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Law Enforcement Best Practices

Oregon Governor Kulongoski Directs Board of Pharmacy to Restrict Access to Meth Ingredients; Announces Task Force Recommendations to Crush Meth

Governor Ted Kulongoski today announced that he has asked the Oregon Board of Pharmacy to enact an emergency administrative rule restricting the sales of Pseudoephedrine and Ephedrine, key ingredients used in making Methamphetamine. The governor made the announcement in a press conference with Attorney General Hardy Myers and Salem Chief of Police Walter Myers, where he reported on the key recommendations of his Methamphetamine Task Force. To learn more visit:
http://www.dhs.state.or.us/news/2004news/2004-1004.html

Oregon: Meth's Long Run Can Be Stopped

This country cannot just keep chasing methamphetamine. It has exhausted police, packed drug treatment programs and filled foster homes with neglected kids. Now it is rushing around gathering names of people buying cold tablets that can be converted to meth.
It is not working. Look at meth's new map: It has spread its own brand of misery from the West Coast through middle America and galloped into the South and the Northeast. Atlanta is a hub for meth. Vermont and Maine are seeing upswings in Meth arrests, trafficking and addiction. For more information visit:
http://www.drug-rehabs.org/content.php?cid=1527&state=Oregon

Oregon Prescription Policy May Set Meth Law Precedent

Oregonians who want over-the-counter cold medicine soon may need a doctor's permission to buy it. Trying to stem the abuse of methamphetamine, the Oregon Senate will likely vote next week on a bill that would make the state the nation's

UPCOMING EVENTS

Major Events Planning Conference
December 5 - 6 , 2005
Arlington, VA

The 2005 National Summit on Gang Violence
December 7 - 9, 2005
Arlington, VA

2005 National Summit on Emergency Response and Preparedness For Schools
December 15-16, 2005
Arlington, VA

The 2006 National Summit on The Methamphetamine Epidemic
January 18-20, 2006
Las Vegas, NV

first to require a prescription for popular cold medicines, which are used to create the illegal drug. The bill, approved Wednesday on a 55-4 vote by the state House of Representatives, would classify any product containing pseudoephedrine a pharmaceutical requiring a prescription for purchase. Gov. Ted Kulongoski supports it. To read more visit: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2005-07-21-meth-oregon_x.htm?csp=N009

Meth's Toll on Families: When Meth-Addicted Moms and Dads Lose Their Parental Rights, Grandparents Often Step Into The Child-Care Void

When their 24-year-old daughter was suspected of neglecting her two children while using methamphetamine, Betty and Ryan Bleser agreed to take the girls temporarily so they wouldn't live with strangers. More than two years later, the Blesers are full-time parents and just weeks away from permanently adopting Justice, 5, and Jennica, 4. The girls' mother legally lost her parental rights. Their father — convicted of assaulting their mother — is in jail on a felony weapons charge. http://www.mailtribune.com/archive/2005/1018/local/stories/01local.htm

Former Meth Addicts Get Help to Stay Clean

Ashley Riles, 21, started using methamphetamine when she was 14. Debbie Wood, 40, started using it when she was 15. The two women are separated by 19 years and a couple of feet on a couch in Riles' apartment off Willakenzie Road in Eugene on a Thursday afternoon in mid-September. But the drug that used to burn their nostrils when snorted, and infiltrate their bloodstreams when injected, has brought them together for the past eight months. At this moment, Wood has eight years, seven months and 15 days of sobriety. Riles is 10 days short of seven months of sobriety. And she's due to give birth to her second child in the morning.
http://www.registerguard.com/news/2005/10/12/a1.meth.reliefnursery.1012.p1.php?section=cityregion

Law Enforcement Recruitment

Officer Taken Off Panel, Causing Stir

A fragile truce between Minneapolis police and minority communities may be crumbling. Members of the city's Police Community Relations Council said Wednesday the removal this week of Lt. Medaria Arradondo as the department's liaison to the group is a serious blow to a federally mediated agreement reached in December 2003. To read more visit: http://www.twincities.com/mld/pioneerpress/12767265.htm

Law Enforcement Job Fair Draws Eager Prospects

When you're five years old like Tristan Demena, being a police officer is way cool. "I like arresting bad people," said the kindergartner, puffing out his chest to show off the shiny badges he collected at yesterday's Law Enforcement Expo. Tristan's got a long way to go before pinning on a real badge, but for hundreds of others who browsed the recruitment booths at Qualcomm Stadium a career in law enforcement is high on their minds. For more information visit: http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/metro/20051009-9999-1m9expo.html

Sheriff Struggling to Find Qualified Applicants for Jobs

The Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office is "struggling big time" said Sheriff Tony Estrada, and the problem is not from a surge in crime. The major problem that Estrada said he is facing is a lack of recruitment for three departmental positions that have remained vacant for too long. "We're having problems finding qualified people in detention, communication and patrol," said Estrada who blames the problem on applicants who are failing background checks. Most of these applicants he says are locals from Santa Cruz County. To read more visit: http://www.nogalesinternational.com/articles/2005/10/13/news/news3.txt

Asheville Police Take Action to Relieve Officer Shortage

The Asheville Police Department and the city's human resources department are working to fill officer vacancies and become more competitive in recruitment, according to a presentation given to City Council on Tuesday. Asheville is short 29 officers on the street, which has cut the amount of time officers have for community policing, but has not hindered their ability to respond to emergency calls, Police Chief Bill Hogan said. Those numbers should improve by spring when 15 officers graduate from the city's cadet academy. For more information visit:
http://www.citizen-times.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051019/NEWS01/51018019/1001

Firefighter Exam to Replace Eligibility List

City Hall is finalizing plans to hold Chicago's first firefighters entrance exam in more than a decade to replace a disputed eligibility list that has raised the average age of recruits to nearly 38, an influential alderman said Monday. Top mayoral aides believe the graying of rookie firefighters is at least partly to blame for the $13.2 million in overtime racked up by the Chicago Fire Department through Sept. 30, up from $11.6 million during the same period a year ago. To read more visit:
http://www.suntimes.com/output/news/cst-nws-fire18.html

Law Enforcement Performance

FEMA battles with Homeland Security

The reorganization of the Department of Homeland Security proposed by chief Michael Chertoff takes effect this week, as the mandatory waiting period following his formal notification to congress elapses and lawmakers prepare to vote on the department's budget. But in the wake of the failure to prepare or respond adequately to Hurricane Katrina, fresh questions are being asked about the wisdom of Chertoff's vision. For more information visit:
http://www.isn.ethz.ch/news/sw/details.cfm?ID=13064

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Launches Program to Decentralize First Responder Training

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that it will begin implementing a new Cooperative Training Outreach Program (CO-OP) designed to expand first responder preparedness training across the country by permitting the states to identify and approve institutions within their states, territories or tribal entities that can adopt and deliver the Department's standardized training courses. To read more visit:
http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=4897

San Francisco to adopt National Incident Management System

At the request of Annemarie Conroy, Director of the Office of Emergency Services and Homeland Security, Supervisor Fiona Ma today introduced a resolution to make San Francisco compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). "In the wake of events that occurred in the Gulf Coast, and the lack of coordination between local, state and federal officials, San Francisco is taking the necessary steps to adopt the NIMS," said Annemarie Conroy. For more information visit:
http://www.sanfranciscosentinel.com/news_in_brief/conroy_press_release_050927.shtml

Case study: Florida enlists Groove Networks in a bid to better manage disaster response.

The havoc that Hurricane Katrina wreaked on the Gulf Coast this summer brought national attention to the myriad challenges of coordinating local, state, federal, nonprofit and private disaster recovery efforts. Florida, the state that has known more hurricanes on a first-name basis than all other states combined, is all too familiar with the challenges these disasters present. Consider last year's devastating hurricane season, in which Florida was battered by four major hurricanes within a six-week period. In its aftermath, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, which spearheads the state's disaster preparedness and recovery efforts, decided it needed to improve the way information was collected and shared among the different entities involved in emergency relief efforts. To read more visit: http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,1872483,00.asp

DHS Secretary: Keep Your 10-Codes

The Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff has announced today that it is no longer necessary for first responders to discontinue using the 10-Code system of verbal communication in order to come into compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). Speaking at the Annual Conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in Miami Beach, Chertoff said there was a strong response from the law enforcement community against this proposal. “We had a discussion about it. As a result, I have decided that NIMS compliance will not include the requirement of the abolition of 10-Codes in everyday law enforcement communications.” For more information visit: http://cms.firehouse.com/content/article/article.jsp?sectionId=46&id=44881

Law Enforcement Liability

Liability Issues in Pepper Ball and Other "Non-Lethal" Weapons

The recent pepper ball related death of 21-year-old Victoria Snelgrove in Boston, caused that city's police department and many others around the country to reflect on the uses of what is referred to as compressed air guns which fire various types of "OC" pepper ball projectiles. In the case of Boston, it was reported that the city almost immediately ceased using the HN Herstal FN 303 and replaced it with a Jaycor brand pepper ball gun. Other governmental entities are re-evaluating not only the brand of pepper ball guns they are using, but also the training and placement of pepper ball guns on their use of force continuums. For the rest of the story visit: http://www.policeone.com/writers/columnists/JohnMakholm/articles/94375/

Using counter-surveillance and no warrant

Police arrest suspect without a warrant in proximity to drug buy Manuel and Hernandez met with Detective Robles to negotiate the price of pseudoephedrine. Officers conducting surveillance thereafter followed Manuel and Hernandez's Lincoln Navigator to an apartment complex and observed them walking into an apartment. Shortly thereafter, the officers witnessed about five Hispanic men walking out of the apartment complex and getting into a Dodge Intrepid and a Chrysler Concorde parked just a couple of cars away. The next day, Manuel, Hernandez, and Barrera-Medina showed up for the drug buy in the Lincoln Navigator and the same Chrysler Concorde from the day before. As the two vehicles pulled away, the Intrepid followed. Officers followed the three vehicles, turned on their lights and sirens, and pulled them over, with the Dodge Intrepid pulling over first. To read on go to: http://www.policeone.com/writers/columnists/Quinlan/articles/118497/

Forensic Contingency Planning: Where to Start

Does your organization have a digital forensic evidence-gathering plan? Such evidence is essential for investigating information-security breaches. In general, it’s also “a significant means of reducing risk.” notes Pauline Neville-Jones, chair of the Information Assurance Advisory Council (IAAC), a private group composed of corporate leaders, public policy makers, law enforcement experts, and security researchers. For more information visit: http://www.esj.com/security/article.aspx?EditorialsID=1541

Preparation, Regulation Key to Hazmat Control

It could have just been a fender bender. A delivery van rear-ended a school bus in the middle of a road near Harlon Block Park. The driver of a pickup truck did not see the accident in front of him and ran into the van, sandwiching it between the bus and the van. But it was not just a common vehicle accident. The delivery van was carrying nuclear medical isotopes, creating an entirely new problem for rescue workers. If the scenario had actually happened, the isotopes could have sent radioactive radiation into all three vehicles. To read more visit:
http://www.themonitor.com/SiteProcessor.cfm?Template=/GlobalTemplates/Details.cfm&StoryID=9766&Section=Local

Who Will Police the Police?

When an army of community activists inundates the Minneapolis City Council chambers, it's a safe bet that they aren't there to congratulate officials for a job well done. So it was last Wednesday at the Public Safety and Regulatory Services committee meeting. After years of lawsuits, negotiation, and federal mediation, relations between the Minneapolis Police Department and the citizenry had collapsed into an impasse. The spark this time was a single job reassignment. Last month, MPD Lt. Medaria Arradondo, the department's point person on the Police Community Relations Council (PCRC), received a promotion and a new portfolio as head of STOP, a street-policing initiative. As a result, he will no longer be available to sit in during the monthly meetings between 18 police and city personnel and 18 community representatives. By all accounts Arradondo was a skilled negotiator during these sit-downs.
http://www.citypages.com/databank/26/1298/article13779.asp

Law Enforcement Grant News

Cops Office Awards $12M To Support Law Enforcement Training

The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) today awarded $12 million in funds to support a national network of Regional Community Policing Institutes (RCPI). The RCPIs are strategically located throughout the country and offer innovative community policing training and technical assistance resources to state, tribal and local law enforcement officers, community leaders, and government officials. To learn more visit:
http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=1606

Department of Justice Announces More Than $24 Million in Funding To Promote Anti-Gang Initiative

The Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP) today announced more than $24 million to support a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum through the Gang Resistance Education and Training Program (G.R.E.A.T.) and highlighted OJP anti-gang initiatives at the National Youth Gang Symposium. To learn more visit: http://www.ojp.gov/pressreleases/OJJDP05023.htm

Massachustts Politicians Decry Buch's Homeland Security Budget Cuts

President Bush signed a homeland-security bill this week that will dramatically decrease the amount of money used to prepare first responders for terrorist attacks, spurring concern among lawmakers. The sweeping $32 billion security bill provides $3.3 billion for police, paramedic and firefighter training. That amount represents a 17 percent cut over last year. To read more visit: http://www.lowellsun.com/fastsearchresults/ci_3135156

Bush Administration Expands Funding To Battle Meth Epidemic

Top officials from the Bush administration announced new efforts to battle methamphetamine abuse, including a training laboratory for police agencies and $16.2 million in grants to focus on treatment of addicts.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt and drug czar John Walters made the announcement Thursday at the Davidson County Drug Court and Treatment Center, the only drug court in the nation with a treatment and residential facility attached. For more information visit:
http://abcnews.go.com/Health/Drugs/wireStory?id=1053159

DHS Recieves $2.4 Billion Increase For 2006 Appropriations

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff applauded increased funding and changes to the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) organization during a ceremony at the White House where President Bush signed the FY 2006 Homeland Security Appropriations Act. In addition to certain organizational adjustments, the Department's FY 2006 Appropriations provides increased funding for 1,000 new Border Patrol Agents, greater explosive detection technology across transportation networks, and an integrated Preparedness Directorate to enhance coordination and deployment of preparedness assets and training. To learn more visit:
http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=4894

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