PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Friday, December 12, 2008
1 to 3 p.m.
SANDAG Board Room
401 B Street, 7th Floor
San Diego

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

- PUBLIC SAFETY-RELATED GOALS FOR THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
- ARJIS/NLETS PARTNERSHIP
- SAN DIEGO COUNTY MULTI-DISCIPLINE GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROGRAM

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ITEM # | RECOMMENDATION

1. ROLL CALL

+2. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 17, 2008, MEETING MINUTES

APPROVE

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Public Safety Committee (PSC) on any issue within the jurisdiction of the Committee. Speakers are limited to three minutes each and shall reserve time by completing a “Request to Speak” form and giving it to the Clerk prior to speaking. Committee members also may provide information and announcements under this agenda item.

REPORT ITEMS (#4 through #8)

4. REPORT FROM CHIEFS'/SHERIFF'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Chief Tom Zoll, Chair, Chiefs'/Sheriff's Management Committee)

INFORMATION

Chief Zoll will present on the November 5, 2008, and December 3, 2008, meetings of the Chiefs'/Sheriff’s Management Committee.

+5. PUBLIC SAFETY-RELATED GOALS FOR THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM (Genevieve Morelos, SANDAG)

RECOMMEND

Each year, SANDAG approves an annual legislative program for the next calendar year. Consistent with past programs, the draft 2009 Legislative Program includes policies and proposals for possible federal and state legislation and local activities. The PSC is asked to review the proposed public safety related goals, and recommend that Executive Committee include these goals in the SANDAG 2009 Legislative Program.
+6. FORMALIZING THE ARJIS/NLETS PARTNERSHIP  
(Pam Scanlon, SANDAG; and Steve Correll, Nlets)

Nlets is an international criminal justice “hub” that links every local, state, and federal law enforcement agency through a network that includes over one million individual users, representing around 30,000 different agencies, running approximately 88 million transactions monthly. ARJIS and Nlets have partnered on several successful grants, most notably the State, Regional, and Federal Enterprise Retrieval System (SRFERS) inter-state sharing of booking and driver’s license photos. A proposal was made by the Nlets Board of Directors at its annual meeting in November 2008 to have ARJIS become the first regional member of Nlets in the nation. As part of this item, an overview of Nlets will be provided and potential opportunities and benefits of a more formalized partnership for both entities will be discussed. This item was on the December 2008 Chiefs'/Sheriff’s Management Committee agenda and the action was taken to recommend that PSC approve this request. The PSC is asked to discuss this proposal and approve ARJIS membership in Nlets.

7. SAN DIEGO COUNTY MULTI-DISCIPLINE GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROGRAM  
(Commander Ed Prendergast, San Diego County Sheriff’s Department; Sergeant Mike Kearney, Escondido Police Department; and Jamie Corbin and Victor Barr, San Diego County District Attorney’s Office)

The Escondido Police Department currently utilizes “Graffiti Tracker” as the center piece of its anti-graffiti efforts. Based on documentation to date, this program has proven extremely effective in reducing graffiti, helping to identify and convict the most prolific offenders, reducing costs, and increasing payment of restitution. The San Diego County Sheriff’s Department, the Escondido Police Department, and the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office are spearheading an effort to expand this program countywide, beginning in the Sheriff’s nine contract cities and unincorporated areas. This presentation will provide an overview of “Graffiti Tracker” and a description of next steps in the expansion plan.
8. QUARTERLY REPORT ON THE REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER (Bob Welty and Kim Spero, San Diego State University Research Foundation)

The Regional Technology Center was created to serve as the central coordination and implementation hub for regional communications and interoperability projects and issues, as well as provide services as a Regional Technology Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse is operational, supporting the region in research and advisement on technology issues, and has expanded to support the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate as a Science and Technology Testbed. This quarterly update is provided to keep members apprised of the progress made with the Clearinghouse and on the projects and actions of the Regional Technology Partnership.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Friday, January 16, 2009, at 1 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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1. ROLL CALL

Chair Mark Lewis (East County) called the Public Safety Committee (PSC) meeting to order at 1 p.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. See last page for attendance.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Councilmember Teresa Barth (North County Coastal) noted that the September 19, 2008, minutes stated she was Mayor (page 2 of the minutes). She noted to change Mayor to Councilmember/North County Coastal/Alternate. Upon a motion by Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (County of San Diego) and a second by Mayor David Roberts (North County Coastal) the revised minutes of September 19, 2008, were unanimously approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS/MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Tom Zoll (Chiefs'/Sheriff’s Association) welcomed a new member representing the Chiefs'/Sheriff’s Association, Chief Kirk Sanfilippo. Chief Sanfilippo stated that the Harbor Police Department, through the Port of San Diego, is the primary law enforcement and marine fire fighting component on the water in the harbor. Harbor Police has law enforcement authority through a contract at the San Diego International Airport and also patrols the tidelands jurisdiction around the harbor through the five member cities.

Supervisor Slater-Price stated the Board of the 22nd Agricultural District Association voted this week to ban smoking at all reggae concerts. They had been receiving a lot of pressure to do something about the marijuana smoking that was going on there. The drug-free youth groups and the anti-smoking groups prevailed upon the Board to vote unanimously to eliminate smoking for the reggae concerts and to limit tobacco smoking to two locations. They will be monitoring what the result is. In addition, the Board of Supervisors had appealed the ruling regarding the marijuana lawsuit (illegality of medical marijuana) because it is a federal issue and not just a state issue. The State Supreme Court has refused to hear it, so it goes to the Federal Supreme Court. Supervisor Slater-Price feels the question should be answered at the federal level because that is where the federal rules apply and they are part of treaties that are in existence now between various nations. She feels that even though 11 states have voted to allow medical marijuana, it wasn’t done in such a way to ensure that it was medically oriented; it was a way to open the door to legalizing pot
smoking for anyone. If that is the general consensus of these states, then they should put forward in a more honest way and say that we want to legalize marijuana.

Mayor Roberts stated that the North County Transit District (NCTD) unanimously voted to ban smoking of all materials at all NCTD train and bus stations. This is the first ordinance at NCTD and mirrors Metropolitan Transit System’s (MTS) no smoking policy.

Chair Lewis asked staff to contact Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young (City of San Diego) regarding crime, gangs, and public transit to bring to the PSC as an agenda item to determine how the committee can help.

Vice Chair Zoll announced that the PSC has been invited to participate in the Golden Guardian exercises on November 13th and 14th. The 14th is also the next PSC meeting, but the time for the exercise is before our 1 p.m., starting time. He encouraged members to attend at least one of the three different locations to see how this region prepares for disasters. Vice Chair Zoll asked Bob Welty [Director of the Regional Technology Center (RTC)] to explain November’s exercise.

Mr. Welty informed the Committee that the Golden Guardian is a statewide exercise that will focus on a major earthquake in the Los Angeles area. The primary focus for most of the state efforts will be up in Los Angeles. In San Diego, there will be different exercises that are related. Some of the evacuees will be brought down here potentially and we will be doing exercises at the county level (looking at the weakening of the dams and earthen structures, and potential damage to freeways to test out our own systems). Part of that may be a communications breakdown exercise. The RTC will be working closely with the City and County on different types of technologies. He encouraged all members to attend.

REPORTS

4. STATE FIRE AND WILDFIRE LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORT (CONSENT)

Upon a motion by Mayor Roberts and a second by Supervisor Slater-Price, the State Fire and Wildfire Legislative Status Report was unanimously accepted.

5. REPORT FROM CHIEFS/SHERIFF’S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (INFORMATION)

Vice Chair Zoll stated the Management Committee met on October 1, 2008. There was a request from USIS (a contracted partner of OPM – Office of Personnel Management) to request membership in ARJIS so they may do background checks on perspective federal employees. The Committee did not approve the request because it does not have a formal policy of how to deal with this, which it is currently working on. USIS is already getting that information but it is requiring that they go to an existing agency to get that. It is a workload on the existing agencies that they were not prepared for.

The second agenda item was an update and demonstration on the Sheriff’s regional NetRMS (Records Management System).
The third agenda item was a report by Dr. Cynthia Burke (Director, Criminal Justice Research) on Clearinghouse products and upcoming priorities. The committee gave feedback on the surveys and products that would be most useful.

6. AN UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES IN THE REGION (INFORMATION/POSSIBLE ACTION)

Chief Augie Ghio, San Miguel Fire Department; Chief David Ott, Cities of Solana Beach and Del Mar Fire Departments; Chief Mike Scott, Heartland Communications and Training JPA; and Ken Miller, County of San Diego, Department of Planning and Land Use, gave a presentation on what the region has learned since the firestorms of 2007, recent efforts that have been completed and are planned to further enhance the region’s safety, and how different entities are working collaboratively to make the best use of resources to achieve these goals.

Chief Ghio stated that there are 64 fire agencies around the County of San Diego. In his opinion, they are the best around the country in fire, and emergency medical services delivery. They work as a cohesive, collaborative, communicative team. However, the group wants to work towards regional consolidation to establish a plan that is absolutely in the best interest of every community served and that is funded long-term and whenever and wherever possible that it’s established with local control.

Carlene Chamberlain (Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association) inquired if they are involved with the Fire Safe Councils that help people with defensible space, etc.

Chief Ghio replied that they are actively involved with about 20 Fire Safe Councils around the County of San Diego. Fire Chiefs are sitting with them and supporting them. They also have quite a few Community Response Teams that are directly associated with fire agencies throughout the County of San Diego.

Chief Ott introduced John Traylor (sitting in the audience) from the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) who has also been a key partner in helping with consolidating services.

Mayor Roberts asked Chief Scott about the mobile data computers and whether they have spots where one can not get connectivity.

Chief Scott stated there are some parts of the county that have poor coverage. Most of the mobile data computers being used are Verizon Wireless connections. For those areas that have poor coverage, there are opportunities through the County Sheriff’s Regional Communications Systems (RCS). This data wireless program gives better coverage, perhaps not as fast of coverage as far as the speed, but there are parts of the County where the Sheriff’s data wireless connection works better than Verizon because of geography. Some agencies have chosen that option as a connection point. It is something that can be problematic, especially in the rural areas.

Mayor Roberts inquired about the entities, “members” and “also serving”; and do they each pay a fee; and how do they differentiate those two.
Chief Scott stated that the “also serving” are the contract agencies. There is a formula to determine what their fee is. In the communications part, the contract is based on a per call cost. On the training side it is based on a member’s assessment formula. Based on the number of folks you have, the member assessment formula determines the number of personnel that is the same rate as charged to the contract agencies. Both have member assessment formulas which can be a source of occasional discussion. The communications formula and the training facility have been around for a while. We had to develop the fairest way to charge the membership and have agreed by consensus what is the fairest way.

Mayor Roberts inquired if the “also serving” could become members if they wanted to?

Chief Scott stated that one of the challenges they are facing is with the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) in that some of the contract agencies are tribal nations. There are some limitations on the tribal nations’ ability to participate in the JPA. One of things being looked at in the training facility is what other methods of governance exist. It may be a limited liability corporation or something different. Some partners in the tribal groups would like to be voting members and they certainly support that. This can’t be done through a JPA, so legal possibilities need to be explored to change that.

Council President Pro-Tem Young stated he was impressed by the work that is being done. It is a testament to all the folks involved and possibly a lesson to all of us that collaboration and working together is where it is at here, especially in regard to utilizing the public dollar as efficiently as we can. He thanked the panel for all the work that they are doing. It has been previously discussed about a regional training facility and training our firefighters in a more seamless way. He has seen the East County proposal, but the City of San Diego has a training facility by the airport that the City and the County work together on. He cannot say that is the best place to do it, it could probably be done in a different place. That land may be more useful for other things. That is one concern he has. The one in East County may not be big enough to accommodate everybody. He asked how do you start identifying an area large enough to accommodate a much bigger place for regional training and it seems if we don’t have that regional site yet, it seems that all the fire departments could standardized some of their curriculum so that it would save money when they have training and in regard to where they go to get that training. We need to find ways to make it more seamless and standardized. He asked Chief Ghio what his thoughts were.

Chief Ghio responded that Council President Pro Tem Young is correct on where the vision should be. In the Heartland area, they are developing a model process that has a hub and satellite facilities. There are a couple of things regarding fire training that make it problematic to have everyone come to a centralized facility. It doesn’t matter where it is. We can’t take fire engines out of service without affecting direct customer service delivery (like a heart attack victim). The vision would be to have satellite facilities, a pool or core staff to develop the regional lesson plan, agrees on core competencies, and get to a point that we are standardizing the training across the entire region. Heartland has been doing it for over 30 years and we know that it works. Perhaps it could be 1-3 core or hub facilities with other satellite facilities around and dovetailing into that a mobile training component, so you take certain life, fire, search and rescue training out to the areas of the County that are harder to serve and that can’t pull people out in a centralized fashion. They are meeting with the Department of Planning and Land Use next week to talk about that. The third
element is utilizing technology and this is where dollars will need to be spent. North County has developed a teleconferencing system. We are starting to get into it in the East County; we've identified in my department alone that there are sixteen hours of centralized training that we could de-centralize it by getting on that network and keeping the firefighters in the station sixteen hours a year.

Council President Pro Tem Young stated that is where we have to go. He asked what the barriers are to make something like that happen because it makes so much sense and everyone here would save money. What are the barriers other than money?

Chief Ghio stated that some of the barriers are that San Diego is such a large county and getting everyone to agree to give up their way of doing things. People are very proud of the way they train. The City of San Diego, East County, and North County are all proud of their academy process. As firefighters, we need to agree on how to train. That is why we are trying to do a model program in Heartland that may be that spark to get everyone to go in that direction. Another barrier is standardization. A command module should be the same no matter where it is at, so when you train someone it should be the same as throughout the County. A couple of years ago a regional equipment committee was formed. We are incrementally working toward that.

Council President Pro Tem Young stated the PSC could be instrumental in making that happen. Clearly there are some specifics that fire personnel understand, that most of us may not understand. He asked what can the Committee do policy-wise to have fire personnel come to the table to talk about standardization, regional training, identifying and looking at the vision that Chief Ghio mentioned. Perhaps we need an analysis from staff to show how much we can save from a regional perspective.

Chair Lewis stated the Committee can make a recommendation to the Executive Committee to see the wisdom of saving money.

Supervisor Slater-Price stated this was a great presentation and shows the amount of growth within the last two to three years. If we look at the fires we recently had and the response and results, there is no comparison. She believes a number of things have come together to move this forward. We have discovered that those people that live in urban areas (like her), is that wild land interface fires are no longer a problem of just East County or North County, they are our problem. In the City of San Diego and the rural county areas that are adjacent to the cities and North County, we have canyons and areas that are overgrown with brush. The City of San Diego reaches out to so many areas, even Mayor Sanders was surprised that the City owned a canyon that is in Del Mar. That canyon needed to be included in the brush clearing. The time for the stove pipe type of doing business is gone. We can standardize things. The cross training of firefighters would help with fighting a tower fire downtown and also a wild land interface fire. All the cooperation that is going on now, including working with the volunteer firefighters is going to mobilize and increase the efficiency. Money is always a good way to give incentive to standardize. She just returned from Washington, D.C. and found out from FEMA and other agencies that there are sources of funding that hadn’t been clearly identified. One of them is the pre-disaster mediation funding from FEMA. That funding (clearing brush and getting ready before confrontation) is what this group should look at. It’s a great opportunity for all the cities and the County to work together. Training should be a standardize curriculum. We
know fire fighters change agencies within this area and state. We are seeing more cooperation with Cal Fire and the U.S. Forest Service. The suggestion is a good one to have an analysis done to show what we can gain.

Chief Ott wanted to clarify that firefighters do talk the same language; they train together all the time, fight fires the same way, but know we can do better. It’s not necessarily the fire agencies that don’t want it to happen; it could be a community ownership issue. This is where this Committee can come in to break down the barriers to get that cooperation together, whether it’s in training, operational activities, fire protection, or the combining of buying equipment together. Chief Ott noted that FEMA money was used about three years ago for Crest canyon. We have been good about sharing technology, but we know we need to get better.

Supervisor Slater-Price noted that there are always positive comments from community members when fire trucks from other communities are seen during big fires noting regional cooperation. She asked Mr. Miller if the County has signed contracts yet with the seven volunteer fire agencies for the 135 startup.

Mr. Miller noted that they have. They received $30,000 (they use to receive $20,000). They are also working on liability with risk management so that will be another savings, so will build their budget up from a liability perspective.

Councilmember Bob Campbell (North County Inland) thanked Chief Ghio for his leadership and showing us ways of doing things better. He and Chief Ott work with North County Fire Dispatch and Chief Ott has been a leader in that effort to make more efficient use of resources. He acknowledged that everyone is aware of shrinking resources at the current time. He asked if this presentation has been to the Mayors and Managers.

Chief Ghio replied that this was the first presentation.

Councilmember Campbell stated that he would encourage the presentation to the Mayors and Managers. Other agencies are hurt thanks to the state and other shrinking sales tax and consolidation would be beneficial. We need to bring the information forward to share with the cities.

Chief Ghio stated that one of the things he has learned from recent experience in consolidation that it is not always cost savings that we are looking at, what we are looking at is improving the service level with the existing level of funds. If we are talking about training, per se, we can do so much better of a job if we do kind of going in the direction that the Heartland has been going in for 30 some years. It is really identifying how can we do a better job. If there’s cost savings after the improvement by coordinating and consolidating that is a bonus. There are a lot of really hard to serve areas that don’t have a training officer, that don’t have a training program; it is catch as catch can. How can we put this group together? That is what Mike and I are chairing in Heartland. How can we put this together to do a better job for the whole. If we can get a pilot program going and get the facility built and get the standardization, I think it will spread like a genesis of thought and idea throughout the county.
Council President Pro Tem Young made a motion to have SANDAG staff develop a proposal for a project that would examine the merits of consolidating fire training across the region, that would include a timeline, options for how such a study could be conducted, and potential cost. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Slater-Price and was unanimously approved. Diane Eidam informed those present that staff action on the motion will be contingent upon the approval of the SANDAG Executive Committee and Board.

7. UPCOMING MEETING (INFORMATION)

The next meeting of the PSC is scheduled for Friday, December 12, 2008, at 1 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.
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| Department of Defense    | Colonel James B. Seaton III | Member           | No            |
|                          | Captain Eric Patten        | Alternate        | No            |
| Federal Public Safety    | Keith Slotter              | Member           | Yes           |
|                          | Anthony Cerone             | Alternate        | No            |
|                          | Karen Hewitt               | Member           | No            | Linda Frakes attended                        |
|                          | Vacant                      | Alternate        | No            |
| Southern CA Tribal        | Carlene Chamberlain         | Member           | Yes           |
| Chairmen’s Association    | Stephanie Spencer           | Alternate        | No            |
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PUBLIC SAFETY-RELATED GOALS FOR THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Introduction

Each year, SANDAG approves an annual legislative program for the next calendar year. Consistent with past programs, the draft 2009 Legislative Program includes policies and proposals for possible federal and state legislation and local activities. The public safety-related legislative priorities included in the draft 2009 Program are consistent with the mission of the Public Safety Committee (PSC) to promote public safety and justice through collaboration, information sharing, effective technology, and objective monitoring and assessment.

Recommendation

The Public Safety Committee is asked to recommend that Executive Committee include the Public Safety-Related Goals discussed in this report in the 2009 Legislative Program.

Discussion

Last year, the PSC recommended the inclusion of three public safety-related goals in the 2008 Legislative Program. These same goals are recommended for inclusion in the 2009 Legislative Program.

The proposed goals for the 2009 Legislative Program include:

- **Goal 1**: Support regional efforts to pursue resources to improve regional public safety voice and data communications and interoperability, including connectivity with state and federal systems.

  This goal continues to remain a high legislative goal for public safety. It is consistent with efforts to create a regional strategy for voice and data communications and interoperability, consistent with the regional framework and action plan developed by the PSC in 2006-2007.

- **Goal 2**: Support regional efforts to pursue Homeland Security funding at both the state and federal levels to improve public safety, enhance border security and improve security in the San Diego region, through Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS) operations and enhancements; regional transportation systems improvements; and activities related to emergency preparedness, prevention, and response to catastrophic events.
The San Diego region has been successful in securing federal and state homeland security funds to enhance the ARJIS system; improve rail, bus, and port security; and secure funding for emergency preparedness and prevention activities. In FY 2008, the San Diego region received approximately $12 million in state and federal funding for homeland security. Additionally, ARJIS received about $800,000 in grants for new projects.

- **Goal 3:** Support funding opportunities for prevention and intervention programs that address substance abuse, increase public safety, and reduce youth and gang violence. In FY 2009, the SANDAG Criminal Justice Research Division received over $1.4 million to conduct needs assessments and evaluate programs related to these key regional issues.

  This goal supports the criminal justice efforts of the PSC, and focuses on seeking funding opportunities for prevention and intervention programs in this issue area in order to improve public safety for the San Diego region.

**Next Steps**

Following action by the PSC, the public safety-related goals would be included in the 2009 Legislative Program, which is scheduled to be presented to the SANDAG Board of Directors on December 19, 2008. If the PSC requests significant changes to the public safety-related goals, action on the final 2009 Legislative Program may be rescheduled for Executive Committee and Board of Directors in January 2009.

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**SF Formalizing the ARJIS/NLETS Partnership**

**Introduction**

Nlets is an international criminal justice "hub" that links every local, state, and federal law enforcement agency through a network that includes over one million individual users, representing around 30,000 different agencies, running approximately 88 million transactions monthly. ARJIS and Nlets have partnered on several successful grants, most notably the State, Regional, and Federal Enterprise Retrieval System (SRFERS) inter-state sharing of booking and driver's license photos. A proposal was made by the Nlets Board of Directors at its annual meeting in November 2008 to have ARJIS become the first regional member of Nlets in the nation. As part of this item, an overview of Nlets will be provided and potential opportunities and benefits of a more formalized partnership for both entities will be discussed. This item was on the December 2008 Chiefs'/Sheriff's Management Committee agenda and the action was taken to recommend that the Public Safety Committee approve this request.

**Recommendation**

The Public Safety Committee is asked to discuss this proposal and approve ARJIS membership in Nlets.

**Discussion**

In 2005, ARJIS and Maricopa County, Arizona, were awarded a grant from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) to implement recommendations from the National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan (NCISP). Information sharing is the mission-critical requirement to achieve homeland security, to protect the American public, and to defend against terrorism. The goal of this grant, called Border Safe, was to develop and utilize technology that could be shared inter-state for the purposes of enhancing public safety along the Border. The technologies emphasized were those that would result in positive identification in the field, such as access to cross-jurisdiction booking and driver's license photos and a key component was the partnership with Nlets, the hub and connectivity for all inter-state sharing among public safety agencies.

This partnership between ARJIS, Nlets, and Maricopa County resulted in a very successful booking photo project, which has expanded to other national initiatives involving the inter-state sharing of driver license and corrections photos. As a result of this successful project Nlets approached ARJIS to become the nation’s first regional member of Nlets. This outreach effort is consistent with Nlets goal to become the primary mechanism for inter-regional exchange of justice and public safety data. With it’s more than 40 year history, Nlets is best positioned to provide the exchange of data from regionalized data stores – from one region to another across multiple jurisdictions.
At the Chiefs’/Sheriff’s Management Committee this proposal received unanimous approval. The Committee recommended ARJIS agree to a two year commitment to this partnership, with the costs for these two years covered by existing grant between the two organizations. After the two year period, an assessment will be conducted to measure the success of the partnership.

Projects that will be accomplished during these two years include: 1) continued development of inter-state photo sharing capabilities, focused on California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington; 2) the development of an inter-state officer notification system; and 3) the development of a GIS based notification system, and potential access to more than 90 services provided by Nlets.

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What is Nlets?

- Nlets is an international criminal justice “HUB”
- Links every U.S. State and Federal law enforcement agency to each other & to Canadian law enforcement agencies
- 88 Million transactions a month
- 700,000 PC, Mobile and handheld devices in the U.S. and Canada
- 1 million individual users
What is Nlets?

- Facilitates info sharing among law enforcement agencies
  - Vehicle with TX license plate pulled over in CA
  - Officer runs a query on the vehicle
  - Query travels over the Nlets network to TX
  - TX produces query results
  - Results returned to CA over the Nlets network

San Diego homicide suspect arrested in Arizona

- Identified on a traffic stop by an Nlets inter-state query
  - February 4, 2007 a Real estate Agent was killed in client's condo in Lakeside
  - The victim, James Magot, was a former Marine and decorated Vietnam War veteran
  - Family members of Magot say they have no idea why anyone would want to kill him.
  - The suspect – Michael Ray Jennison, 36, was arrested during a traffic stop near Globe, Ariz., the San Diego County Sheriff's Department said.
  - Authorities found three handguns in his car. Sheriff's homicide detectives will travel to Arizona on Monday.
Over 30,000 Agencies Using Nlets

- State, Provincial and Local law enforcement
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
  - Interpol
  - FBI – CJIS
- Secret Service
- Transportation
  - Defense
  - Justice
  - Interior
- Customs and Border Protection

Nlets Governance

- Nlets is a 501 (C) (3) owned by the 50 states
- Each state has an Nlets representative
- Eight members serve as the Board of Directors
- All revenue derived from membership fees
- Similar to ARJIS
- No federal earmarks, only federal grants specific to projects
- Serve as a funding source for the states
**Nlets Implements New Technologies & Standards**

- Developing national standards to facilitate true information sharing
- Initiating new methods to share data – regional exchanges
- In the past five years Nlets has completely updated its technology
  - Is now a Justice and Public Safety leader in off the shelf internet protocols

**Reliability…**

- Private T1 Network
- AES encryption across the board
- Fire-walled at every connection
- Hot Disaster Recovery Site – Idaho
  - Moving to Nlets owned disaster recovery site in KY - early 2009
- Operation center 7 x 24 x 365
- 99.98% uptime annually
Nlets Services...

- Driver and vehicle registration
- Criminal history records
- Boats, ATV’s
- Sex Offenders
- Concealed weapons

Nlets Services cont.

- State and FBI Criminal Histories in standardized format
- Electronic “HIT” confirmation
- Homeland Alert Messages
- Screen Officers Flying Armed
- INS Databases at LESC
- Canadian HOT Files
- Amber Alerts
- Severe weather warnings
- Aircraft Registrations
- GSA Federal Plates
New Services....

• Live, immediate, national access to Interpol warrants, stolen vehicles and travel documents – in Lyon France!
• LPR data captured at land border crossings – available through Nlets
• DL Photo’s being exchanged interstate via Nlets

Accessing Nlets Services

• 108 Nlets services available
• Each state must implement these services
• States on average only implementing approx. 20 services
Nlets strategic plan excerpt:

Strategic Goal 2: Nlets will expand its user, strategic partner, and membership base.

Objective 7: Become the regional exchange network.
Nlets must position itself to become the primary mechanism for inter-regional exchange of justice and public safety data. We must actively pursue this business. With our more than forty year history, we are best positioned to provide the exchange of data from regionalized data stores – from one region to another across multiple jurisdictions.

ARJIS Benefits by joining Nlets

- ARJIS agencies will have access to new services that the state can't provide
- Will increase officer and public safety
- Services Include:
  - Access to interstate drivers license photos
  - Access to interstate warrants
  - Access to local data from the Capital area (DC, VA, MD)
  - Access to RAND – the Nlets query log
  - Seat and a voice at the Nlets table
Nlets and ARJIS Successes

- SRFERS Project – Interstate DL and booking photos
- Collaborating on License Plate Reader, GIS, and Officer Alerting Projects
- Meetings with Cal-DOJ, Nlets Technical and Policy Committees
- Leaders in our fields, risk takers, goal not turf oriented

SUV CRASH AND OVER 300 WEAPONS TIED TO ARIZONA

A rollover crash in Pine Valley Thursday night led police to a home in La Jolla filled with hundreds of guns on Friday. The crash happened Thursday night on westbound I-15 near the Pine Valley Bridge. Crime scene investigators responding to the scene found 15 stolen guns in the SUV. On Friday, investigators traced the weapons to a home in La Jolla filled with hundreds of guns.
Recent Approvals

• The Nlets Board of Directors approved to have ARJIS become the first regional member in the nation in November
• ARJIS is best positioned to be the first
• CAL-DOJ Nlets Representative approved
• Unanimous approval from ARJIS Chiefs’ Sheriff’s Management Committee
Recommendations

- Approval from SANDAG Public Safety Committee
- Modify existing Nlets MOU
- Two year commitment to Nlets
- Costs will be covered by ARJIS SRFERS grant
- After two years an assessment will be conducted to measure success

Questions?

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MULTI-DISCIPLINE GRAFFITI ABATEMENT PROGRAM

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Our goal is to promote public safety and justice

• By reducing tagging and gang activity
Vandalism in our cities

Taggers

- Fame
- Notoriety
- Excitement
Public safety issue...
One month tagging in one city...

One Tagger: “Slay”
$59,000 Damage
One Tagger – One Year: “Meen”
$27,000 damage

Gangs

- Claim territory
- Intimidate
- Threaten
- Challenge
One Gang – One Year ... “Diablos”

Escondido found a way to promote Public Safety

- Collaboration
- Community participation
- Public Works participation
- City Attorney participation
- Police participation
We’re promoting Public Safety

- through effective technology
- Escondido implements Graffiti Tracker 2006

City of Escondido

- Old System – mid 2006
  - Sporadic reporting by community
  - Labor intensive for law enforcement
  - No system of documentation & clean-up
  - No system of determining repair costs
  - Small restitution awards
City of Escondido

- New System: mid 2006
- Top down city abatement project
- New technology: Graffiti Tracker

And through effective technology...Grafitti Tracker

- Data base system
- GPS enabled cameras
  - Analyzes photos
  - Categorizes
  - Catalogs
  - Info w/in 24 hours
  - Weekly update
  - Alerts
  - Links
This technology allows LE ....

- Data base system
- GPS enabled cameras
  - Analyzes photos
  - Categorizes
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  - Alerts
  - Links
Benefits to Law Enforcement

Do more with less
Less responding
Researching prior acts
Anticipating future criminal acts
Eliminate random patrolling
Dramatically fewer court appearances
Allows Multi jurisdictional sharing
Objective monitoring? Results since program

- Reduced graffiti crime - 35% reduction

![Graph showing reduction in graffiti crime from 2007 to 2008. Months from January to August.]

Justice promoted through successful prosecution

- Multi-Count cases
  - Easier to prove
  - Easier to resolve
  - Courts take more seriously
- Faster resolution of Restitution
- All-saves time and money
  - Less witnesses etc.
Restitution

- Larger Court Orders
- If unpaid during probation- City can pursue
  - Larger orders makes collection viable
- BENEFIT - Shifts payment for clean up from taxpayers to the vandals!

Objective monitoring...
Restitution Ordered- Escondido

![Graph showing restitution amounts for 2006, 2007, and 2008.](#)
Objective monitoring – Large restitution amount per arrest

Objective monitoring - Cost vs. Restitution Ordered
Objective monitoring - Remember “Slay”?

- 132 incidents
- Successfully prosecuted
- Oct 08 - $59,000 restitution
- No trial
- No restitution hearing

Multi-Discipline Program Benefits

- More Officer time available
- More crimes solved
- Vandals pay more toward clean up
- Reduce overall graffiti
- Non law enforcement benefits
  - Data for Community Block Grants
  - Assist City Management
  - Statistics
Our Vision: Create a Similar Program for the entire San Diego Region

• Implement collaborative anti-graffiti program
• Implement effective technology - Graffiti Tracker
• Implement standardized practices

Questions?
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Regional Technology Partnership and Regional Technology Center Update

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Regional Technology Partnership

- The Framework for Coordination
  - Provide advice and recommendations to policy bodies on direction of regional strategy.
  - Define scope and priorities for the technology clearinghouse, including the creation of the Regional Strategic Technology Plan
  - Assist in the prioritization of regional technology grant funding

- Organization consists of nine members
  - San Diego County Police Chiefs and Sheriff’s Association
  - San Diego County Fire Chiefs Association
  - San Diego County Office of Emergency Services Director
  - City of San Diego Deputy Chief Operating Officer for Public Safety
  - San Diego Regional Technology Center Director
  - City of San Diego Chief of Police
  - City of San Diego Fire Chief
  - San Diego County Sheriffs Office
  - San Diego Fire District Chiefs Representative

- Provides Advisory Committee Support
Current Efforts

The RTP is overseeing efforts for:

3Cs Governance
- Memorandum of Understanding in progress
- RTP members will comprise the Executive Board
- Potential model for other programs

Regional CAD Interoperability Project
- Five phase project
- Potential for public/private partnership
- RFP process ongoing

Computer Aided Dispatch Optimization study
- Feasibility of combining dispatch centers
- Optimization of facilities and systems
- Economics of such a move

Long Range Strategic Technology Planning
- Create awareness of regional efforts
- Continued evaluation of interoperability and economies of scale

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Clearinghouse Overview

• A regional resource designed to facilitate technology efforts
  ○ Serves as an independent, centralized information resource for existing and emerging public-safety technologies.
  ○ Serves as a consistent and central contact point for regional technology questions, issues and referrals.
  ○ Acts as a sounding board for regional agency ideas and vendor concepts, helping to link suitable vendors and agencies for proof of concept or pilot projects when appropriate.
  ○ Provides a test bed to allow local communities to understand how a specific technology will interact with the baseline capability currently in use.

The clearinghouse collaborates with other organizations with similar clearinghouse functions at academic institutions and at state and national levels.
Technology Test Bed

- The clearinghouse operates the Homeland Security Science and Technology Test bed (HSSTT)
  - This test bed allows local communities to understand how a specific technology will interact with the baseline capability currently in use.
    - A technology may be highly tested, and robust, yet when inserted into an existing environment, it does not provide additional capability or effectiveness.
    - The HSSTT will allow potential users to evaluate and understand the technology’s using deliberate measurable metrics in a static test environment.

Clearinghouse Tasks

- Technology Searches
  - Needs-based
- Vendor Demonstrations
  - Evaluations
  - Archive of capabilities
- Baseline Studies
- Regional Strategic Technology Plan
  - Regional Priorities
  - Periodic maintenance

How can I access this information?
The Clearinghouse website and Technology Assist Database are online:

- [http://rtc.sdsu.edu](http://rtc.sdsu.edu)
  - Website provides
    - Upcoming events and reviews
    - Details about exercise participation
  - Database provides
    - Password protected security
    - Archive of baseline studies
    - Inventory of reviewed technologies

This is an initial release. We are working to further enhance this resource and are open to comments or suggestions from our users.

[http://rtc.sdsu.edu](http://rtc.sdsu.edu): An overview of the RTC staff and mission, including process, contact information, exercise participation and latest technology reviews.

Upgrades in process:
- Online requests submission
- Automatic notification system
- RSTP online
The database stores vendor evaluations, information and regional baseline studies conducted by the RTC. It is password protected.

Database Access & Assistance

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