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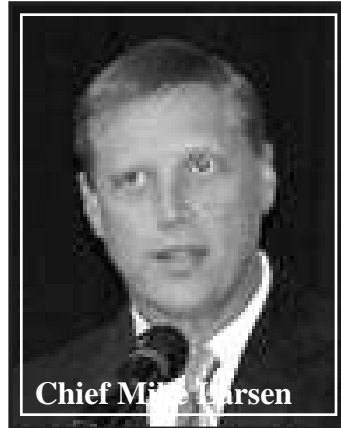
by Chief Mike Larsen
Director, Orem Department of Public Safety
President, Utah Chiefs of Police Association

As I write this, we are midway through the legislative session. While there are many bills being considered that may have an effect on our profession, there are two in particular that are priorities. House Bill 91 sponsored by Representative Brad Dee provides state funding for the local drug and gang task forces. Governor Huntsman has included this in his budget, but actual funding must be appropriated by the legislature. House Bill 198 sponsored by Representative Ron Bigelow increases the public safety retirement COLA to 4 percent and increases the surviving spouse benefit to 75 percent. These changes would make the public safety system compatible with all other state retirement systems. The members of the Law Enforcement Legislative Committee can't persuade the entire legislature by themselves. Each chief and officer must contact their representatives and encourage their support for these bills.

Utah legislators are honorable people trying to represent their constituents and make life better in this state. Most of them truly want to do what they think is right. They pay attention to the telephone calls and e-mails they receive from people in their districts. I encourage each of you to get to know your local representatives and senators. Let them know about your concerns and how the above bills will help provide for the safety of Utah citizens. Earlier this week my representative called me from the house floor with questions concerning a bill that was being debated. He wanted to know how this bill would affect local police departments and ultimately spoke against the bill on the house floor. This kind of working relationship cannot be developed overnight. Start now to get to know your legislators, don't wait for the annual session and then try to persuade strangers. Most legislators are just like you and me, they respond to people they know. Even better become involved in the political process, attend your caucus meetings and get elected as party delegates, legislators always want to talk to local delegates.

I would like to thank the members of the Law Enforcement Legislative Committee for the many hours they spend on behalf of law enforcement. These folks really go above and beyond in trying to make our jobs easier and the service we provide to the citizens of this state better.

I hope to see you all in St. George in March.



Chief Mike Larsen

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“Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind.

To the fearful it is threatening because it means that things may get worse.

To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better.

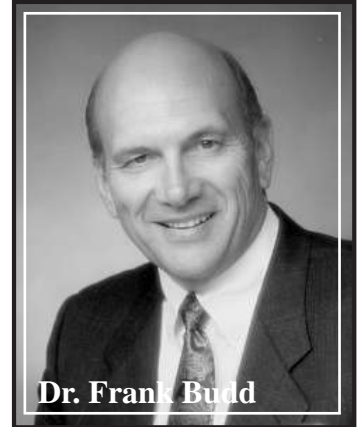
To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better.”

King Whitney Jr.



The Executive Director's Message

*by Dr. Frank Budd
Utah Chiefs of Police Executive
Director*



From the Director:

The annual Chiefs' Conference (formerly EDI) will be held March 19-21, at the Dixie Convention Center in St. George. The Chiefs' and Sheriffs' Roundtable is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, at the St. George Police Department. Included in this newsletter is an agenda of the times and meetings, and a registration form. Registration forms are also available on the Chiefs' website, and have been previously sent to all departments.

This year, the golf tournament will be held on Monday, March 19, with our regular business meeting and training presentation following on Tuesday and Wednesday. Additionally, the POST Council will meet on Monday, the 19th at Dixie College.

We have invited Dr. John Peters to be our main presenter. His topic will be "In Custody Deaths", and will address the problems of sudden and in-custody death, media insights, policies/procedures, restraints, and other related issues. Several of our chiefs previously have attended his training sessions, and highly recommend him. So, this is a conference you do not want to miss.

This year we are pleased that Governor Huntsman will join us for the Wednesday evening banquet. Since this is the largest gathering of law enforcement leaders in the state, it is great that he will be with us.

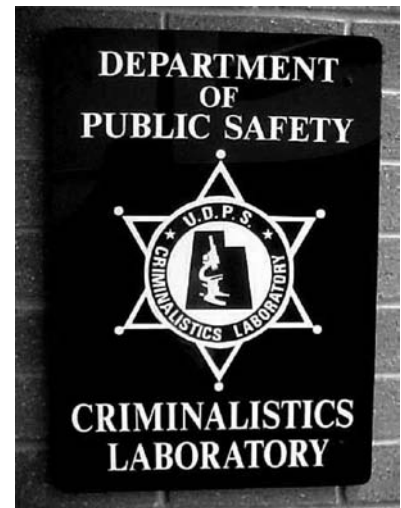
In addition to the valuable information you will take away from the conference, it is a great time to meet in one location with your colleagues from throughout the state. The networking, development of personal friendships, time with vendors, and sharing of experiences and challenges is certainly worth your time.

We look forward to seeing you next month. Any questions? Call me. Thanks, Frank

Utah Dept. of Public Safety, Bureau of Forensic Services (BFS) becomes the second full service Forensic Laboratory System in the USA to become accredited under the International Standards Organization (ISO) criteria for testing laboratories

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On December 11-15, 2006, an inspection team with American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors- Laboratory Accreditation Board-International Group (ASCLD/LAB-International) conducted on-site assessments of Utah's four state forensic laboratories. Out of the 385 standards that BFS had to comply with, inspectors had five total findings at the Central laboratory, two at the Northern and Eastern facilities and no findings at the Southern laboratory. All of the findings were very minor in nature and corrective action plans have already been formulated and implemented.

Corrective action plans have been submitted to ASCLD/LAB by January 14, 2006 deadline for approval and will be monitored for effectiveness for 90 days. After this period of time, the laboratory will become accredited to the new ASCLD/LAB International standards. The Utah Bureau of Forensic Services will be the second laboratory system in the nation (after the Oregon State Patrol) to become fully ISO accredited.

The inspectors congratulated BFS for proceeding with this advanced level of accreditation and meeting the higher standards. They were very impressed with BFS's organization and said it was very unusual to have so few findings on a first inspection. Also, there were no findings with the supplemental DNA advisory board (DAB) document required to do DNA accredited analysis. The two biology inspectors said they had never seen this happen before.

BFS anticipates that all corrective action will be finished and ASCLD/LAB-International accreditation will be awarded during March or April of 2007. This accreditation ensures the highest worldwide standards of forensic laboratory analysis will be conducted and provided to Utah's citizens and public safety community.



UTAH CHIEFS OF POLICE CONFERENCE
MARCH 19-22, 2007
DIXIE CONFERENCE CENTER
ST. GEORGE, UTAH

MONDAY—MARCH 19, 2007

Golf Tournament—Sunbrooke Golf Course
7:00am- Check in and registration
8:00am—Tee Time
3:00pm—POST Council Meeting at Dixie College
3:00pm—Chief's Social

TUESDAY—MARCH 20, 2007

7:30am—Registration and check in
7:30am—New Chiefs Orientation
8:30am-10:00am— Business Meeting
Opening Ceremonies and Flag Presentation and welcoming remarks
10:00-10:30am—Break and time with vendors
10:30-11:45am—Business Meeting Continued
12noon- 1:30pm—Luncheon sponsored by Spillman Technologies
1:45- 5:00pm—Main Presenter—Dr. John Peters on “In Custody Deaths”
Evening-- Dinner on your own

WEDNESDAY—MARCH 21, 2007

7:30AM—Doors Open
8:30—Opening Remarks
9:00- 10am—Dr. Peters Continued Presentation
10:00- 10:30am—Break and time with vendors
10:30- 12 noon—Dr. Peters presentation continued
12noon-1:30—Lunch on your own
1:30-4:30—Dr. Peters presentation continued
6:00-8:00pm—Banquet with Governor Huntsman as speaker and guest

THURSDAY—MARCH 22, 2007

8:30AM—Chiefs and Sheriffs Roundtable at St.George Police Department



*By Getting Involved in the Association,
You Help Protect Our Goals and Mission!*



**UTAH CHIEFS OF POLICE
ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
MARCH 19-22, 2007
ST. GEORGE, UTAH**

Registration Form

Name:		
Agency:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	
Email:		

Conference Registration: \$100.00

I will be bringing a guest to the luncheon on Tuesday..... Yes___ No___

I will be bringing a guest to the Banquet on Wednesday..... Yes___ No___

Golf Tourney Registration: \$68.00 per person

Playing Yes___ No___

If yes, how many will be playing golf? _____

Total Payment: \$_____

Mail All Registration Materials to:

Chief Kim Hawkes
North Park Police Department
2005 North 1200 East
North Logan, UT 84341

“Correct me if I'm wrong, but hasn't the fine line between sanity and madness gotten finer?”

- George Price

Monthly Homicide Meeting

Where: Office of the State Medical Examiner

When: 2nd Tuesday of each month; 3-4:30pm

Who Should Attend: Any agency person with major responsibility for homicide cases.

The format is a discussion and photo evidence of a collection of recent cases that were unusual due to circumstances, method or manner of death. This might be helpful to an investigator to pick up on clues or issues at a crime scene. This may be especially helpful for those with problematic cases; and you are welcome to bring information on a case you are working.



Contact Person:

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**“How do I donate my ears to the Organ Bank?
I have a coworker who won't shut up!”**

HOW AN IDEA BECOMES A LAW

by Chief Jon J. Greiner, Ogden City Police Department
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Past President, Utah Chiefs of Police Association

Note: Information comes from the Utah State Legislative website.

An Idea Is Developed.

A legislator draws from numerous sources in deciding what should be introduced in the Legislature as a bill. Major sources of ideas come from constituents, government agencies, special interest groups, lobbyists, the Governor, and the legislator.

The Bill is Drafted.

The idea is submitted to the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, a nonpartisan legislative staff office, in the form of a bill request. The assigned bill drafting attorney reviews existing law, researches the issues, and prepares the bill in proper technical form. The bill is given a number. A fiscal review is conducted and a "Fiscal Note" is attached. The bill is also reviewed for statutory or constitutional concerns.

The Bill is Introduced.

The bill is introduced into the Legislature and referred to the Rules Committee.

The Bill Receives Standing Committee Review and Public Input.

The Rules Committee recommends to the presiding officer the standing committee to which the bill should be referred. The standing committee, in an open meeting, reviews the bill and receives public testimony. The committee may amend, hold, table, substitute, or make a favorable recommendation on the bill.

The Bill Is Returned to the Floor.

Following the committee hearing the bill is returned to the full house with a committee report. The committee reports the bill out favorably, favorably with amendments, substituted, or that the bill has been tabled.

The Bill is Debated in Open Session.

The bill is debated in open session. During floor debate, the bill can be amended or substituted. It can be held (circled). In order for a bill to pass the House of Representatives, it must receive at least 38 votes. The bill must receive at least 15 votes in the Senate in order to pass.

The Bill Passes Both Houses in the Legislature.

After the bill has gone through both houses, it is signed by both presiding officers (the Senate President and the Speaker of the House).

The Bill is Prepared for the Governor's Action.

The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel prepares the bill in final form. This is called the "enrolled" bill.

The Bill Receives the Governor's Action.

The enrolled bill is sent to the Governor for his action. He can either sign the bill, veto it, or allow it become law without his signature.

The Bill Becomes Effective.

A bill enacted by the Legislature is effective 60 days following adjournment, unless another date is specified in the bill.





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Final Thoughts!

The 2007 Legislature is coming to an end on February 28th...

Have you done everything you can to support the Association priorities?