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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

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I hope everyone has tracked some of the interesting bits of information shared on the email list. Several members have expressed some frustration that the email list is not more frequently used by members. The email list is the primary mode for communication within the section. I encourage everyone to share information that they may come across that helps to keep all of us up to date on the latest news, court decisions or legislation. If you are not on the list and would like to join, instructions for signing up are outlined below. I would also like to thank Dr. Steve Curran, who distributed an excellent review of Family and Medical Leave Act information as it relates to police psychology.

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Over the course of this year there have been several excellent submissions by members to the *Police Chief* magazine. I would like to congratulate all who have submitted articles for publication regardless of whether they were published. The editor has contacted me several times to review articles that have behavioral or psychological content. I would like to thank those of you

who have agreed to help to conduct reviews. While there have not been that many, it is an activity I think we should continue to support as a section.

2001 Toronto Conference

It is time again for the IACP conference and I am hoping that we will have an excellent turnout for this year's meeting. For those of you who have not had the pleasure of visiting Toronto in the past let me just say, it is a beautiful city and the Canadians are not only friendly they are very hospitable. If that is not enough incentive, the dollar goes a long way in Canada. The meeting is scheduled for the weekend of October 27 and 28. Drs. Audrey Honig and Elizabeth White have organized an outstanding program, developed from input from the membership. One important difference this year to note is that our meeting will begin at 1230 on Saturday the 27, leaving the morning open for members to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony. This schedule is different from previous years because IACP changed the time of the ribbon cutting ceremony to Saturday morning. The executive staff will hold its closed business meeting on Saturday morning, instead of Sunday morning. We will have presentations on Sunday morning and our regular business meeting in the afternoon. Several interesting topics will include presentations by Dr. Suzanne Best on the debate regarding the efficacy of critical incident debriefing. Other presentations are well distributed across the different subspecialties within police psychology. I will also lead a discussion regarding ethical dilemmas in police psychology. I feel that this is an important topic on the program, and a topic we should consider annually. Many licensing boards are currently requiring ethics and risk management training as part of the license renewal process. I am a strong advocate for the section to demonstrate a sensitivity and investment in continuing education in this area. Dr. White has arranged with Division 18 of the American Psychological Association to have CE credit available for those who attend the presentations. Enclosed you will find the agenda for the program that lists all of the presentations. Finally, we are planning to have a section cocktail party on Saturday following the meeting from 6 to 7 PM. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza. Due to the excessive costs, the section will provide only the food and have a cash bar. Anyone interested in making a donation should contact Kim Kohlhepp at IACP.

POLICE PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES SECTION MEETING
108th Annual Conference
Toronto, Canada

Saturday, October 27, 2001

- 09:45 - 10:45 *Executive Board Meeting*
(closed)
- 12:30 - 13:00 *Police Psychological Services Section Meeting: Opening Comments*
- 13:00 - 14:30 *Psychological Implications of Weapons of Mass Destruction on First Responders*
Dickson Diamond, M.D.,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
- 14:45 - 15:45 *Developing & Implementing Training Programs for Responding to the Mentally Ill*
Pam Morschauser, MFT,
New York State Office of Mental Health
Captain Al Candido, Utica Police Department
- 16:00 - 17:00 *Current Studies in Critical Incident Debriefing*
Suzanne R. Best, Ph.D.,
Veterans Affairs Hospital,
San Francisco, California
Keith Armstrong, LCSW,
Veterans Affairs Hospital,
San Francisco, California

Sunday, October 28, 2001

- 09:00 - 09:30 *Law Enforcement Screening Standards & Training Survey*
Glen Peterson, Ph.D.,
Michigan Law Enforcement Consultants

Sunday, October 28 Continued

- 09:30 - 10:30 *Ethical Dilemmas*
Facilitated by Michael G. Gelles, Psy.D., Chief Psychologist, Naval Criminal Investigative Services
- 10:45 - 11:45 *Polygraphs, Voice Analysis, and New Developments*
Andrew H. Ryan, Ph.D.,
Chief of Research,
Department of Defense Polygraph Institute
- 13:00 - 14:00 *Legal Update*
Wayne W. Schmidt,
Attorney/Director, AELE Law Enforcement Legal Center
Martin J. Mayer, Esq.,
Attorney, Law Offices of Jones & Mayer
- 14:15 - 14:45 *Peer Support Update*
Elizabeth K. White, Ph.D.,
Los Angeles Sheriff=s Department
- 14:45 -- 16:45 *Business Meeting*

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