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To: Chief Joseph G. Estey, President

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Re: National Summit on Campus Public Safety

In November 2004, in response to an invitation from the US Department of Justice COPS Office, a group of police, education and government officials convened in Baltimore, MD to hold a National Summit on Campus Public Safety hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Community Policing Institute (MARCPI) at Johns Hopkins University. The IACP University & College Police Section and the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators were prominently represented along with colleagues from the Department of Homeland Security Office of State and Local Government Coordination and Preparation. The Summit was facilitated by John Firman, IACP Director of Research, and a final report of the Summit findings is being prepared for the COPS Office by Johns Hopkins University's Division of Public Safety Leadership.

The Summit allowed participants to explore major thematic issues facing university and college policing in a post-911 world and generated recommendations for addressing these concerns. Among many, these themes included:

- Poor collaboration between campus, municipal, county, state, federal, railway, Indian country, and other law enforcement agencies.

- Lack of shared resources between campus and local/county/state police agencies.
- Security challenges of the open campus environment.
- Lack of university and college access to Homeland Security grant monies.
- Universities and college exclusion from local and regional evacuation planning processes.
- Lack of knowledge – or application of knowledge – by local, county, and state public safety officials of potential risks, threats, and needs associated with campuses.
- Jurisdiction, boundary, and similar restrictions that inhibit the ability of campus police and security personnel to prevent crime, solve problems, or conduct follow up activities off campus.
- Securing chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear materials in an open campus environment, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, creates a unique set of security concerns and compounds risk.
- Special events (sports, lectures, graduation, etc.) occur frequently, draw thousands of people to the nation’s campuses, and create vulnerability.

The National Center for Campus Public Safety

One major recommendation arising from the Summit is the establishment of a federally funded National Center/Institution in the Washington, D.C. area devoted to campus public safety. Discussions included the establishment of an advisory board comprised of members from relevant organizations (i.e., International Association of Chiefs of Police, International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators, Police Executive Research Forum, US Dept. of Justice COPS Office, Regional Community Policing Institutes, National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, American Council on Education, National Association of College & University Business Officers, etc.) to oversee fulltime resources. The center would be a clearinghouse of research and best practices; a think tank for university and college police chiefs and security directors; and a command level training center for issues specific to campus police and security leadership and their partners.

At first blush, the Center would develop, establish, and disseminate model policies, procedures, memoranda of understanding/agreement, and standards specifically for campus public safety; foster public/private partnership; catalog best practices for university and public safety leadership; conduct research and develop training relevant training curricula; provide technical assistance and identify emerging issues; expand institutional participation and seek to encompass the majority of the 4,000 higher education institutions in the United States; conduct advocacy on behalf of campus public safety; emphasize and promote the criticality of campus public safety as an integral component of the Homeland Security strategy; and expose campus public safety as a valuable source of intelligence, resources, research, and technology. It is also planned that such a Center will equally serve other branches of the public safety family on matters relating to universities and colleges.

Momentum is building to bring this concept to reality. On January 11, 2005, I met with IACLEA leadership and staff, members of the US Department of Justice COPS Office, and the Johns Hopkins University Division of Public Safety Leadership to continue dialogue on the Center. The group discussed conceptual framework (listed above), funding, and the possibility of locating the Center at Johns Hopkins University given their experience in hosting major public safety initiatives (i.e., Major City Chiefs, contemporary research issues in public safety, and the regional community policing institute). As these discussions progress, the IACP will be consulted for support and input into the Center's Development.

Action Items

I seek the following of the IACP Board of Officers:

1. **Official endorsement of the National Summit on Campus Public Safety.** Director Carl Peed, US Department of Justice COPS Office, fully supports the addition of the IACP imprimatur and supporting language to the final report of the National Summit on Campus Public Safety. IACP members were extensively involved in the multi-day summit which was facilitated by IACP staff.
2. **Official endorsement of the concept of the National Center for Campus Public Safety.** This acknowledges the need for and importance of this concept and makes a statement that IACP will be involved from planning to fruition. The University & College Police Section will, in collaboration with IACP staff, conduct careful review of the final report document and any subsequent policy action documents to ensure that they continue to be consistent with the overall mission of the International Association of Chiefs of Police.