to help law enforcement personnel develop or enhance their agency’s use of social media and integrate Web 2.0 tools into agency operations. In addition to a model policy and concepts and issues paper, the web site provides fact sheets, case law and studies, tools and tutorials and a glossary of terms. Please visit http://www.IACPsocialmedia.org to view these resources and to learn more.

Additionally, IACP, in partnership with the Defense Personnel Security Research Center (PERSEREC), has released Developing a Cyber-vetting Strategy for Law Enforcement, a guide to help chief executives navigate the complicated world of vetting and personnel management in the social media age. The guide is available on the IACP’s Center for Social Media Web site at http://www.IACPsocialmedia.org. A number of IACP committees and sections were actively involved in the development of the guide.

Speed and Alcohol: A Deadly Mix

The IACP has conducted a research study examining the relationship between speed and alcohol in fatal crashes. It has long been understood, through both data and anecdotal accounts, that there is a nexus between speed and alcohol when looking at the broad picture of crash data nationally; speeders are often impaired and impaired drivers are often speeding.

This final report examines the link between speed and alcohol and identifies real-life, successful programs to help chief executives address not only issues of traffic-related deaths in their communities, but also the detection of a wide-ranging spectrum of crime that is so frequently associated with a motivated traffic safety team. For more information or a copy of the report, please contact Petey Casstevens at Casstevens@theiacp.org.

Leading by Legacy: No-Cost Training for Rural Law Enforcement

The Leading by Legacy Program, with support from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice, provides leadership and management training for first line supervisors, command staff, and executives from rural law enforcement agencies. The goal of the training is to provide participants with practical tools and
strategies to develop leadership skills and build a positive legacy in three core areas: individual, organization, and community. Trainings are 2.5 days in length and taught by subject matter experts from smaller law enforcement agencies. Travel scholarships are available covering all expenses related to attendance at the training.

Six training events will be offered nationwide in 2011. The program encourages local law enforcement participation and works with state associations to recruit rural participants. Current President of the South Dakota Police Chiefs’ Association and program trainer, Chief Joanna Vitek, has been instrumental in partnering with the Leading by Legacy Program to hold a statewide training event in Pierre, SD in June, 2011. According to Chief Vitek, “Bringing the IACP Leading by Legacy Program to South Dakota will serve to develop and refine the leadership skills of South Dakota Police Chiefs’ Association members, thereby advancing the standards of all rural law enforcement officers in our state.” For more information on upcoming training events, the application process, and other program resources, please visit our web page: www.theiacp.org/leadingbylegacy.

IACP Member Opportunity

Have you ever wanted to participate in an IACP Committee? The following committees are looking to recruit new members:

The IACP Environmental Crimes Committee (ECC) develops programs aimed at raising the awareness of law enforcement executives regarding crime and the environment. The committee studies, considers and determines the full range of environmental issues that surface for law enforcement agencies and recommends policies, service programs and training curricula that will assist law enforcement to meet the demands and requirements made of them by environmental laws. The committee also develops leadership strategies for police executives to employ in their communities to achieve clean, healthy and safe environments. If you have questions, please contact the ECC Chair Chief Dwight Henninger, DHenninger@vailgov.com or the IACP staff liaison Sarah Godshall, godshall@theiacp.org.

The IACP Organized Crime Committee (OCC) seeks to strengthen the cooperation and coordination among law enforcement agencies worldwide to effectively dismantle, disrupt and prevent organized crime. It is also the mission of the OCC to utilize the collective and varied expertise of the OCC membership as a resource to the law enforcement community and to provide such community with current information regarding emerging trends, and to establish best practice methods relative to combating organized crime. If you are interested in joining, please contact the IACP staff liaison Daniel Cabrera, Cabrera@theiacp.org.

High Visibility Enforcement: NHTSA’s No-Refusal Weekend Toolkit

The No Refusal program is an enforcement strategy that allows jurisdictions to obtain search warrants for blood samples from suspected impaired drivers who refuse breath tests. Many jurisdictions allow officers to request warrants via phone from on-call judges or magistrates. This enables law enforcement to legally acquire a proper blood sample from drivers who refuse to give a breath sample. During these specified enforcement efforts, prosecutors and judges make themselves available to streamline the warrant acquisition process and help build solid cases that can lead to impaired driving convictions. The No Refusal program should also be highly publicized to let the public know that their chances of being caught, arrested, and convicted increase during these efforts. Visit http://www.nhtsa.gov/no-refusal for media materials, creative materials and other resources that can be tailored to your department’s needs.
The IACP Torch Run Committee is responsible for overseeing the establishment and continuation of a program to raise money for and increase awareness of Special Olympics. The committee explores ways and means to promote the program within the law enforcement community internationally while ensuring that the IACP’s association with the program is professional. If you are interested in joining, please contact IACP staff liaison David Paulson, paulsond@theiacp.org.

The IACP Civilian Law Enforcement-Military Cooperation Committee (CLEMC) acts as a liaison agency between military law enforcement and civilian law enforcement. The goal of the committee is to foster a closer relationship between the civilian and military law enforcement disciplines so that each discipline can take mutual advantage of the other’s skills, knowledge, training research and development, and equipment in the law enforcement field for the benefit of the people who are served. If you are interested in joining, please contact IACP staff liaison Arnold Daxe, daxe@theiacp.org.

IACP News

On January 3, 2011, Executive Director Dan Rosenblatt has announced his intention to leave IACP later this year after 25 years of service. In his announcement, Dan said “Today’s IACP is what most could only dream of a quarter century ago. The association is built on a solid financial base and is providing a wide variety of meaningful services to its membership. Its positions accurately and consistently represent the views of police chiefs and, as a result, IACP is a well-respected organization that is frequently consulted by leaders of government, the private sector and the general public. This institution has expanded its global reach substantially and regularly provides a forum for law enforcement executives around the world to meet on topics of vital interest to the international policing community. Its communications vehicles and conference operations are state of the art. The association is looking to the future through a course that is charted by a newly revised strategic plan that will guide its operations for years to come.” This is a very exciting time for Dan and we wish him nothing but the best through his last year at IACP and beyond.

IACP Planning for the Future

“In order to ensure our future success, it is imperative that the IACP, like all successful organizations, develop and adopt a strategic plan that outlines the mission, values, vision, and objectives for the IACP. In this way, the IACP will provide its members, leaders, and professional staff with a clear blueprint for the future direction of the association.”

Mission Statement

The IACP shall advance professional police services; promote enhanced administrative, technical, and operational police practices; and foster cooperation and the exchange of information and experience among police leaders and police organizations of recognized professional and technical standing throughout the world.

We shall champion the recruitment and training of qualified persons in the police profession and encourage all police personnel worldwide to achieve and maintain the highest standards of ethics, integrity, community interaction, and professional conduct.

The plan also sets forth six strategic goals for the IACP over the next five years. These are
• Membership Services: Provide high-quality and innovative membership services to ensure membership satisfaction
• International Presence: Expand and increase international membership to strengthen and broaden the IACP’s global presence
• Training and Leadership Development: Create and deliver state-of-the-art leadership and police practices training demanded by 21st century law enforcement professionals
• Serve as the Voice for Policing Issues: Utilize and leverage position, reputation, and relationships to serve and be an effective advocate for membership needs
• Partnerships: Develop and maintain strategic partnerships to expand the IACP’s capacity to address and promote IACP membership issues in the law enforcement arena
• Organizational Excellence: Strive to maintain a culture of organizational excellence

The full Strategic Plan can be found on the IACP’s web site under the “About” tab.

IACP 2011 Hotel Lottery Tour/Drawing

The Conference Team would like you to participate in the Hotel Lottery Drawing for IACP 2011 in Chicago, Illinois, March 14-16, 2011. One advantage of participating in the drawing is being able to make your group hotel reservations prior to the opening of general housing in May. In order to participate in the lottery you must reserve and fill a minimum of 10 guest rooms at one of the official conference hotels. The Hotel Drawing will take place on Friday, April 8, in Alexandria, Virginia. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Randall at Randall@theiacp.org.

Leonhart Confirmed as DEA Head

On December 22, the United States Senate unanimously voted to confirm Michele M. Leonhart to lead the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Leonhart is the 10th Administrator of the DEA and the first female Special Agent to rise through the ranks of the DEA to become Administrator. Leonhart is also the first career female federal agent to ever lead a federal law enforcement agency.

NIJ NLECTC Symposium for State Association Directors

An advisory group for the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (NLECTC), recommended NLECTC provide an overview of the many benefits and free resources available to the law enforcement community from NLECTC to state law enforcement associations. Many of us gathered in Annapolis, Maryland to learn about what NLETC has to offer including free training, equipment standards and testing, TechBeat and other publications as well as JUSTNET (www.justnet.org), Federal Surplus Property Programs, Technology Institutes, and much more. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Mike O’Shea at michael.oshea@usdoj.gov.

SafeShield: Officer Safety Message from IACP President Mark Marshall

On January 4th, IACP President Mark Marshall issued the following statement regarding officer safety:

As we welcome 2011 and embrace the fresh beginning of a new year, I believe it is imperative that we look back and reflect upon the events of the past year.

Last year was an exceptionally violent one for police officers in the United States and around the world. According to data recently released by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, the number of law enforcement killed in the line of duty in the United States increased by 38 percent in 2010. This includes dramatic jumps in the number killed by gunfire: up 24 percent; and those killed in traffic crashes: up 43 percent.
This is simply unacceptable. As police leaders, we can and must do all that we can to reduce these horrific numbers. We must continually evaluate and develop techniques that will protect our officers and provide them with the equipment and training that will protect them when they are confronted by someone who will not hesitate to injure or kill them. We owe this to those who put their lives on the line every day for the freedoms we cherish.

The IACP has several projects underway to address this critical issue and to assist agencies in enhancing officer safety. The Safeshield Project, the Center for the Prevention of Violence Against the Police, the Law Enforcement Safety and Stops Subcommittee, and the IACP/Dupont Kevlar Survivor Club are clear indicators of the commitment and focus that IACP brings to this issue. Each of these projects can provide law enforcement executives with valuable research, recommendations, and policy guidance to promote officer safety. I urge you to visit the IACP website to learn more about these programs.

However, two of the most effective measures to protect our officers are also two of the most fundamental: Wearing body armor and using seat belts. Repeated studies have shown that requiring officers to wear body armor and use seat belts are the most valuable steps that a police leader can take to reduce needless death and mitigate serious injuries. In fact, a recent report by the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration found that since 1980, 42 percent of law enforcement officers killed in vehicle crashes were not wearing seat belts. Yet despite this fact, only 60 percent of agencies have mandatory wear policies for body armor, while the issue of seat belt usage is rarely addressed by police executives. This must not continue.

It is our responsibility, as law enforcement leaders, to ensure that our officers are protected. We must do all that we can to give our officers the best chance of survival while they protect our communities.

I urge each of you to ensure that your officers take the fundamental and critical steps of wearing body armor and using seat belts to protect their safety and ensure that they go home at the end of the day.

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For more information and to register now, please visit www.theiacp.org/sacop2011.