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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Homeland Security Committee Members **O.N.:** 04-050  
**FROM:** Assistant Chief James Howatson **DATE:** February 26, 2004  
Operations Bureau Commander

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—FEBRUARY 19, 2004**

The weekly Homeland Security Meeting was held February 19, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Captain Feddersen, Lts. Kirby and Ruiz, Sgts. Caron and D. Still, [REDACTED] and Secretary Boneske. A

Secretary Boneske will send out a recurring meeting notice to those on this committee of a standing meeting each Thursday, at 1400 hours, in A/C Howatson's office.

Homeland Security Duty Responsibilities for the Department:

Asst. Chief Howatson – **Resources** – (assisted by Sgt. Still)  
Captain Meinema – **Exercises** – (assisted by Lt. Kirby)  
Captain Feddersen – **Planning & Intelligence** (Planning – Lt. Ruiz/Intel – Sgt. Caron)  
Captain Strickland – **Training** (assisted by Sgt. Branham)

- [REDACTED] explained his new assignment to the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force. His previous department Homeland Security duties have been transferred to S.O.S. Detectives Higgins, Pavey, and Sgt. Caron at the present time. A
- The City of Tacoma has numerous critical facilities. Many of them have been entered in the Terrorist Responder System (TRS). The department should assign certain officers to be the contact/outreach people for those businesses identified as critical facilities. Should the CLO officers be assigned this collateral duty?
- The Country's color warning system may change in the future to a Regional specific color system. Washington State will be in its own region.
- [REDACTED] will be available for counter-terrorism training, which could be taught during quarterly training. Other topics that department personnel should learn about are ricin, and the A.L.F. and E.L.F. group, just as examples. A
- The Pierce County Dept. of Emergency Management (DEM) is the agency that coordinates the Homeland Security grants being disseminated through the Regional Coordination Council. The RCC is comprised of department heads from various agencies in Pierce County, to include TPD Chief Ramsdell. In the near future, they will be receiving approximately \$700,000 from a government grant, in which analysts will be hired, and necessary equipment purchased for Homeland Security Defense measures.

- The department's CBRNE/WMD team recently received some training and has more scheduled. These members should be able to teach personnel on the department things that they have learned.
- The Pierce County Terrorism Early Warning Task Force (TEW) is a county-wide organization of all first responder disciplines working together on planning, training, logistics and resources.
- The Washington Joint Analytical Center (WAJAC) includes local, state and federal officers working together in analyzing incoming intelligence data from all investigative sources. As they learn information that pertains to our city/area, our department will be notified.
- There are several grants available for Homeland Security, but all have deadlines approaching in which budgeted monies need to be spent.
- There were no problems during the recent Leonard Peltier March held in the city. Photos were taken of a couple individuals who appeared to be possible anarchists that were participating.
- On March 20, 2004, local longshoremen of Union Local 28 will be having a one-day protest. This year, the topic of the protest will be the war in Iraq. Usually during their annual one-day protest, they just stay home from work.
- Sgt. Branham has been doing a good job with the CBRNE/WMD team.
- It was suggested that the Specialty Teams (Marine Unit and CBRNE/WMD Team) start creating quarterly reports so we are aware of training, etc. These teams also receive grant money, so it would be beneficial to start documenting what progress is being made.

The meeting ended at 1535 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office.

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Minutes approved by [REDACTED]

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Homeland Security Committee Members      **O.N.:** 04-058  
**FROM:** Assistant Chief James Howatson      **DATE:** March 23, 2004  
Operations Bureau Commander

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—FEBRUARY 26, 2004**

The weekly Homeland Security Meeting was held February 26, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captains Meinema and Strickland, Lts. Kirby, Ruiz, Sgts. Caron and Branham, and Secretary Boneske.

Asst. Chief Howatson discussed how the Regional Coordinator Committee has broken the Homeland Security responsibilities into four different elements, and who is assigned to these from our department:

**Homeland Security Duty Responsibilities for the Department:**

**Resources** - Asst. Chief Howatson, Temporary Lt. Still, Det. Wimmer, and Det. Calitis

**Exercises** - Captain Meinema and Lt. Kirby

**Planning & Intelligence** - Captain Feddersen – **Planning**-Lt. Ruiz/**Intel**-Sgt. Caron

**Training** - Captain Strickland, Lt. K. Kelly, and Sgt. Branham

**Resources**

It is important that all elements work in a cooperative effort. Seattle has eight full-time employees assigned to Homeland Security, but our department has these duties assigned to personnel as collateral duties with their other assignments.

A/C Howatson recently attended a 2-day seminar on Incident Command, which was split in attendance by Police and Fire. It will be important to network and work together cooperatively with all agencies involved if a disaster ever occurs here.

There are Homeland Security Grants available. Pierce County is in Region 5, and we have to apply for grant money as a Region, not just for the department. Our region received bomb equipment and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from the last grant. Hopefully, future grants will provide for an armored car, and items that will protect against explosives.

**Exercises**

Captain Meinema stated the first set of grants for \$2.5 million didn't have strict parameters on reimbursement. The second round of grants for 2004 are more stringent.

It is necessary to set up a three-year scheduling calendar/training plan for Homeland Security. It was recommended that officers get to train in the PPEs (personal protective suits) so they are aware of the limited time an officer can spend in these suits. They generate a great deal of heat build-up.



A lot of training costs for Homeland Security will be reimbursed from grants. Small agencies will have to tag along with the larger departments for training. If a small city needs emergency response, a large department will need to assist them.

There was a meeting on March 2, at the Health Department to plan for a training exercise. On March 8, 2004, there was a meeting with the speakers that are going to present a biological tabletop exercise in the future.

On March 18, 2004, there will be a large tabletop biological workshop exercise for department heads at the Sheraton. Information on this is available on the Internet.

On February 18, 2004, the Port of Tacoma held a tabletop training exercise at the Port. Fife Police and Graham Fire also participated. Critiques of these training exercises are posted on the Internet. Although the training would be good for our department, it would drain our budget if we participated in all the Port's exercises.

### **Plans**

Lt. Ruiz mentioned the department needs to create preparedness plans for the department, describing the expectations of officers in case of a catastrophic event. Where do they report? What time do they start their 12-hour shift?

### **Intel**

Sgt. Caron mentioned the threat level is still at yellow, and there's been no indication of threats in the near future.

There is an anti-war protest scheduled on March 20, 2004, in Bellevue, Olympia and Spokane.

The Intel bulletins will continue to be received, monitored and distributed by Sgt. Caron. Detectives Higgins and Pavey will assist.

### **Training**

Sgt. Branham attended a Terrorist Early Warning (TEW) training meeting at the Red Cross. They discussed the need to put on eight-hour awareness classes for personnel in Fire, Police, healthcare, hospitals and clinics. County-wide, there are hundreds of personnel identified that need this training. The group wants to establish forty instructors through Train the Trainer, so they can then teach all the other organizations. The TPD CBRNE/WMD Team will contact each agency to find out how many need basic training.

Sgt. Branham said all eight officers of the CBRNE Team have gone to the Awareness Class. They will help train other officers and agencies, and are engaged in County-wide training.

Sgt. Branham said our department has PPEs in the following sizes: 137 large, 156 medium, and 37 small. Medical questionnaires are still being collected. All original questionnaires completed in years past were only good for two years, so those officers have to fill out a questionnaire again. New forms are now good for five years. Once the medical questionnaire has been turned in and approved by the medical authority, a fit test for the mask can be completed.

Training needs to be scheduled for large groups of personnel for respirators, suits, gloves, etc. Officers will need to learn how to decon themselves and put on the suit. They also need to know their limitations with these suits. The grant that supplied this PPE equipment was only to provide it to those personnel already working for the department. For new hires, the department will have to purchase these supplies out of the department's budget. It would also be helpful if the Field Training Coordinator scheduled new hires for training time in PPEs.

Sgt. Branham met with a Sergeant of the Snohomish Department and Pierce County Sheriff's Department WMD Teams. It was suggested that the WMD teams from various agencies train together in the future, because if something severe happens in our County, we will need assistance from other agencies' teams.

The meeting ended at 1515 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 4th, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office.

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(Minutes approved by [REDACTED])

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 04-090

**FROM:** Assistant Chief James Howatson  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** March 23, 2004

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—MARCH 4, 2004**

The weekly Homeland Security Meeting was held March 4, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captains Feddersen, Meinema, and Strickland, Lts. Ruiz, K. Kelly and Still, Sgts. Caron and Branham, and Secretary Boneske.

### Resources

A/C Howatson stated he is still working on grants, and will look into obtaining ballistic helmets and face shields from future grant money.

Lt. Still just returned from out-of-state training called Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings. This class dealt with different levels of explosives, IEDs, and secondary devices. Participants received two CDs that could be used in a four-hour block of training for other personnel. The company that sponsored the training volunteered to send their instructor to any state to teach a class, at no cost to the department, as long as we had a minimum of forty people in attendance.

Lt. Still recommended that the department put together an MRP for Terrorist Bombings.

### Exercises

Captain Meinema stated that on March 18, 2004, there will be a Bio-terrorism tabletop exercise for department managers at the Sheraton Hotel.

The intent is to have a training exercise each quarter. Lt. Kirby is involved with the Seahawk exercise that will be held in August.

### Planning

Captain Feddersen is waiting to get the next dates for the Terrorist Early Warning meetings.

### Intel

Some of the intelligence that Sgt. Caron receives such as symbols, pictures, and information that isn't classified and can be shared, will be distributed to the department through CID's bulletin updates.

Sgt. Caron has received intelligence concerning divers that were found dead near critical areas/important places. The FBI also recently published maritime warnings involving divers. The freighter that was recently burned could have been the work of Al-Qaeda.

There was a Global Day of Peace held in Tacoma on March 20, 2004.

### Training

Captain Strickland will take the lead on training issues in connection with Homeland Security. Lt. Kelly will assist him, and Sgt. Branham will be responsible for coordinating the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) training. Sgt. Branham is presently coordinating training at Camp Murray. The CBRNE/WMD team members will be the trainers.

Lt. Kelly will try to schedule an Instructor Development Class to be held here. This will be a 40-hour class. She will check to see if it can be held at the Tacoma Dome. The department would need to make lesson plans, and keep a record of the subjects that were taught.

A/C Howatson stated that the mission of Homeland Security is aimed at equipping, training and preparing personnel on how to respond before a major incident occurs. Region 5 is Pierce County, and all the organizations work together. County DEM would become the coordinator in an emergency situation in the County, with TPD assisting. In the City, TPD would be primary.

Training is conducted regionally. There are forty people in the training cadre. In Region 5, they would like all emergency and medical personnel to have eight hours of Terrorist Early Warning training. Department personnel should participate in exercises as often as possible.

The meeting ended at 1445 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office.

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(Minutes approved by [REDACTED])

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 04-092

**FROM:** Assistant Chief James Howatson  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** March 26, 2004

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—MARCH 11, 2004**

The weekly Homeland Security Meeting was held March 11, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captains Meinema and Feddersen, Lts. Ruiz, Kelly, Kirby, and Still, Sgts. Caron and Branham, and Secretary Boneske.

### Resources

A/C Howatson, Captain Meinema, and Lt. Kirby are going to attend an out-of-state First Responder Training class in April.

Sgt. Still will be attending Tactical Emergency Response Training (TERT).

### Exercises

Captain Meinema stated that on March 18, 2004, there will be a Bio-terrorism tabletop exercise for department managers at the Sheraton Hotel. There will also be a couple large exercises in August and October, sponsored by the Pierce County Consortium.

### Planning

Captain Feddersen contacted Tom Simmons to find out about the next meeting.

### Intel

Sgt. Caron stated the train bombings in Spain appear to be the work of al-Queda.

The Global Peace Day rally will be held at McKinley Park on March 20, 2004. It is usually well-organized and maintained, and there's no indication there will be problems.

A maritime bulletin was issued reference scuba divers. The Dive Shops in our area were contacted.

### Training

Discussed the need to have officers train in the Personal Protective Suits (PPEs). Sgt. Branham explained that the PPEs we have for officers are only level C, which means they should only be used for escape. They provide splash resistance and minimal respiratory protection. The main use for them would be if you were contaminated and had to remove your clothing, the suit could be used as alternate clothing. Once contaminated clothing is taken off, 70 to 90% of the contamination is taken away. The PPE suits are noisy, slick and hot. The question comes up as to where do you put your gun, handcuffs, etc., with the suit on?

Perimeter staffing was discussed on how to respond to a biologically contaminated scene. Personnel should realize they can't rush in and enter a hot zone, even if there are mass casualties. They need to know their limitations. Our PPEs are **not water resistant or airtight**. They should be thought of as short-term protection.

Officers will need to critique the situation and identify how bad it is before they enter the hot zone. The department needs to provide awareness level training to personnel so they know how far away from a bomb or biological agent is safe, etc. If a situation where a bomb or biological agent was released downtown, what could be done to warn the large numbers of people present there. BIA officers with Nextel radios could try and spread the word to evacuate.

Our department has six (6) Level A suits available to us now. These suits are water and airtight. If needed, when we acquire more, we could outfit some CBRNE team members, bomb team members, and some Clan Lab personnel quickly. Along with help from outside agencies, we would rotate a small group of people into a crime scene at a time, then rotate them out. The Fire Department is obtaining suits that are Level A.

Some officers may not be cleared by a physician to wear a gas mask/respirator because of medical conditions. The department cannot require officers to take a medical exam to be approved for a gas mask. The City Safety Officer says the department is required to issue a mask. We can't force an employee to use it. Per OSHA, employees need to be trained in its use.

Only 18% of personnel haven't returned their questionnaires, and some of these are from support staff. Personnel need to be approved before a fit test and gas mask are issued to them. As soon as the fit testing is complete, the department can provide "fast fit training." Currently, the canisters for the gas masks we have right now are only to be used for escape.

A lot of former lab team members have the knowledge to assist in a critical incident, but recertification is still required yearly.

The CBRNE/WMD Team will be attending out-of-state training in April and May.

On April 19-21, Homeland Security Region 5 will be putting on a Train the Trainer class. There are four openings for law enforcement personnel to attend. Region 5 is going to start providing classes for awareness groups like Police, Fire, Medical, etc.

The meeting ended at 1450 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 04-093

**FROM:** Assistant Chief James Howatson  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** March 29, 2004

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—MARCH 25, 2004**

The weekly Homeland Security Meeting was held March 25, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captains Meinema and Strickland, Lts. Ruiz, Kelly, Kirby, and Still, Sgts. Caron and Branham, Detectives Calitis and Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske.

### Resources

The 2003 grant money is used up. Our department received the Personal Protective Equipment with it. For the next round of grant money, our department hopes to receive sonar equipment for the Marine Unit, and bomb suits. Also on the wish list is an armored car.

Pierce County put in a request for fourteen sets of scuba gear. We would have some officers on the scuba team, so this gear would be shared.

With grant money of \$1 million for each of two years, by the time it's divided among Fire, Police, and medical organizations, Fire still receives the majority of the money. TFD needs computers, as they have no MDCs. With the importance of accessing all the building plans available on First Responder, the Fire Department doesn't currently have computers in their vehicles to access this information.

### Intel

Threat level for the country is still at level yellow.

Participants attending the Global Peace Rally on March 20<sup>th</sup> at McKinley Park were law abiding.

The federal government will spend over \$19 million to teach truckers how to spot terrorist activity as they drive throughout the country.

A recent grant for \$10 million was provided for intelligence. This amount was divided among the counties, and Pierce County received \$525,000. This will be used to fund the South Puget Sound Intel group. They will hire a full-time analyst, and obtain some technology equipment.

A National Guard analyst has been assigned, and will be assisting Special Ops in their work. With S.O.S. moving to the old Costco building in mid-July of this year, they will have extra offices and room to work in.

### Exercises

There will be a debriefing on the tabletop exercise that was held recently at the Sheraton.

Port of Tacoma has an exercise scheduled in April. We are evaluating what level of participation TPD is going to be involved in with Port exercises. The Port has lots of money to fund these exercises, but TPD doesn't have the money to provide the coverage needed if the department participated fully in all these exercises.

The Seahawk exercise with the military is scheduled for August. The SWAT and DRT team might participate for the training experience. The military also has a great training film/scenario that would be excellent for our SWAT team to participate in.

There will be a First Responder symposium held at Fort Lewis around August or September of this year. The department will probably be involved in this.

There was a Black Cross Health Collective training rally on Saturday, March 27, in Olympia. It focused on training riot participants some useful skills and basic first aid treatments/street medic training for those injured in riots. Officers should be aware that training of this type is being offered to citizens. (A copy of the training announcement this organization sent is attached.)

There will be two big training exercises in August and October in Pierce County.

**Planning** - No new information.

### **Training**

There will be a Train the Trainer Awareness class from April 19-21. There are only four openings for law enforcement personnel. Not sure how many TPD personnel will be accepted.

There will be three integrated Awareness classes offered on May 19, June 15, and July 14, 2004.

Officers Judge and Nist are presently attending a training class in New Mexico. From April 4-10, the entire CBRNE Team will be attending an out-of-state class on Incident Command.

Will be setting up an Instructor Development Course in our area. Others offered by WSCJTC are out-of-town and too expensive to send many people to. Will find out how many people want to attend on our department.

### **Miscellaneous**

The department needs to make progress on MRPs for Homeland Security issues. Sgt. Branham is working on an MRP for responding to a suspected radiological call. The Pierce County Sheriff's Dept. is rewriting their MRP, so we may use theirs as a guideline. Lt. Still will work with Lt. Lerum on an MRP covering catastrophic events. Det. Wimmer will look at the current MRP on bombs and secondary devices and see if ours needs to be updated. Another MRP that is needed is responding to suspected suicide bomber calls. The department should focus on setting up training to cover this topic.

The meeting ended at 1435 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office.

JH:jtb

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 04-105

**FROM:** Assistant Chief James Howatson  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** April 9, 2004

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—APRIL 1, 2004**

The weekly Homeland Security Meeting was held April 1, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captain Feddersen, Lts. Ruiz, Kirby and Still, Sgt. Caron, Detective Calitis, and Secretary Boneske.

### Resources

Detective Calitis mentioned that officers need more magazines for their rifles. Presently, they are only supplied with one magazine which carries eighteen bullets. Magazines cost approx. \$30 each. Also, some of the older magazines should be replaced because of their age.

Lt. Still will be attending training in Alabama on April 18. It will be a Biological hot class.

### Intel

Threat level for the country is still at level yellow.

Related to a previous warning to pay attention to divers, a couple Israeli outposts were recently attacked by divers appearing out of the water with weapons.

### Exercises

On April 8, there will be a after-action debriefing on the tabletop exercise that was held recently at the Sheraton.

The department will have an observer present at an exercise planned at the Port of Tacoma in April.

Captain Meinema and some SWAT supervisors watched the asymmetrical training at Fort Lewis. This is a state of the art interactive program that would be excellent if our special teams could use it for training.

### Planning

There has been no resource meetings scheduled yet.

The Regional Coordinating Council (RCC) meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2004. A/C Howatson and Capt. Feddersen plan on attending.

Lt. Kirby believes the department should provide some officers full-time to Homeland Security duties. An officer should be assigned to intelligence, and maybe a couple officers or detectives assigned for investigative research.

### Training

The WMD Team is continuing to train at a fast pace. PPO Nist and Judge attended a class the end of March, and the whole team is attending a class out of state from April 4-10.

PPO Reopelle has researched and is evaluating ballistic helmets and face shields. We'll be receiving several different kinds to give to officers to test.

New helmets the department is researching are lightweight and bulletproof, and only weigh two pounds instead of seven. Depending on the model, prices are approximately \$230 for the helmet, and \$270 for the face shield. The department will try to purchase these with grant money. If these are obtained, officers should practice with them out at the range.

**Miscellaneous**

The meeting ended at 1430 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 04-127

**FROM:** Assistant Chief James Howatson  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** April 27, 2004

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—APRIL 15, 2004**

The weekly Homeland Security Meeting was held April 15, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captain Feddersen, Lts. Kirby and Still, Sgt. Branham, Detective Calitis, and Secretary Boneske.

### Resources

A/C Howatson, Captain Meinema and Lt. Kirby will be attending a training class on terrorism in New Mexico the week of April 19-23, 2004.

Sgt. Branham and Detective Calitis were going to a resource meeting scheduled for the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>. They will focus on grant requests. Hopefully, our department will get PPE face shields and helmets, along with detection equipment.

Detective Calitis mentioned that he just put an RFP together for extra rifle magazines for officers. The Range has two hundred magazines in the safe, but we'll need a way of carrying them on the butt stock. The department will need to purchase some type of pouch for the magazines. There are eighty old magazines, in which we could trade two old for one new one. Detective Calitis and Sgt. Bass should work with ASB to get the necessary equipment purchased.

It was suggested that once Active Shooter Training is completed, the department could offer more rifle training for officers. Some officers that haven't qualified yet should be trained, along with opening the class up to other officers wanting more training.

A/C Howatson said it looked slim that we would get an armored vehicle from this competitive grant, although Vancouver Police just received one. It might be possible through the Port Security Grant. PPO Reopelle will look into it.

Sgt. Still will be attending a Chemical Tactical Emergency Response Training Class in Alabama next week.

### Intel

Nothing to report.

### Exercises

Lt. Feddersen will be an observer at an exercise planned at the Port of Tacoma on April 20<sup>th</sup>. He attended a pre-plan meeting for this exercise. A Fife Police Sergeant will be running the unified command with other agencies. It was recommended that Lt. Feddersen offer ICS training to Ruston and other smaller outside agencies.

Lt. Standifer and DRT members toured the Immigration detention facility on the Tideflats. It was recommended that DRT and SWAT run an exercise there in preparation for any emergency situation that may occur in the future.

### **Planning**

There has been no resource meetings scheduled yet.

### **Training**

Sgt. Branham is sending four officers from the CBRNE Team to a Train the Trainer class on April 19-21. Right now, eight officers on the team are certified to train at the "Awareness Level." Port of Tacoma personnel and private security firms have also requested this training. TPD should include them in our training classes.

Talked to CJTC about an Instructor Development Course. Instead, since OSHA is putting on a 6.5 day Hazmat class in Fife, most of the CBRNE Team have been signed up to attend it.

Sgt. Branham will list all the training the CBRNE Team has attended, and when the team should be fully trained and ready to teach the rest of the department.

The Fit Test medical questionnaire was on the server, but because of recent computer problems, it was lost. Jeff Huntsman is trying to find it and put it back on the server.

There is a new Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings course offered in New Mexico called "Suicide for Bombers."

Sgt. Branham talked with Mike Campbell of DEM who was finalizing the grant order and was ready to send it in. Some items were deleted so they could focus on others.

Any training and costs associated with the Bicycle Rapid Response Team (BRRT) should be taken out of the DRT budget.

### **Miscellaneous**

The meeting ended at 1435 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office.

JH:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 04-146

**FROM:** Assistant Chief James Howatson  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** May 18, 2004

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—MAY 6, 2004**

The weekly Homeland Security Meeting was held May 6, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captains Meinema and Meeks, Lts. Kirby and Ruiz, Sergeants Branham, Caron and Still, Detective Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske.

### Exercises

Captain Meinema introduced Tom Coyle, who is a manager from the Fort Lewis Center of Asymmetric Warfare. He was interested in what our department's objectives were as to Homeland Security. Mr. Coyle listed several homeland security exercises that will take place this year, and which agencies will be involved in them. He also described the up-to-date simulation sub center they have at Fort Lewis, along with an elaborate training facility they're constructing called "Leschi Town," which will be completed and ready to use in July. Captain Meinema suggested that our special teams arrange to use this facility for training in the future.

### Resources

A/C Howatson stated they haven't held any meetings yet. We need the items from the 2003 grant order. Scuba gear for divers is going to be a priority in the 2004 grant, along with PPEs, ballistic items and, if possible, an armored vehicle.

Sgt. Still received a brochure on an Armored Personnel Carrier track vehicle. Sgt. Still and Lt. Kirby were asked to work with PPS Dryer on researching this.

EOD has an office in the new Copco building. Our department will need to maintain the PPE equipment. We have some testing equipment, but no one trained in how to use it yet. Det. Wimmer and Sgt. Branham will look into this.

There have been some global positioning systems placed on some railroad cars. Officers should be aware of this if they get called to a "suspicious thing" on the railroad car, because it could be mistaken for a bomb.

### Planning

There have been no resource meetings scheduled yet. Captain Meeks was briefed as to what his role is as a representative from our department at the Regional Coordinating Council for Region 5.

### **Intel – Sgt. Caron**

The organization E.L.F. has taken credit for the arsons of newly built homes in Snohomish County. They are protesting urban sprawl.

Believes there will be an increase in anti-war protests as more stories and pictures of the abuse of Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison become public knowledge.

Recently, there were three protestors in front of the County-City Building picketing against the death penalty.

Will be working on putting out a Training Bulletin describing new tactics that may be used by rioters in order to injure officers. It is helpful for some officers to be positioned on rooftops or higher ground in order to use surveillance and guard against these tactics and attacks.

### **Training**

Sgt. Branham attended the first Region 5 Terrorist Early Warning (TEW) group training course, and stated it was unsatisfactory. The trainer had never attended any ODP training, and Sgt. Branham didn't think he was qualified to teach the course. Sgt. Branham met with Port of Tacoma security firms and volunteered to have our WMD Team give them a First Responder Class. WSCJTC is going to certify our department's WMD Team as trainers.

There are five members of the WMD Team in Alabama this week taking an Instructor Development course.

Members of the WMD Team have several training classes they will be attending in the upcoming weeks.

Sgt. Branham will make arrangements with Lt. Kelly and Lt. Kirby so he can schedule a 40-minute turnout training in the near future.

Fit testing and the issuance of PPEs is an ongoing issue. The Fit Test needs to take place yearly. The medical forms need to be updated every five years. It's possible fit testing for the masks will take place in June, and training for the PPEs will occur near the end of June and first of July.

Is receiving the finalized list from Mike Campbell, DEM, as far as the items that were ordered for 2003. This will help us from duplicating orders with the 2004 grant monies.

### **Miscellaneous**

The meeting ended at 1452 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office.

JH:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 04-147

**FROM:** Assistant Chief James Howatson  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** May 20, 2004

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—MAY 13, 2004**

The weekly Homeland Security Meeting was held May 13, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captain Meinema, Lts. Kirby, Cribbin, and Ruiz, Sergeant Caron, and Secretary Boneske.

### Exercises

Lieutenant Kirby stated during the week of Feb. 21-25, 2005, there will be a 2 or 3-day tabletop planning session for the full-scale scenario that will take place in April 2005. They are hoping top executives from the departments will show up. Since we don't have personnel dedicated solely to Homeland Security, he stressed that the Chief and Asst. Chiefs should try and attend this training.

There are several exercises coming up this year that different agencies are participating in. The Federal grant money for training has to be spent, so several exercises are being planned. One exercise will be held in Dupont in June. Our department should make sure that top personnel from Bureaus other than Operations are trained in Homeland Security.

Our SWAT and DRT/EOD team should be participating in the asymmetric exercise that will be held in this area in October 2004.

### Resources

A/C Howatson stated that Det. Wimmer reported that EOD had their entire wish list filled from the latest grant money.

R.J. Allen is going to continue researching ballistic shields.

### Planning

Lt. Cribbin stated that Pierce County wanted the TPD SWAT and EOD teams to participate in a training exercise on June 25. These teams will need to start adding terrorism training into their regular training topics.

EOD responded to a callout of a suspicious box in a mailbox at 64<sup>th</sup> and McKinley. It was addressed to the President, but had no postage attached. It ended up being a box of rocks.

### Intel – Sgt. Caron

The organization E.L.F. has taken credit for the arsons of newly built, unoccupied homes in Snohomish County as a protest to urban sprawl. They used twelve improvised incendiary devices that were unique and identical. S.O.S. will be assembling one for training purposes so officers can be aware of what they looked like.

### **Training**

Reported that the department's WMD Team should have their training completed by next week, and should be ready to train the department on the use of PPEs.

There are still twenty medical forms not returned yet, in which seventeen are for new hires. Training on the masks should start soon.

### **Miscellaneous**

It was decided that this committee will hold meetings every other Thursday. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 27, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office.

JH:jtb





# **TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **Intra-Departmental Memorandum**

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 04-176

**FROM:** Assistant Chief James Howatson  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** June 21, 2004

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—JUNE 10, 2004**

The biweekly Homeland Security Meeting was held June 10, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captains Meeks and Strickland, Lts. Kirby and Ruiz, Sergeant Caron and Still, Detective Calitis and Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske.

### **Exercises**

Lieutenant Kirby stated during the week of Feb. 21-25, 2005, there will be a 2 or 3-day tabletop planning session for the full-scale scenario that will take place in April 2005. They are hoping top executives from area departments will show up.

An exercise will be held in Dupont on June 25th. SWAT will be participating in it. Lt. Feddersen should also be involved in the ICS. Our department should make sure that top personnel from all Bureaus participate in these exercises.

Our SWAT, WMD, and EOD teams should be participating in the asymmetric exercise that will be held at the Port of Tacoma in October 2004.

### **Resources**

There have been no new meetings.

The Health Department is starting an Isolation Quarantine Committee. Sgt. Branham will be the Department representative, on behalf of the WMD Team.

Per Detective Wimmer, the EOD Team received a new \$80,000 Mechanical Wand Sniffing Machine that will detect explosives and narcotics (C-4, nitrates, TNT). It can be used to sniff a vehicle. It was purchased from an award back in 1998.

Det. Calitis said the Range is waiting for the authorization to purchase new magazines for the rifles. A/C Mielbrecht should be the one to authorize the purchase.

Det. Calitis wondered if SWAT was going to get a new Tactical Operations Vehicle. They have \$40,000 in reserve, but need \$100,000 total. If \$60,000 from fleet reserve is transferred, a vehicle could be purchased. Will work with Fred Dryer and Bob Quimby to purchase one through GSA. They'll need to make sure the radios and equipment are compatible.

### **Planning**

There have been no meetings.

### **Intel – Sgt. Caron**

President Bush is going to visit Ft. Lewis on June 17-18<sup>th</sup>. The FBI will be the contact, rather than the Secret Service. Traffic officers may be needed for an escort if ground transportation is used.

On May 27, 2004, E.L.F. took responsibility for the torching of a Poplar Tree Farm research site in Washington. An electronic detonating device was used.

Al-Qaida may be recruiting white Muslims, as there was a site on the internet showing a white Muslim with a British accent. They are also recruiting females in Arab countries, especially to be used as suicide bombers.

### **Training**

Captain Strickland said Training is making sure all the fit tests are completed, and then they'll issue equipment and schedule training with the equipment.

Whatever training the WMD Team attends, the Dept. of Emergence Management should be told, because it then lets the whole region qualify for more grant money.

### **Miscellaneous**

A/C Howatson stated our department needs an MRP on Suicide Bomber protocol, and maybe a training module set up so officers know what to do if this should occur. The subject could be covered during in-service training.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 24, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office.

JH:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 04-191

**FROM:** Assistant Chief James Howatson  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** July 13, 2004

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—JUNE 24, 2004**

The biweekly Homeland Security Meeting was held June 24, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captain Meinema, Lts. Kirby and Ruiz, Sergeants Caron, Branham and Still, and Secretary Boneske.

### Exercises

Lt. Kirby stated it was important to decide which Command Staff personnel from our department would attend the large scale full-day asymmetric exercise from October 5-7, 2004. It was recommended that A/C McCrea and Lt. Feddersen attend, and the critique would take place on Oct. 7. The SWAT Team is scheduled to participate on Oct. 6. We would also need a small group of officers for security purposes (cars, bike officers, and motorcycles) on Oct. 6. A range officer would also be helpful in make sure all weapons are checked and emptied of real ammunition. TFD will be involved, and possibly the PCSD SWAT Team. It is possible we could use the MSU Team and WMD Team.

There was an exercise held in Dupont on June 25<sup>th</sup> that SWAT was involved in.

Captain Meinema was going to e-mail all commanders that they should plan on attending some of these exercises. It is important that the Chief and Assistant Chiefs rotate attendance at these, so if there is an emergency in the area, they would all have some experience and training in how to deal with the situation.

There will be a full-scale exercise on February 23, 2005, in Puyallup, but our department is not primary. Many departments will be involved.

There are a series of National Institute Management Systems classes (NIMS) being offered, which are basically ICS classes that keep getting more advanced.

### Intel

Captain Meinema wanted to report an FBI warning on floating IEDs in the water. These may be rigged as Styrofoam bombs. It is important for our EOD team to cross-train with the Marine Services Unit, just in case they are ever called out on this type of incident. Sergeant Caron stated these could be like floating mines, camouflaged or placed on improvised rafts that are floating down the river or into a marina. You can no longer just assume it is junk floating in the water.

Starting July 1, 2004, a website on the internet will start releasing all unclassified Homeland Security information to private citizens.

There was a flyer on Ryan Anderson, the National Guard deserter who sympathized with al-Qaida. He was caught in Indonesia with passports, training tapes, and other military information. He was going to be interviewed.

### **Training**

Several members of the WMD Team have recently been attending training out of state.

Fit testing has been completed on all but twenty-six officers. The City Safety Officer has three fit testing machines.

Officers that have beards cannot take a fit test for the masks. They need to shave their beards before conducting the required test.

Training will need to schedule when to issue the equipment to officers and provide training. Our department should also assist with training the Port of Tacoma security officers.

The Isolation Quarantine Committee has been meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They have to cover a lot of policies/decision-making procedures. Sgt. Branham recommended that someone with a higher rank than a sergeant attend these meetings because of the decisions that need to be made. At this time, the Sergeant will attend the meetings and record what policies they would like instituted.

There is now room at the Copco Building to store property for the WMD Team and others that need it.

If the current SWAT Van is replaced with a new one, the WMD Team can have the old SWAT van.

### **Resources**

There have been no new Resource meetings. A/C Howatson will call Tom Miner at DEM and ask why the Resources Committee hasn't been meeting or communicating with other organizations.

### **Planning**

There have been no meetings.

### **Miscellaneous**

Members still believe our department should budget permanent positions for Homeland Security staff. With the threat to our country, it may only be a matter of time before terrorist actions occur here.

A/C Howatson would like the WMD Team to make up a wish list for their new budget needs for the next two years.

The department needs to come up with a name for the new Marine Services Boat when it is completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1450 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 22, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office.

JH:jtb

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 04-213

**FROM:** Assistant Chief James Howatson  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** August 20, 2004

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—AUGUST 5, 2004**

The biweekly Homeland Security Meeting was held August 5, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captains Meinema and Meeks, Lt. Kirby, Sergeant Still, Detectives Wimmer, Calitis, and [REDACTED] and Secretary Boneske. A

### Exercises

There will be a large scale full-day asymmetric exercise from October 5-7, 2004. The SWAT Team, EOD Team, the PIO, and our Command Post should be participating on Oct. 6. Asst. Chief McCrea and Lt. Feddersen will also be participating in the exercise. Captain Meinema and Lt. Kirby will be lane graders. We would also need a small group of officers for security purposes (cars, bike officers, and motorcycles) on Oct. 6.

There will be a full-scale Region 5 exercise on February 23, 2005, at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. Many departments will be involved.

### Intel

[REDACTED] stated that from August 10-20, 2004, a Stryker brigade from Fort Lewis will be simulating role playing scenarios for intelligence gathering in Olympia, Tacoma, Seattle and Puyallup. The participants will be dressed in BDUs, and they will not be armed. Our department should just be aware in case Dispatch gets any calls concerning suspicious persons in reference to this. A

Crystal Mountain will be building a new day lodge and restaurant, so some environmental activists may target this site because of the impact this may have on the area.

### Training

Training is trying to schedule time when the WMD Team can start training in Operations, but it's hard to schedule this with the shortage of manpower.

A/C Howatson met with Jim Jenkins of the PCSD. He expressed an interest in the TPD and PCSD EOD teams to start working together a couple times a year so everyone is familiar with each other, in case an emergency situation presents itself in the future. We don't want to combine the teams, but do want to be familiar with each other.

### Resources

There will be a Resource meeting August 16, 2004, at the Fire Station. Det. Krancich and Sgt. Still should be attending this meeting so our department is involved with the ordering of equipment out of the grant money available.

### **Planning**

Captain Meeks is going through the regional mobilization plan and updating it to include our WMD Team, Marine Services Unit, and Mobile Command Unit teams and the resources we have.

Recommended that Operations update the Operational Plans/Threat Level Red response, since the last plan is outdated because of personnel changes, along with the added John shift. It was recommended that Sector Lts. review their Sector Plan quarterly, and make sure they make any necessary updates.

### **Miscellaneous**

The WMD Team should be moving into the new Police Warehouse in September of this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 1505 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office.

JH:jtb



# **TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **Intra-Departmental Memorandum**

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 04-229

**FROM:** Assistant Chief James Howatson  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** September 27, 2004

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—SEPTEMBER 2, 2004**

The biweekly Homeland Security Meeting was held September 2, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captain Meeks, Lt. O'Dea, Sergeants Still, Branham and Caron, Detective Wimmer, Officer Weaver, and Secretary Boneske.

### **Exercises**

A large scale, full-day asymmetric warfare exercise will be held October 5-7, 2004. The SWAT Team, EOD Team, MSU, the PIO, and our Command Post should be participating on Oct. 6. Asst. Chief McCrea and Lt. Feddersen will also be participating in the exercise. Captain Meinema and Lt. Kirby will be lane graders. We also need a small group of officers for security purposes (cars, bike officers, and motorcycles) on Oct. 6.

### **Intel**

Sgt. Caron stated the protests in New York were connected to the political conventions.

The terrorist actions at the Russian school are believed to be carried out by homegrown terrorists who are Chechnya Islamists, fighting to be free from Russian rule.

Locally, the Hell's Angels are holding a show at the Temple theater from Sept 10-12, 2004. There will be a tattoo show and beer garden inside the Temple, but the Temple will provide their own security and not need TPD's involvement.

### **Training**

Sgt. Branham reported that the WMD Team taught a 4-hour Awareness class to ten new recruits. After officers attend the Awareness class, fit testing will be conducted. Staffing always seems to be short, but the team will try to schedule training classes during shift overlaps.

DEM is trying to put on an 8-hour Incident Bombing Course. The instructors would be people who have already taken the course previously. DEM also wants to put on several advanced classes, but they are not flexible in the scheduling. Even though TPD has officers trained to teach these classes, DEM wants to duplicate the effort and also put on these classes.

Our department needs to give a 4-hour training class to all employees on the following three topics: Awareness, Personal Protective Equipment, and Terrorist Bombing.

### **Resources**

Sgt. Still stated most of the State's grant money in 2003 was spent towards training. The 2004 equipment list requests haven't been approved yet. The end date to spend the 2004 money is October 31, 2005. Grant funds can also be used to pay for installation of items received from the grant that year.

A/C Howatson stated the Law Enforcement Regional Coordinating Council ordered \$1.2 million worth of items in 2003. We received lots of bomb equipment for our department to use. There were no requests from the EOD Unit for equipment in 2004. PCSD received funding for a Bear – Armored Vehicle, which can be used by our department, if necessary. The agency who receives the equipment, though, has to pay the licensing and road use tax of over 8% of the purchase price. The 2004 grant will purchase dive gear which is sized to an individual, so it may be difficult to share between departments.

Detective Wimmer stated the EOD Unit received all the equipment they need.

Officer Weaver stated the WMD Team could use an autoclave, which ranges from \$7000 to \$14,000. If there is Homeland Security grant money left in other regions of the State that hasn't been spent, it's possible our department could get other needed items. The amount of future grants will be awarded by population density instead of geographic size.

Officer Weaver mentioned that The Tall Ships is coming the end of June 2005, and is expected to draw 400,000 visitors.

### **Planning**

Captain Meeks said the Port of Tacoma now has sensors they can put trucks and cargo through. The Port needs to create an Isolation Protocol for vehicles/cargo that indicate a possible danger. These vehicles need to be held somewhere secure until the proper agencies can respond to verify the safety of its contents.

Captain Meeks is working with Blair Waterway and the Pierce County Terminal on their evacuation plan for them. It may take two to three years to prepare a complete plan.

Wondered if the Immigration facility has an evacuation plan. The Disorder Response Team conducted an exercise there in the past. Maybe City Legal should work on an MOU, so we can charge for our services/assistance to them, in case a situation occurs where our department goes above and beyond what is expected in normal circumstances.

There have been no Terrorist Early Warning Planning meetings. They have gone through a lot of personnel changes recently.

The meeting was adjourned at 1450 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 30, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office.

JH:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 04-249

**FROM:** Assistant Chief James Howatson  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** October 7, 2004

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—SEPTEMBER 30, 2004**

The biweekly Homeland Security Meeting was held September 30, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captains Meeks and Meinema, Lts. Cribbin and Kirby, Sergeant Caron, Detectives Wimmer and Calitis, and Secretary Boneske.

### Correction to Previous Minutes

It was noted in the minutes of the September 2, 2004 meeting, that the Pierce County Sheriff's Department received funding from a grant to purchase a Bear (Armored Vehicle). That information was incorrect. They **do not** have grant funding at this time for an armored vehicle.

### Exercises

A large scale, asymmetric warfare exercise will be held October 5-7, 2004. There will be a meeting at 1300 hours on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> for the controllers. The exercise will start early on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, and a recovery exercise is planned for October 7<sup>th</sup>. Our department has never participated in a "recovery" type exercise in the past. This covers what the city does in the days and weeks after the crisis has passed, like what is the economic recovery plan.

On February 23, 2005, there will be a very large Homeland Security exercise that will involve numerous agencies from the County, State DEM, and FBI, along with many different jurisdictions. Things to think about during this exercise is involving agencies like the Red Cross in setting up soup kitchens, and planning for tents for citizens to live in if our region ever suffers a severe crisis.

### Intel

Sgt. Caron stated that nationally, the country should be aware that the terrorist threat is high with the upcoming November elections. Though there is nothing specific, intelligence is that some sort of terrorist action will occur prior to the Presidential inauguration.

Locally, the FBI has initiated a comprehensive plan to start conducting interviews with anyone that presents a threat to our country. There will be a 24-hour hotline to call to make a report.

██████████ is doing research on the subjects that MSU contacted on jet skis that appeared to be buzzing a barge that was off-loading fuel at our Port. A

It was suggested that when intelligence is received concerning items such as the warnings recently issued on HVAC systems, that our department should make sure to inform our City maintenance department, and any others that should be aware.

### Training

None of the personnel on this committee were able to attend the meeting.

It is important that we start First Responder Training for our department. A department memorandum was issued announcing the opportunity for officers to attend an 8-hour CBRNE/WMD Awareness Training Class, sponsored by the Pierce County Dept. of Emergency Management. Officers can attend off-duty, on overtime, and our department will get reimbursed for this training.

### **Resources**

Stressed that it is important to attend the Resource meetings because the budget gets adjusted each time, and some requests come down to a vote. Those agencies attending and providing input have a greater advantage of receiving items they ask for from grant funding.

Detective Calitis stated he is still waiting on the purchase of new magazines for the mini-14 rifles. The order is approved and there is money in the budget to purchase these. Sgt. Bass is the contact to order these.

A/C Howatson stated that WASPC is coordinating and contracting with a private consulting firm to computerize a school mapping system, similar to Pierce Responder, for all public high school buildings in the state. This should eventually include other schools and all public buildings. They will offer this service to private high schools, but the private schools will have to pay the cost themselves.

A/C Howatson stated that the Tall Ships organizers will need to create a safety and security plan, and work with our department on the necessary planning for this event next July.

### **Planning**

Captain Meeks has assigned Lt. O'Dea to work on updating our department-wide emergency response plan, with staff working 12-hour shifts. This plan will need to be changed to incorporate the new "John" shift. An outline of the plan should be presented at our next meeting.

Captain Meeks gave an update on the Pacific Rim Games that will be held in our city the first two weeks of June 2005. This will be a large event, similar to the Goodwill Games. The organization is trying to develop a security plan. They will want to meet with the SWAT, DRT, and logistics commander to discuss their expectations. The organization will provide security for searching people who enter, but the police department will be needed for traffic control, high angle and site security.

### **Special Teams**

Lt. Cribbin will be attending a Grant Writing Class. Hopefully, this will be useful so our department can obtain more funding from grants that are available.

Lt. Cribbin applied to attend a Suicide Bombing class held in Mexico. This training is needed so our officers can be given some training and guidance on circumstances such as this.

### **Miscellaneous**

Captain Meinema mentioned the possible use of laser beams to blind airplane pilots. This is a cheap, low tech way to cause a tragedy. Wondered if we should notify/warn our city airport to watch for suspicious persons that may be involved in this.

The meeting was adjourned at 1500 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office.

JH:jtb

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 04-285

**FROM:** Assistant Chief James Howatson  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** November 23, 2004

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—November 11, 2004**

The biweekly Homeland Security Meeting was held November 11, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captain Meinema, Lts. Cribbin and O'Dea, Sergeants Caron and Peck, Detective Calitis, and Secretary Boneske.

### Exercises

On February 23, 2005, there will be a large Homeland Security exercise that will involve numerous agencies from the County, State DEM, and FBI, along with many different jurisdictions. Now that there is a new "player" involved that has a big budget to use on this exercise, there may be more sites used than just the Puyallup Fairgrounds. Will need to put out a Special Order listing all the special teams that will be taking part in this exercise.

### Intel

Sgt. Caron stated there will be a School of America's March at Wright Park on November 14. Traffic is assigned to work the event, and no problems are expected.

The Leonard Peltier March is coming up in February 2005. A video surveillance team may be assigned to this event. This would also be a good event for the Bicycle Rapid Response Team to be at.

Nationally, the threat level dropped to yellow for places like Washington D.C. and New York. There is no credible evidence at this time to point to an upcoming terrorist action.

With Yassar Arafat's death, Palestine is going through a power struggle.

Neo-Nazi groups are growing in numbers throughout the country.

After Thanksgiving, there will be a "fur" event/sale at the Tacoma Mall that might draw ALF/ELF protestors.

### Training

Sgt. Peck reported that the WMD Team is conducting Bloodborne Pathogen training for the department.

With Tall Ships and the Pacific Rim Games being in Tacoma next year, officers should receive some training on dignitary status, rules of the land, and roles on getting into these venues.

### Resources

A/C Howatson stated that our department is receiving a lot of bomb equipment as part of the Homeland Security grant.

Detective Calitis stated Steve Hennessy is looking around for a good deal on a motor home style vehicle that the SWAT Team can modify for use as a command post vehicle.

Detective Calitis stated an RFP was submitted by the Range several weeks ago for the purchase of 200 new magazines for the mini-14 rifles.

### **Planning**

Several Ops command staff members attended a Pacific Rim Games meeting in Seattle on November 10. These games will be starting on June 5, 2005. At this time, there isn't much money or corporate sponsors for this event. The cruise line housing for all the athletes fell through, and they'll need to find housing for all the athletes in Seattle. The opening ceremony will be held at Safeco Field. It appears that the organizers of this event seriously underestimated what it would cost to pay for security at that events. There is an Arts and Cultural Convention planned at the same time as the Pacific Rim Games, which is to take place at the Tacoma Convention Center, but this may be cancelled. These Games will be a significant security event. Our department needs to work on a budget, but it is difficult, because don't know if the Arts and Cultural Convention will also be taking place, and we don't know how many hours each day these events will run. Our Special Teams should put together ideas and a guesstimate of the costs to staff this event, and send this information to Captain Meinema.

The Tall Ships event will run from June 30 through July 4, 2005. Since there is a Jehovah Witness Convention at the Tacoma Dome at the same time, the City can't use the anticipated parking/shuttle plan from the Tacoma Dome to the waterfront. The hotels are all booked for the convention. Along with the crowds that usually attend the Freedom Fair on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, it is expected that the crowds will be far greater because of the Tall Ships event. The Tall Ships organization didn't want to give the City any money to pay for the security our department will need to provide. Overtime will have to be an appropriation from the City.

Point Defiance will also be holding their 100-year anniversary celebration the same weekend as 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the Tall Ships. Ruston Way may need to be shut down, and only local traffic and people with reservations at restaurants may pass through.

With all these events taking place right before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, it will be a challenge for our department to staff a Fireworks Detail in 2005.

Lt. O'Dea mentioned that there will be a Military Liaison Expo at Fort Lewis on November 17, 2004. Four WMD team members plan to attend.

### **Special Teams**

Lt. Cribbin applied for a grant which would purchase an armored vehicle (Bear). Our department would like to be able to purchase one out of what's remaining in our 2004 budget.

PPO Song filled the last opening on the SWAT Team.

The SWAT Team should conduct training at the new convention center, and draw up a tactical plan for that location.

If the department needs aerial satellite maps, Jeff Jensen can obtain them free of charge as the Emergency Manager.

Lt. Cribbin will be meeting with Lakewood Police to discuss EOD concerns.

**Miscellaneous**

A/C Howatson stated the overtime budget may be slashed drastically next year. We'll need to train officers on straight time, so we can save overtime money for call-outs.

The meeting was adjourned at 1455 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 9, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office.

JH:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 04-305

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** December 14, 2004

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—December 9, 2004**

The biweekly Homeland Security Meeting was held December 9, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captains Meinema and Feddersen, Lts. Cribbin and O'Dea, Sergeant Caron, and Secretary Boneske.

### Exercises

On January 12, 2005, there will be a tabletop scheduling meeting (to be held at the Tacoma Convention Center) in preparation for the large Homeland Security exercise on February 23, 2005. Captain Meinema will need to know what TPD command staff employee will be attending both this tabletop meeting, along with the exercise on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Planning

Lt. O'Dea and Sgt. Branham attended an Isolation and Quarantine Meeting on 12/9/04. Our department will be required to provide the names of at least seven officers to be a part of the 26-member county-wide Isolation Team by February 15, 2005. By March 31, 2005, these officers will be provided isolation and quarantine training. This team will have the legal authority to quarantine and isolate people if the need arises. The WMD Team could be members of this Isolation Team as part of their duties. All overtime for duties involved in this function will be reimbursed out of the Homeland Security funds.

Lt. O'Dea related that LESA already has a protocol in place for dispatching to isolation/quarantine calls. We should think about what our department would do if hundreds or thousands of people needed to be isolated. Would we use the Puyallup Fairgrounds, the Tacoma Dome, or portable buildings. If it was resulting from a terrorist incident, we would receive help from governmental agencies.

Lt. O'Dea is looking for someone to provide training on Use of Force to public health employees. Our department has to make an hour presentation on this subject during the first quarter of 2005. Lt. O'Dea will coordinate with the Training Section on this, as the department will need to provide a lesson plan on what is going to be covered during this presentation. PCSO Lt. Ed Smith, the head of the manpower subcommittee of the Regional Coordinating Council, is the contact person on this.

The Operations Plan will need to be updated and sent out so officers are aware of their work hours, in case our department has to go to emergency 12-hour shifts because of some terrorist threat/action. Lt. O'Dea will arrange for this.

### Pacific Rim Games

The Pacific Rim Games will start on June 5, 2005. Captain Meinema attended a meeting on 12/8/04, and learned that the figure skating, speed skating, and curling events were dropped. Although nothing is final as to where these events will take place, they will not be held in the Tacoma Convention Center, but the Dome is still available. In case the Southwest Sports Complex in West Seattle is cancelled as a site, it was rumored that an alternative site for some events might be Mt. Tahoma High School.

Housing has still not been decided on and, potentially, the athletes may stay in dispersed housing through Hyatt facilities. This would be a possible target for terrorism. A request to the Governor's Office explaining that this is a national security event could possibly bring in more funding for security.

Our department would need to develop intelligence on possible problems, protestors, etc. Ticket holders would need to be screened before entering the facilities, along with all the other security needs for an event of this type. Soft targets would be transport buses bringing the athletes to the events. Also, the paying public may be allowed to watch the athletes during their training days, which would raise security costs. Our department will need to provide security around the clock for places like the Dome, which would have continuous deliveries for food and concession stands, along with the cleaning and set-up crews operating at night. TPD may have to hire officers from other agencies at a flat pay rate, to be able to provide enough security. We would need to make sure our city is reimbursed for these costs.

Sgt. Caron recommended that as this event gets closer in time, we contact the Ft. Lewis Intelligence Group, as they are excellent in obtaining intelligence. With all the people coming from other countries, many of those visiting/involved with the games may be spies.

Several TPD members will be contacted to assist and meet with the Seattle Organizing Committee reference these Pacific Rim Games. Sgt. R. Jepson will oversee Planning, Captain Meinema will assist with the Operational matters, and Lt. Ruiz will help with Logistics. There have been no contracts signed yet on a venue, or agreement as to what is covered. Captain Meinema will send out information explaining this committee. Each Sector Lieutenant should put together a security plan for their substation, as there could be all kinds of terrorist actions against buildings, the ferry system, etc.

Captain Meinema is putting together a training cadre committee to present training on subjects like immunity and defection laws of the land, in case any out-of-country visitors approach officers and request to defect. We'll need to find language bank interpreters, and should put together a guide listing many languages, so a person can point to the language they speak, and the proper interpreter can be found. Turnout training in reference to probable cause/suicide bombers should also be held.

Sgt. Caron inquired if the Department of Transportation could install cameras on ferries and transit buses prior to the Pacific Rim Games for intelligence purposes. He also suggested our department receive some training/tips on known anarchists that may strike from without our own area.

Tall Ships – which will be held June 29-July 5, 2005. There is not much information yet on this event. Tacoma will need a city-wide planning group to assist with this event. The Lt. Governor may be approached for help with financing to cover the cost of providing security for this event. Since the Jehovah Witnesses' conference takes place at the Dome during this event, the Dome parking lots cannot be used for transport buses taking citizens to the waterfront. Some large parking lots will need to be found.

### **Resources**

Our department is receiving a lot of bomb equipment as part of the Homeland Security grant. In the past, vehicles (like armored cars) have not rated high on the priority list to those making purchasing decisions. Hopefully, that attitude appears to be gradually changing.

The meeting was adjourned at 1515 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Members that have agenda items should send them to Judy Boneske prior to the next meeting.

CM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 04-308

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** December 17, 2004

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—December 15, 2004**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held December 15, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Captain Meinema, Lt. O'Dea, Sergeants Caron and Still, Detectives Calitis and Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske.

### Exercises

On January 12, 2005, there will be a tabletop scheduling meeting (to be held at the Tacoma Convention Center) in preparation for the large Homeland Security exercise on February 23, 2005. Lane graders will be needed from our department. It would be beneficial to have employees attend that haven't attended any of these exercises in the past. That way, more people on our department will have experience in dealing with terrorist situations.

### Resources

Sgt. Still attended the last Resources meeting. It is possible that an additional \$500,000 of grant money that wasn't spent by other counties will come back to Pierce County to spend in 2005.

### Planning

Lt. O'Dea explained the term "posse comitatus." Posse Comitatus forbids use of American military units against U.S. citizens, or within the continental U.S., except in extreme circumstances (i.e., insurrection, terrorism, nuclear warfare). Only in such emergencies could U.S. troops be used inside the USA. The military has been trained and could also assist with a quarantine/isolation circumstance involving a large number of people.

The Governor can declare a state of emergency and may proclaim that a county, city, or the entire state is under Marshall Law. This would mean that the National Guard could be called in, and the area would be under military rule. If only "partial Martial Law" is declared, the military would work with the Police. The Governor's decision is **not revocable**.

Lt. O'Dea will find the appropriate phone numbers to the Military agencies that we might need to contact in case of an emergency. It would be up to the JAG officials to decide if they can/will assist us in a certain circumstance.

Lt. O'Dea put together a revised Operations Plan in case of a serious terrorist threat/attack. It includes a schedule of all employees, and what hours they would work if we go to 12-hour shifts. Captain Meinema will be reviewing the plan.

It's not too early to start considering the staffing needs for the summer of 2005. With the Pacific Rim Games being held June 5-12, 2005, and Tall Ships coming June 29-July 5, 2005, we may need to look at vacation limitations. We will need to use officers from other departments to assist with security needs. Our department will need to send letters to other agency heads and inquire if officers from their department will be allowed to work these events.

### Pacific Rim Games

The Pacific Rim Games will start on June 5, 2005. Captain Meinema will be asking personnel to be on various subcommittees for these games. Most of the meetings will be held in Seattle.



### Tall Ships

Will be held June 29-July 5, 2005. This event **will be** taking place, but there is not much information yet on the plans. The Lt. Governor was approached for help with financing to cover the cost of providing security for this event. The City also earmarked \$100,000 for Special Events in the new budget.

The Tall Ships organizer thinks all the ships may be able to fit inside just the Thea Foss Waterway area. New ideas keep coming up, with one to include a gun fight in the bay using real cannons. Also, some old historic ships may be brought here for the event, and there will be a re-creation of a civil war camp set up along Dock Street. All of these additional events will present security concerns.

### Intelligence

Detective Wimmer gave information about a bomb threat called into the Tacoma Mall, left on voice mail. They tracked the call to the Pacific Lutheran University, where an arrest was made. JTTF will assist with this case.

The "Red Cell Program" (which is a group of analysts/think tank, that tries to predict targets that terrorists might hit) included on their list targets, such as ferries and transportation systems. WSP has already tightened security on ferries and have bomb sniffing dogs on some of them.

Sgt. Caron and Det. Pavey will be attending a week-long Intelligence Analyst School in March 2005.

### Miscellaneous

Detective Calitis reported that he's still working on obtaining new magazines for the Mini-14 rifles. The order was apparently sent, but the contractor stated he didn't receive it.

The meeting was adjourned at 1505 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 6, 2004, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Members that have agenda items should send them to Judy Boneske prior to the next meeting.

CM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-018

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** January 14, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—JANUARY 6, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held January 6, 2005, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Asst. Chief Howatson, Captains Meinema and Feddersen, Lts. Kirby and O'Dea, Sergeant Caron, and Secretary Boneske.

### Exercises

On January 12, 2005, there will be a tabletop scheduling meeting (to be held at the Tacoma Convention Center) in preparation for the large Homeland Security exercise on February 23, 2005.

### Resources

The Law Enforcement Terrorist Prevention Program (LETPP) will be meeting soon to decide the specifics of the Regional Intelligence Center (RIC) that will be set up. The Pierce County Sheriff will be in charge of it, and a WSP Trooper, an analyst, and probably a TPD officer will be part of the workforce there. No salaries are allowed to be paid by the grant for the RIC, but the organization should work hand in hand with the Joint Terrorist Task Force.

There is a training manual on the NIMS website that you can go through quickly. Wondered if the WMD Team could be NIMS' trainers. This training would be in addition to ICS. Maybe one of the classes for Sergeants' training could be a NIMS PowerPoint class.

Some of the equipment purchased through the grant has been received and is being distributed. The items off the 2003 list are being purchased now. It includes about \$500,000 worth of boots, suits and gloves. The committee is still trying to get approval for the items requested for 2004. The armored vehicle has still not been approved because of the steep price tag. Another \$500,000 grant is available for our region, because other regions in the state didn't meet their goals. Our department should be proud of all that we've attained to this point--we've established a WMD Team and have had training, and we have equipment to use in case of an emergency.

### Planning

#### Pacific Rim Games

The Pacific Rim Games will start on June 5, 2005, with one venue at this time being the Tacoma Dome. If the athletes are housed in various Hyatt properties, this may present other security concerns. The department decided **not** to block vacations during June and July because of these events. A notification will be put out letting officers know of the opportunities for overtime this summer for the Pacific Rim Games and Tall Ships. We will hire officers from outside agencies to assist with covering staffing needs for these events.

#### Tall Ships

Is still on schedule and will be held June 30-July 5, 2005. There is not much information yet on the plans. The Lt. Governor was approached for help with financing to cover the City's cost of providing security for this event.

There is a Homeland Security class held in Arlington, Virginia, on March 14-16, 2005. It looks like a good course where ICS will be practiced. Personnel interested in attending should send an e-mail to Captain Meinema.

Lt. O'Dea mentioned that under the Posse Comitatus law as it applies to quarantines, the only military branch that has the authority to assist is the Coast Guard. Also, if the city has a major incident, it would be up to the Governor to request the assistance from the Coast Guard. Our department just can't place a call and ask them to help us.

Lt. O'Dea and Sgt. Branham are working with the Isolation and Quarantine subcommittee. The committee came up with a SARS protocol which will need to be critiqued. Judge Orlando is also involved in this process. Our department will need to have a policy reference this. Someone recently was at the Tacoma Mall wearing a mask and attached to a filtering system, and claimed he had SARS. What should our policy be in the future to protect citizens if something similar happens? The next meeting for this committee is January 13.

### **Intelligence**

Sgt. Caron will be attending an Analyst School in Seattle from January 24-26, 2006.

Sgt. Caron and Det. Pavey will be attending a week-long Intelligence Analyst School in Kelso, in March 2005.

Ft. Lewis had a minor demonstration on January 5<sup>th</sup> outside the gate. It was a protest for the governor's election over military absentee ballots. There were no problems.

Morris Dees (a Civil Rights supporter) will be coming to Everett in the future. It's possible that a demonstration may take place there.

### **Training**

The Training Budget for 2005 was \$500,000. Training will try to teach NIMS and technical courses. Scheduling is being prepared for training and handing out PPEs. Fit Testing will be held at the police warehouse, and the PPEs should be issued before the end of the first quarter.

The meeting was adjourned at 1505 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, at 1400 hours. Members that have agenda items should send them to Judy Boneske prior to the next meeting.

CM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-031

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** February 3, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—JANUARY 20, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held January 20, 2005, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Captain Meinema, Lt. O'Dea, Sergeants Caron and Mueller, Det. Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

Mentioned that most of the members of the Homeland Security committee have been assigned as subcommittee members of the Pacific Rim Games/Tall Ships committees. Reminded members that as they attend these Pacific Rim meetings in Seattle and King County (run by the Seattle Operating Committee – SOC), they should not feel compelled to agree to everything the Seattle Police Department mentions.

Though each member may be attending different meetings, (s)he should communicate with each other and work together. Special Teams will need to coordinate and work with each other. Members should keep Sgt. R. Jepson in the loop on what's taking place at each of their individual meetings. TPD Pacific Rim/Tall Ships committee members will start meeting on Wednesdays, at 1400 hours, at the Sector Four Substation.

### Exercises

The large Homeland Security/Terrorist Exercise planned for February 23, 2005, at the Puyallup Fairgrounds, is called Cascade Resolve '05 (CR5). Lt. Kirby will be putting out a Special Order listing the officers that will be assigned to this event.

On March 29-30, 2005, some Israeli contingents that are experts in the field of suicide bombers, will be giving a presentation in our state. Personnel who want to attend should send an e-mail to Captain Meinema. Attendance is limited to 500.

### Planning

#### Pacific Rim Games

Although this will be a highly visible international event, it is only estimated to draw crowds under 7,000 people each day to the gymnastics' event at the Tacoma Dome. It will still be a potential terrorist target. Red China will have athletes in attendance, and this may possibly bring protestors. There could be defections, so it will be important that all officers working this event know the proper protocol for this.

#### Tall Ships

Tall Ships is expected to draw a large number of visitors, up to 100,000 a day, with more expected on July 4th. This event could be a potential terrorist threat because of the large crowds. During this event, the ships plan on having cannon battles daily in the Sound.

It was suggested that a group of officers attend a 3-day Mini-14 Rifle training class. If high security is needed at an event, we could use these officers at fixed posts guarding high risk areas.

### **Intelligence**

In Wisconsin in October 2004, two power transformers were cut, and the suspects left their tools behind. Tacoma Power was contacted so they would be aware of this type of sabotage.

The Leonard Peltier March is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>. No problems are expected at this time.

Someone should teach a class to Pierce Transit bus drivers on the topic of suicide bombers, and what they should look for.

The Department of Transportation should be contacted to see if we can tap into their camera capabilities, to be used as surveillance on streets and highways in the area.

Tacoma is the second largest port in the United States. There is lots of open water here, and is a fertile ground to penetrate. Our Marine Services Unit will help in protecting the Port. Sgt. Mueller met with the Coast Guard, and it was mentioned that the worst threat we may have on the water is personal watercrafts mounted with guns or loaded with explosives. If officers see people on PWCs practicing what looks like maneuvers, they should be aware they could be terrorists practicing for a further terrorist action. It was suggested that our department contact the Coast Guard and find out what our department would need to do to be allowed to mount weapons on The Vigilance.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Our officers need to be trained to learn how to recognize suicide bombers and triggermen in a crowd. If there is threat of a bomb inside a building, always avoid standing near glass, as the glass will become the projectile.
- If an officer is responding to a hospital because someone is being treated for fingers that were blown off, they should ask the subject specific questions. It may be determined that the subject was making bombs.
- If a report is heard about a group of animals all dying in a specific area, it might mean poisoning, gas, etc.
- Lts. O'Dea and Cribbin will set up some type of training on these subjects to help inform our officers.

Officers will need to watch for IEDs. If a suspicious car is searched by the police, we'll need a way to mark it so each officer coming upon it doesn't waste time searching it again. Marking it with glo-markers was suggested.

The meeting was adjourned at 1505 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, at 1400 hours. Members that have agenda items should send them to Judy Boneske prior to the next meeting.

CM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-045

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** February 22, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—FEBRUARY 10, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held February 10, 2005, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Lts. Cribbin and O'Dea, Sergeants Caron and Still, Det. Calitis, and Secretary Boneske.

### Resources

The Homeland Security grant money for 2003 has all been spent for Region 5 (Pierce County).

From February 28 through March 6, 2005, Federal government officials will audit our area's DEM documents and supplies, to ensure that the procurement process has not been abused, and that agencies are using the items they received for the proper purpose.

The Regional Coordinating Council is starting to take a more regional strategic mode. King County is going to give Pierce County \$1 million dollars to help build Pierce County's Emergency Operations Center.

One region may be turning back grant money that they didn't completely expend in their Exercise budget. Other regions may be able to use this money.

### Exercises

The Cascade Resolve '05 Special Order and DM went out department-wide, announcing the officers that will be involved in the Homeland Security Exercise at the Puyallup Fairgrounds on Feb. 23.

### Intelligence

There were no problems at the Leonard Peltier March on February 5. There were approximately 150-200 people in attendance.

There have been incidents of broken windows at McDonald's restaurants in other states, and one in Seattle last month by the ALF organization, claiming the company "McMurder's" the meat it serves.

In Northern California, they've had Eco-Terrorist attacks (against urban sprawl). The ELF organization has been to blame for fifteen devices found at new apartment complexes in which many were torched. All the devices were similar: a 5-gallon container of mixed gas and diesel, flares, and a clock timer.

### Special Teams

Lt. Cribbin passed out a draft copy of a Bomb Threat/Suicide Bombings MRP. Members should provide feedback to Lt. Cribbin on any changes. IEDs will need to be included. Vehicle bombs were not included in this MRP, so a separate one may be created for that topic.

A two to three-hour training class will be held for officers on bomb threats/suicide bombings before the Pacific Rim Games come to town. Training may start sometime in April.

Need to train Pierce Transit drivers, parking checkers, and other employees that should be on the lookout for suspicious circumstances related to possible bombs.

If Pacific Rim Games' athletes are housed in Tacoma at the Sheraton Hotel, barricading the street on both sides of this hotel should be considered.

Lt. Cribbin had a meeting with SWAT committee members from different agencies. They are working out a mutual aid plan so teams can back each other up, if the need arises. TPD SWAT will conduct joint training with the other area teams at our site (Tacoma Dome), and at sites in Seattle that will be used for the Pacific Rim Games.

The meeting was adjourned at 1430 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3, at 1400 hours.

CM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-059

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** March 15, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—March 3, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 3, 2005, at 1400 hours, in Asst. Chief Howatson's office. Present were Captain Meinema, Lts. Cribbin and Kirby, Sergeant Still, Dets. Calitis and Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske.

### Exercises

Cascade Resolve '05 went very well. The TPD SWAT Team distinguished themselves for the great job they did. LESA also did very well. Some issues did arise during the exercise. Fire personnel were assisting "injured" people, but as soon as "shots fired" was announced, Fire personnel withdrew from the scene and staged away from the area. Police learned that if something like this happens in real life, officers will have to rescue and manually transport injured officers away from the scene before Fire personnel will assist them. There was lots of down time on exercises, and the command center didn't know the status of several police units. Pierce County EOD didn't even know the TPD EOD Team was involved and available for the exercise. In the future, ongoing briefs of what is occurring would help the involved units know what is taking place. Resources weren't used as well as they could have been. It was recommended that all the TPD Special Teams put together some type of information/training that can be presented to Command Staff, so they are aware of what each team's responsibilities are, and how these teams would work with each other, depending on what type of incident officers are involved with.

### Special Teams

Lt. Cribbin talked about training the WMD Team on Suicide Bombers/dirty bombs, etc. First responders will need to be trained.

Det. Wimmer reported that the EOD Team received an E-Pix X-ray System. This cost-effective enhanced X-ray system saves the department \$20 per picture when they X-ray something.

It was mentioned that the EOD Team hasn't assigned a team member as the "lead bomb technician." At this time, it was determined that Det. Wimmer would fill that role.

The EOD and SWAT teams are planning to have training on Explosives Entry. They'll learn how to use explosives to gain entry/breach a door, etc. These teams should also meet with the WMD Team to learn what each team's responsibilities are, and how they could assist another team at a major event.

### Planning

Lt. O'Dea attended a NIMS workshop on March 3. To be in compliance with the Federal government requirements, all officers are required to attend the NIMS IS-700 course. At this time, this is the only authorized training that fulfills their requirement. It can be taken as an on-line course, that officers could even complete at home. Our department could also facilitate the training. Our department could be eligible for overtime costs if officers completed this on their own time, or if officers were used to backfill for others in training. The government hasn't decided what date this needs to be completed by yet, but it is estimated to be by September 30, 2005.



The Federal government is also working on NIMS emergency plans that are to be standardized for all departments, if they want to be eligible for grant money. They are also setting up personal qualification standards on a national level; i.e., a "Bomb Tech Type I" would have to have the same minimal standards in our state as in all the other states. There will even be physical standards set up. If our department would ever want money from the federal government, we would have to follow these guidelines. At the present time, they only have a draft format of these requirements.

There is a 5-step process to follow under NIMS. The City would have to announce a proclamation that NIMS is what the department is going to. If our department is ever going to accomplish all that NIMS requires, we will have to develop a plan and timeframe for what needs to be done.

The Dept. of Emergency Management recommended that we follow through with training our department in the NIMS IS-700 class, along with Public Works, Fire, Utilities, the Mayor and City Council, school administration, etc.

The National Response Plan Roll-Out Presentation for NIMS will be held in Seattle on April 21, 2005. The State is recommending that all supervisors take the IS-300 and IS-400 NIMS classes, although they are not required at this time. These materials can be reviewed on-line now.

The WMD Awareness Course is also available on-line, and will be a requirement under NIMS. It can be completed in thirty minutes on-line. This course is eligible for grant funding for overtime/backfill.

#### **Resources**

Nothing to report. No new meetings.

#### **Intelligence**

Nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned at 1405 hours.

CM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-062

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** April 15, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—March 17, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 17, 2005, at 1400 hours, in A/C Howatson's office. Present were Captains Meinema and Feddersen, Lts. O'Dea and Kirby, and Secretary Boneske.

**Pacific Rim Games Update** (Since this date, the Games have been cancelled.)

The Pacific Rim Games have now been designated as a Nationally Significant Event. The FBI has rated it as a Homeland Security Level 2 event, which means the federal government (FBI) will be the federal coordinator of the event.

The Sea-Tac Hilton and Doubletree Hotels will be housing the athletes. There will be no athletes housed in Tacoma.

The Multi-Agency Coordinating Center will probably be located at the Emergency Management Facility in King County.

Each agency was requested to put together a resource notebook detailing what their agency will be doing. Capt. Feddersen stated the South Puget Sound Regional Mobilization Plan already fulfills this request.

**Homeland Security Topics**

Captain Feddersen said the NIMS IS-700 Course is the course the federal government is requiring police agencies to train their personnel in prior to October 2006. Our department will present a PowerPoint presentation with handouts to facilitate this course. The Pierce County DEM has a copy of the course presentation and handouts, and will print copies for all employees at no cost to our department. Our department will have to provide a copy of each officer's certificate of completion to send to DEM. The training class will last 2 to 2.5 hours. It was suggested that this class be presented during one of the command staff's retreats, so they can experience the training first. Capt. Feddersen was assigned to check with Jeanette as to when this training could be presented to Command Staff.

Lts. O'Dea and Cribbin are working together on creating a Suicide Bomber Training class. The Chief will need to consider a policy that would involve the use of deadly force to be used in certain circumstances. This class could be taught along with the NIMS training course.

Lt. O'Dea has been working on the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, and is incorporating the NIMS language into it.

The PPE and gas mask fit testing will start on 3/18/05. The specialty teams will receive this training first. A couple of the command staff personnel still need to be fitted. All the Operations Sgts. and Officers have been cleared to be fit for masks.

**Cascade Resolve '05 Exercise**

Captain Meinema commented on the Cascade Resolve exercise that took place at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. Will submit a bill to the regional agency as to what it cost our department to backfill officers on overtime so we could participate in this exercise. Hopefully, the department will get

reimbursed for these expenses. The after action report hasn't been completed yet. Our department did learn some things from this exercise. When there was a "shots fired" call and a "dirty bomb" included in the exercise, the Fire Department personnel were required by their operating procedures to distance themselves from the scene. Officers should keep this in mind in case an officer is severely wounded, but the situation is still volatile. Officers may need to remove the injured officer themselves, to a safe distance away from the scene, before Fire personnel can administer aid to the officer.

The more our officers and commanders participate in these types of exercises, the more confident our officers will feel and perform if a "real" situation like this takes place. Practice makes perfect.

CM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-063

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** March 24, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—March 24, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 24, 2005, at 1400 hours, in Captain Feddersen's office. Present were Captain Meinema, Sergeant Caron, and Secretary Boneske.

### Resources

The Bicycle Rapid Response Team (BRRT) has been budgeted for Less than Lethal Munitions. They will be receiving an Arwen.

### Intelligence

There is a general threat throughout the country of possible terrorist attacks over the Easter holiday, but nothing more specific than that.

The Israeli Conference (discussing terrorist tactics/suicide bombings) will be held at the Tacoma Convention Center on March 29-30. Our department will need to provide for security during this event. So far, we can keep security fairly low, because the conference has not been advertised. Our department will not be eligible for reimbursement for these security costs. Sgt. Caron hasn't located anything yet on websites, indicating any planned protests during this conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 1410 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for next Thursday, March 31, at 1400 hours.

CM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-082

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** April 15, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—March 31, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 31, 2005, at 1400 hours, in A/C Howatson's office. Present were Captain Meinema, Lts. O'Dea, and Kirby, Sgts. Still and R. Mueller, Det. Calitis, and Secretary Boneske.

Captain Meinema commented that the Israeli Seminar was informative and went very well.

The SWAT Team picked up their new command post vehicle, a 29' motor home. It still needs carpentry work done, and needs to be fitted with lights, radio, computers, etc. The old SWAT vehicle was given to the WMD Team.

Sgt. Still mentioned that there haven't been any recent Resources Meetings. The committee is finishing up with distributing the 2003 items that were purchased through the grant, and making sure these items are used properly under the grant guidelines.

Lt. O'Dea stated our department can receive ten new Beta Gamma detectors for free. The contract is ready to be signed, and is with the Legal Advisor.

Lt. O'Dea attended a Pierce County Isolation and Quarantine meeting on March 31. Judge Orlando has agreed to, and signed off on the forms necessary to allow issuance of a court order, in case Tacoma was dealing with a biological attack or someone with an infectious disease. A signed court order would be necessary before we could force people to be quarantined, but it is a "first step." The court order would allow "reasonable force" to be taken to get the subject to cooperate. The Puyallup Tribe was contacted and entered into a MOU regarding isolation and quarantine matters. The Tribe will cede jurisdiction in these matters to the Court, would follow the court orders, and would allow our Department to take action on their land under these circumstances, if necessary. Lt. O'Dea stated the Isolation and Quarantine Committee will continue to work with the legislature to enact this into law, rather than requiring a court order, but that may take a year or so. The committee will work with training the Court and attorneys on how and when to use these forms.

The Regional Coordinating Council has approved the training curriculum/proposal for law enforcement and public health personnel, that was submitted by the Pierce County Isolation and Quarantine Committee. They are now moving forward on an August or September timeframe of starting this training.

Sgt. R. Mueller stated the department is receiving two new Wave Runners from Yamaha for this year. The department will be returning the ones we are currently using. These new PWCs still need to have identifying Police stickers placed on them. They are not, and will not be equipped with police emergency lights.

Captain Meinema reminded everyone that our department is receiving lots of equipment, and we need to be careful of the inventory, and accountable for everything we receive. The same goes for property we get on loan from the P.C. Property Room. We will need to account for everything.

Lt. Cribbin will be teaching a Suicide Bomber Class to the department. It will cover intervention at the earliest stages.

Captain Feddersen will be teaching a NIMS 700 class to the department to satisfy the federal government's requirement.

The Bicycle Rapid Response Team will hopefully be ready and trained in time for the Tall Ships. Team members will be attending two courses in May.

A Civil Infrastructure Vulnerability Assessment (CIVA) was scheduled today (3/31/05) at the Tacoma Dome, in preparation for the Pacific Rim Games. A team from the National Guard is conducting this. (The Pacific Rim Games have since been canceled.)

The meeting was adjourned at 1435 hours. The next meeting was scheduled for April 7.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-081

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** April 15, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—April 7, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held April 7, 2005, at 1400 hours, in A/C Howatson's office. Present were Captain Meinema, Lts. Cribbin, O'Dea, and Kirby, Det. Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske.

Captain Meinema wondered if we have adequate access to a bomb dog, if needed. It was recommended that Det. Wimmer research what it would take if we acquired a bomb dog for our department. ATF will train the dog for free; the department would just have to cover our officer's salary. We would have to make this a full-time position though, and a working dog.

With the availability of ManPad's (Portable Aid Defense Systems – shoulder mounted missiles/stingers) and HPMs (High Power Microwaves and Laser weapons), our department should establish a department policy for responding to this type of situation. These are a viable threat, and we need to train our officers on what they need to be aware of.

A couple people still need to be fitted for gas masks, including some supervisors. Also, noncommissioned personnel should be provided with some sort of safety equipment/mask which would allow them to leave the building safely. This will be researched.

The department was billed \$112 for a gas mask to be fitted with prescription lenses, since the officer couldn't wear glasses with it on. Can this cost be covered under the City Safety Officer's budget? (Rene' Larocque later said TPD would have to pick up the cost.)

Lt. Cribbin said he would push back the Suicide Bombing training a month, now that the Pacific Rim Games have been cancelled, and since First Half Qualifications is taking place. He will contact Training and plan on scheduling this for May.

PPO Travis is attending a Hazardous Devise School for EOD.

The meeting was adjourned at 1430 hours.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-086

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** April 25, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—April 21, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held April 21, 2005, at 1430 hours, in A/C Howatson's office. Present were Captain Meinema, Lt. O'Dea, Sergeants Caron and Still, and Secretary Boneske.

### Intelligence

The Seattle Police Department is hosting a "Terrorist Tactics and Weapons" conference on May 17-18, 2005. The International Counter-Terrorism Officers' Association (ICTOA) is sponsoring the course. It will cover the following subjects: global Jihad, Aviation Security, mass transportation security, maritime issues, JTTF Interaction, and WMDs. Our department was offered ten (10) free slots for officers/supervisors that would like to attend. Training requests should be submitted through the chain by Friday, April 29, so Sgt. Caron can reserve the spots with Seattle PD.

Sgt. Caron will have SID personnel check with the task force as to whether any suspicious people have been seen living in the area and/or hanging around Thea Foss waterway in the recent past. This is to prepare as much as possible to try and prevent any terrorist action at the Tall Ships event.

Sgt. Caron couldn't find any articles on websites regarding Tall Ships that would raise a red flag on planned terrorist activities.

The alleged protest on Tax Day (April 15) didn't appear to have caused any problems.

There will be a "Russian Organized Crime – Infiltrating the West" course on April 25-26, 2005, at WSCJTC. Lt. O'Dea and Sgt. Still will be attending.

The next Terrorist Early Warning intelligence meeting is set for April 26, at DEM.

The Pierce County Regional Intelligence Center will be located in Tacoma. SID will be helping fund the wiring and construction of this center. Two WSP analysts, Detective Shipp, Jeff Adamson, an officer from Bonney Lake, and others will be staffing this center.

The ELF organization is taking credit for the houses set afire in the Sammamish Plateau – to protest urban sprawl. Wonder if this organization will cause similar problems when the 18-hole golf course in University Place is constructed.

There was supposed to be a demonstration at the Weyerhaeuser business in Federal Way on 4/23/05.

### Training

Sergeants Branham and Peck are working on issuing the rest of the PPEs to officers on the department.

### Miscellaneous

Wondered if the CLOs were planning on doing a sweep/clean-up of the homeless camps prior to the Tall Ships event? It was suggested that the CLOs contact Public Works and organize this.



Sgt. Still had a meeting today (4/21/05) to talk to the owner of the grassy area south of the Petrol Tank Farm, across from where the Tall Ships will be moored. For safety purposes, it is planned that officers will be patrolling that land during the Tall Ships' event.

It was suggested that the Immigration Correctional Facility on the Tideflats, be advised of the magnitude of the Tall Ships' event, in case they need to plan for extra security.

The meeting was adjourned at 1530 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28, at 1400 hours.

CM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-090

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** April 28, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—April 28, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held April 28, 2005, at 1400 hours, in Capt. Feddersen's office. Present were Lts. Kirby and O'Dea, Sergeants Caron and Still, and Secretary Boneske.

### Intelligence

Sgt. Caron couldn't find any articles on websites regarding Tall Ships that would raise a red flag on planned terrorist activities.

There was a bulletin recently sent out tying the ELF organization to the arson of houses in the Sammamish Plateau a couple weeks ago. The devices used in these arsons are similar to the ones used in the arsons in the same area in 2004.

There was a bulletin on a Middle Eastern male subject trying to buy numerous keyless entry devices for cars. He has bounced several checks in California where he purchased many of these devices. It was relayed that this same suspect has been bouncing checks in the Seattle area. Insurgents in Iraq have used these devices to detonate IEDs.

There have been reports of phony hospital/health care inspectors trying to inspect hospitals in Los Angeles, Boston, Detroit, and New Jersey. It is policy to allow health inspectors to arrive, without warning, at any health care facility and conduct surprise inspections. Subjects have been arriving at hospitals during early morning hours wanting to do inspections. They had fake ID and were turned away. If terrorists are targeting medical facilities, it could put a real scare into the public.

### Resources

Sgt. Still stated the Resource Committee meets tomorrow (4/29/05). This group hasn't held any recent meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1415 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for May 5, at 1400 hours.

CM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-101

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** May 10, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—May 5, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held May 5, 2005, at 1400 hours, in A/C Howatson's office. Present were Captains Meinema and Feddersen, Lt. Kirby, Sergeants Caron and Branham, Detective Calitis, and Secretary Boneske.

### Intelligence

Sgt. Caron couldn't find any articles on websites regarding Tall Ships that would raise a red flag on planned terrorist activities.

Related to the recent bulletin on a Middle Eastern male subject trying to buy numerous keyless entry devices for cars, possibly to be used to detonate IEDs, it was suggested that Lt. Cribbin have his CLOs warn the car dealerships in the City of this individual. If any dealerships have done business with this subject, they should notify the police.

Sgt. Branham stated Foss High School might be staging a protest today (May 5, 1400 hrs.) reference the war in Iraq.

### Planning

NIMS has been adopted by the City Council as the training we will receive to meet the national standard. Captain Feddersen mentioned that the NIMS IS-700 training for the department will be 2.5 hours in length. SID officers have already been trained. It is planned that this subject, along with Lt. Cribbin's Suicide Bomber class, will be held during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter training, and should be completed prior to the October 2005 deadline. TPD will keep a roster of personnel that have taken the class, and copies of the certifications will need to be sent to DEM. Noncommissioned personnel will also attend NIMS IS-700 training.

Captain Meinema related that there are twelve Homeland Security grants that they are trying to consolidate through DEM. At least 20% of the money from these consolidated grants must be directed toward law enforcement agencies.

Under the Homeland Security "UWASI" Grant, departments in the area will soon have Air Operability capability. The helicopters in Snohomish and King County, along with the fixed wing in Pierce County, will soon be available around the clock on a priority basis. Agencies will soon call the King County 911 Dispatch Center if we have an emergency need for the use of a helicopter. Any of the helicopters can be called out, depending on the priority of the call.

Wondered if the recruits in the Academy would be able to work on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, if they are partnered with experienced officers? Captain Meinema will check with Training and see if this is a possibility.

Wondered if SID could plan a "hard rock" sting in June, to increase police presence just prior to Tall Ships? It takes months of planning for a big operation like that, so that will not be happening. SID can conduct some "hot pops" to try and move the gangs out of the area while Tall Ships is taking place.

### Training

The "WMD Preparedness Workshop for Senior Officials," which was to be held in Grays Harbor on May 26, has been cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 1450 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, at 1400 hours.

CM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-106

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** May 20, 2005

**THROUGH:** Assistant Chief Jim Howatson  
Operations Bureau Commander

**SUBJECT:** HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—May 19, 2005

The Homeland Security Meeting was held May 19, 2005, at 1400 hours, in A/C Howatson's office. Present were Lt. Kirby, Sergeants Caron, Still, and Branham, and Secretary Boneske.

### Intelligence

Sgt. Caron passed out a flyer advertising a "Defending Against Terrorism" class, sponsored by the International Counter-Terrorism Officers' Association, to be held in Orlando, Florida, from Oct. 18-20, 2005. Interested personnel should submit a Training Request.

Sgt. Caron talked to [REDACTED] about contacting the managers of the condominiums near the waterfront, (in preparation for the Tall Ships event) reference any suspicious circumstances and/or occupants.

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### Resources

Sgt. Still mentioned that Lt. Darlington and his officers contacted eight marinas in their sector, to advise them of the impact that Tall Ships may have on their business. He also provided a list of the business' names and contact phone numbers, which will be forwarded to Sgt. Jepson. Sgt. Caron mentioned that these marinas should also be asked if they've seen any suspicious persons/circumstances recently at their businesses. The marinas should be told to contact the police if something suspicious occurs.

### Training

Sgt. Branham mentioned that there is \$100,000 available, through the Dept. of Emergency Management, to be used to pay for "Homeland Security" type training for special teams. If any of our Special Teams wants to attend classes in terrorism/homeland security topics, they need to have the request approved through their chain of command, and then forwarded to Sgt. Branham. Sgt. Branham will present the request to the DEM Committee for approval and funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 1415 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, at 1400 hours.

CM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-113

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** June 9, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—May 26, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held May 26, 2005, at 1400 hours, in A/C Howatson's office. Present were Lt. Kirby, Sergeants Still and Branham, Detective Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske.

### Resources

Sgt. Still mentioned that the Resources Committee pared down the Homeland Security Grant Budget requests from two million dollars to \$965,000. That money has now been allocated for our Region 5 (Pierce County) budget requests for 2005, although the equipment won't be ordered for awhile. Departments are still receiving equipment ordered from the 2003 and 2004 Homeland Security grants. In the 2005 budget, our department was approved to receive thirty ballistic helmets.

The meeting was adjourned at 1410 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, at 1400 hours.

CM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-129

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** June 20, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—June 16, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held June 16, at 1400 hours, in A/C Mielbrecht's office. Present were A/C Mielbrecht, Captain Meinema, Lt. O'Dea, Sergeants Caron, Still and Moore, and Secretary Boneske.

### Intelligence

Last month, a floating IED was detonated in a harbor near Bellingham. It was constructed from two plastic beer bottles, a cell phone, and cardboard box. The investigation is still ongoing.

An Air Mobility Rodeo will be taking place at McChord Air Force Base from June 19-25, 2005. There will be over four hundred foreign nationals visiting from various countries. A number of the foreign visitors will be lodged in off-base commercial hotels, with several in the Tacoma area. Officers should be aware of potential confrontations between some of the foreign visitor and residents of the community.

The investigation into the people from India that were taking pictures of the Glass Museum earlier this year, so far seems to be a non-terrorist event. The investigation is still continuing.

### Sgt. Moore

In March, \$93 million from a Homeland Security Grant was divided between the states. Washington State was awarded \$2.3 million. Our region was granted up to \$250,000, to be spent on a Buffer Zone Protection Plan. This money will be divided up with \$50,000 being spent on site hardening for each of five locations in our area. Any items that can help with surveillance of these sites, or help decrease blast potential, can be purchased with this money.

A Devices Team containing five members of the DRT Team has been organized. These officers went to Spokane for training on how to defeat certain locks, tripods, etc., that protestors use at gatherings.

### Resources

Sgt. Still attended a Resources Committee Meeting on June 15. The group was still whittling down the wish list of items from 2002-03, and wondered if all the items on the list were still needed, since the list was made years earlier. The group was going to reevaluate the items requested, especially inexpensive items (i.e. \$10 and \$20 items) that should be purchased out of the department's own budget. Grant items should be big ticket items that departments probably wouldn't be able to afford to purchase from their own budget.

### Tall Ships Information

#### Intelligence

Governor Gregoire will be attending the Tall Ships event on the afternoon of June 30. She will have her own security protection provided by the WA State Patrol. A General from the Army is also expected to be present on this day for the Tall Ships event.

#### Miscellaneous

Business owners, employees, and residents in the Thea Foss area that will be affected by the Tall Ships event, will be issued a parking pass that they will need to stick on their windshield of their vehicle to be allowed into the area. Their name will also be listed on a check-off sheet maintained by volunteers at road closure areas.

MSU officers will look into obtaining a couple "pool hooks" (long poles with an attachment at the end, a rescue device located at swimming pools). In case people fall in the water around the docks, this pole could be used to assist them in getting rescued. Officers should be aware that the standard police vest they wear won't cause them to sink if they fall into the water, but a gun belt will.

Tall Ships Information Meetings for the Public

On June 20, 2005, there will be a meeting at the Mountaineers' Clubhouse (No. 30<sup>th</sup> and McCarver) from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Lieutenant Roberts scheduled this meeting to brief the residents and neighboring business owners/employees along Ruston Way of what they can expect as far as security and street closures during the Tall Ships/4<sup>th</sup> of July Extravaganza.

On June 21, 2005, at 8:30 a.m., at the Glass Museum on Dock Street, there will be a meeting with TPD Special Events Supervisors and the Thea Foss merchants. Some business owners and residents were concerned with some of the road closures and security procedures that the department is implementing during the Tall Ships event.

The meeting was adjourned at 1500 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, at 1400 hours.

CM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-134

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** July 1, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—June 23, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held June 23, at 1400 hours, in A/C Mielbrecht's office. Present were Captains Meinema and Miller, Lt. O'Dea, Sergeants Caron, Still, and Abuan, Gary Smith (Region 5 Intelligence Center), and Secretary Boneske.

### Tall Ships Information

The Parade of Sail will take place on June 30. It is expected that 3000 private boats will also be in the water during this event. The Ships are expected to circle in the harbor while each takes its turn mooring. There will also be a ceremony, conducted by the Puyallup Tribe, to bless and gift five of the ships.

WSP will also be providing undercover officers during the Tall Ships' event.

### Intelligence

Sgt. Caron stated that hits are starting to come in on websites pertaining to Tall Ships. The group "United for Peace of Pierce County" plans on being present during the Tall Ships event, and will be distributing flyers calling for the impeachment of President Bush and Vice President Cheney. This group has been law-abiding, and hasn't caused problems in the past.

### Lt. O'Dea

Stated it was possible for a protest to be held in Olympia over the military use of the Port. A Russian Ship was expected into the Port. Since our department has a Mutual Aid agreement with their DRT Team, Olympia needs to be notified that we would be unable to respond and assist them during our Tall Ships/July 4<sup>th</sup> Extravaganza.

### Homeland Security

Sgt. Caron introduced Gary Smith, the civilian intelligence analyst, who is employed through the Region 5 Intelligence Center. Their office is located in the Fleet Building, near Special Investigations.

### Resources – Sgt. Still

Sgt. Still said the Resources Committee drafted a letter to the Regional Coordinating Committee reference small ticket items still listed on the 2002 and 2003 homeland security grant request list from various agencies. The group was going to reevaluate the items requested, and determine if there is still a need for them.

Sgt. Still recommended that our department request tint/glazing on the windows around the turnout room at our new Police Headquarters. This type of glazing would cut down on the damage a blast would inflict. The request for Homeland Security Grant funds to purchase this could be related to the "Buffer Zone Protection Plan." Although our new police headquarters isn't on the present list of critical sites already approved for funding, we can always submit the request for future grant funds. Sgt. Still was advised to contact Sgts. T. White and J. Moore reference this subject.

### Intelligence

There were several recent bomb threats made to the following agencies: Bellevue, Marysville, Port of Seattle, and Tacoma. A bomb threat that TPD received on 6/20/05, stated that bridge(s) would be blown up in two days. The call came from a cell phone registered to a Tillicum address. The phone was reported stolen several days prior to the call being made. Officials checked the bridges in Tacoma and nothing was found.



On June 11, 2005, in Portland, OR, a 25' truck filled with hazardous material clean-up equipment (masks, filters, self-contained breathing apparatus) was stolen. This is mentioned just in case the suspects had plans to use this equipment to protect themselves while planning a terrorist attack in this area.

Lt. O'Dea

Gas mask fit testings are soon to be finished for our department.

Mentioned the need to update the Department's Threat Level Response IDM and callout list. A couple Lieutenants already revised their response plans for their sectors.

It was suggested that Training also notify noncommissioned personnel about attending the NIMs training class during 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Training. All TPD personnel should attend this class.

The meeting was adjourned at 1505 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, at 1400 hours.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-158

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** August 18, 2005

**SUBJECT:** **HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—July 7, 2005**

A Homeland Security Meeting was held July 7, at 1400 hours, in the turnout room. Present were A/C Mielbrecht, Lts. O'Dea and Abuan, Sergeants Branham and J. Moore, [REDACTED] PPO Wilkerson, Gary Smith (Region 5 Intelligence Center), and Secretary Boneske.

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### Detective Shipp

Is pleased that the Region 5 Intelligence Center is set up, and the employees are able to obtain intelligence that can be disseminated to our department.

On the morning of July 7, 2005, there were several bombings in London related to terrorists' activities. Casualties are about 400 killed and at least twice as many hurt. As a result, the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI issued a Joint Advisory that increased the Homeland Security Advisory System to ORANGE for Mass Transit and Passenger Rail only. The threat level for the rest of the nation remains at YELLOW. What the increased threat level means to Tacoma is there is a need for heightened awareness for the Mass Transit system to include: the Sounder train system, Ferry system, and Pierce Transit. The U.S. Coast Guard has implemented Maritime Security Condition 2 (MARSAC II) to ferries that carry more than 150 passengers. WSP Troopers will be riding on certain ferries. Bomb dogs are being used in certain areas. The King County Sheriff's Office will have uniformed deputies ride the Sounder train on some runs to and from Tacoma. Pierce Transit is working to hire additional off-duty officers for their system. The Ferry system *may request* maritime patrols for their system. It is unknown how long the Threat Level Orange for land-based transit will be in effect. At this time, the raised threat level does not apply to airlines. Security at the Freighthouse Square/Pierce Transit will be upgraded, along with screening of passengers and packages. Lt. Abuan will make sure the MSU patrols are increased, and will find out if safety zones will be required/enforced around the ferries.

Incidents involving "Skinheads" are on the rise. There was a TPD report on a possible hate crime at 25<sup>th</sup> and Pacific Avenue involving four Skinheads. There have also been sightings of Skinheads in Franklin Park, and some were contacted at a gas station at 56<sup>th</sup> and TMB.

Mentioned that future department training should be presented on the **Christian Identity Movement**. Pastor Mark Downey has a website of KKK.com, and NWRedeemer.com is connected to this movement. They are a violent group, and their activities are on the increase.

On June 30, 2005, [REDACTED] was observed across the street from the Operations Building and appeared to be conducting surveillance. He lost his business, doesn't like police, is hostile, and has several felony arrests (Burglary, Malicious Mischief, Assault, Felony Harassment). At the time, he had two outstanding warrants. Officers should be aware of him.

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There was "tagging" at Chief Leschi School in Puyallup, that was apparently done by members of the Hispanic/El Salvadorian gang called MS 13. This is a very violent gang that originated back East.

The Little Shell Pembina Tribe of North America is a group of Constitutionlists that are not recognized as a **real** Indian band or tribe by the State or Federal government. They are militia-type individuals that have been involved in tax fraud and scams. They claim they have diplomatic immunity, and have created their own license plates. In many states, they have caused problems and are looking for confrontations with law enforcement officers. Some recently had weapons violations that occurred at the Federal Courthouse in Tacoma. There are about ten members in Pierce County, with eight of these being Tribal Police Officers in our area.

#### Gary Smith

From July 4-11, 2005, the Earth First organization held a Round River Rendezvous week-long meeting. July 11<sup>th</sup> was their "action day," so it is unknown what disruptive actions they may have planned.

Received intelligence information that indicates large businesses have been receiving suspicious phone calls asking questions about security measures for their companies, water plants, infrastructures, etc. Since there is a Federal Grant being funded to provide "safety buffer zones" for certain areas in many states, it is unknown if these are legitimate calls being made by independent contractors, or whether it is terrorist-related activity. Officers should be advised that terrorists sometimes practice "dry runs" before carrying out a terrorist action.

#### Planning

Sgt. Moore mentioned that more "command boards" were needed for Operations supervisors, in preparation of an ICS-type incident that occurs. First Responder training should also be planned, so officers can practice putting on PPE suits and filters.

The Buffer Zone Protection Plan should be completed by July 15.

Lt. O'Dea will review and update the Department's Threat Level Response A/B schedules, in case our department needs to go to 12-hour shifts as a result of terrorist threats/actions.

#### Training

Sgt. Branham stated our department has now received the following items from the 2003 Homeland Security Grant: Pouches, boots, voice amplifiers, and 250 survivor masks.

#### Exercises

Lt. Abuan mentioned that if our Department obtained a Bomb Dog, we could get free training for the dog and officer provided by ATF. In return, the dog and handler would have to respond to bomb calls outside the city limits of Tacoma.

The meeting was adjourned at 1520 hours.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N.:** 05-157

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** July 15, 2005

**SUBJECT:** **HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES—July 14, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held July 14, at 1400 hours, in A/C Mielbrecht's office. Present were Captain Meinema, Sergeants J. Moore, Branham, and R. Mueller, [REDACTED] Gary Smith (Region 5 Intelligence Center), and Secretary Boneske.

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Because of the bombings in London last week, the Homeland Security Advisory System is still at security level ORANGE for Mass Transit and Passenger Rail only. The threat level for the rest of the nation remains at YELLOW. What the increased threat level means to Tacoma is there is a need for heightened awareness for the Mass Transit system to include: the Sounder train system, Ferry system, and Pierce Transit. The U.S. Coast Guard has implemented Maritime Security Condition 2 (MARSAC II) to ferries that carry more than 150 passengers. WSP Troopers will be riding on certain ferries. Bomb dogs are being used in certain areas. The King County Sheriff's Office will have uniformed deputies ride the Sounder train on some runs to and from Tacoma. Pierce Transit is working to hire additional off-duty officers for their system. The Ferry system *may request* maritime patrols for their system.

### Gary Smith

There are some reports in the U.S. that indicate White supremacists and Islamic individuals are harassing Americans in the Muslim community. Be aware of an increase in this type of activity.

On July 10, on a ferry run from Bainbridge Island, there was an individual that appeared to be conducting surveillance/monitoring the ferry system. The suspect was described as a Middle Eastern male, driving a multi-colored Chevrolet Camaro, with Arabic writing displayed in the window. The individual was not contacted.

In Los Angeles, two Muslim converts were arrested last week, who identified themselves as belonging to a group called "Assembly of True Islam." There was rumor that this group was to attack military recruitment centers in the U.S. on July 24, 2005. There were fifteen members identified in this group. These members own shotguns, and recently purchased new weapons. This terrorist cell was broken up by law enforcement authorities.

Intelligence identified as least fifty different (potential) terrorist groups in and around the area of Vancouver, Canada. There are also rumors of prostitutes being smuggled into Canada. There is a \$5 million reward for a Canadian/Pakistani individual wanted for a fake passport scheme he is involved in. Illegal aliens are being brought into Canada, and their photos are placed on altered passports he makes.

In Salem, Oregon, there has been a rise in younger children joining gangs (Asian, Russian, and Hispanic), and they are marking their territories.

In Yakima, WA, (along with many other Washington cities) the number of meth labs discovered has been decreasing. With Meth still being a serious problem, it appears fewer labs are found, possibly because the suspects are hiding them better. Some are hard to find because they are going mobile (in campers, vehicles, trailers, etc.).

Last week, the Earth First organization held a Round River Rendezvous week-long meeting. July 11<sup>th</sup> was called their "action day." Although Washington didn't appear to suffer any damage from this group, a large banner was hung from a freeway in Oregon. Also, a suspicious fire at a McDonald's restaurant occurred near Mt. Hood, (with a similar M.O. as the fire at a McDonald's in Seattle recently.)

There were members of an anti-recruiting group that held a protest at Alki Beach in Seattle. The protest was to last until July 14.

From August 12-17, 2005, the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Group will be conducting training for their personnel in the Seattle/Tacoma/Olympia area again. This class of twenty-seven students and instructors will conduct role-playing incidents in the area. They will be role-playing with "unloaded" guns, so officers should be aware of this, in case they are called to an incident. These personnel will be carrying proper credentials. A reminder will be placed on the E-peg as the event draws nearer.

Gary is putting together a PowerPoint training presentation on "Suspicious Behavior." This training will be presented to the department later in the year. It should also be provided to other businesses that need training for their security officers/personnel.

#### Captain Meinema

With intelligence information regarding a gang in Tacoma possibly in possession of a high-powered automatic weapon, it was suggested that Sgt. Bass demonstrate, during in-service training at the Range, what automatic gunfire sounds like from various weapons. Officers should be familiar with the sound these weapons make, so they don't assume they are only hearing fireworks.

Lt. Cribbin is conducting Suicide Bomber training during Third Quarter Training.

#### Sgt. Mueller

Mentioned that the Coast Guard has requested the MSU to conduct checks daily around the Narrows Bridge for suspicious behavior, along with monitoring the ferry runs. They were also requested to keep an eye on boats that come too close to moving ferries. These requests were made since we are still in level MARSAC 2 (Maritime Security 2).

The meeting was adjourned at 1500 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 21, at 1400 hours.

CM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 05-171

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** August 16, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – August 4, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held August 4, 2005, at 1400 hours, in A/C Mielbrecht's office. Present were A/C Mielbrecht, Captains Meinema and Miller, Lts. Abuan and O'Dea, Sergeant Caron, and Gary Smith and [REDACTED] from the Regional Intelligence Center. A

### Gary Smith - RIC

Gary Smith mentioned that the WAJAC Bulletins continue to give updates on reports of suspicious Middle Eastern males being observed taking pictures and conducting surveillance at ferries, piers, and other sites throughout this country. There was a recent report of this taking place at the Santa Monica pier in California.

Intelligence reports at the national level indicate that the government is concerned and believes there may/will be terrorist actions taken against our country within the next ninety days. Terrorist attacks don't have to be as catastrophic as the 9-11 event to cause fear. The London bombings and the attempt bombing in Italy recently has hurt the transportation system. Terrorist actions are directed to hurt our economy, and small events such as these can do that.

Officers should stay alert and report suspicious activities on FIRs, making sure they are flagged if connected to Homeland Security concerns. Officers can also call the Regional Intelligence Center hotline (located near the SID office [REDACTED]) to make sure the agents are aware of suspicious activity. Terrorists sometimes do test/practice runs, so officers should be aware of suspicious activities. A

A chemical used in making some bombs is hydrogen peroxide. Also, some of the chemicals used in bomb-making need to be stored in a refrigerator. One of the bulletins that came out recently warned of a dangerous substance that suspects put in police vehicle gas tanks. Officers should be aware and take precautions reference this.

There is a huge problem on the Mexican border with thousands of illegal immigrants entering the United States from Mexico. INS is not able to track all these people. It is presumed that many people are entering our country illegally from Canada also.

There was an A&E television special on Aug. 6, entitled "Freight Train Riders of America Now." It mentioned that "hobos" aren't the frequent riders of trains these days. Now it's gang members and drug traffickers that are committing serious crimes, and are using trains to move around. Crimes occur near the rail lines, and if the department had enough staffing, it would be beneficial to have foot patrol/bike patrols check areas that can't be reached by car (near the railroad under Portland Avenue, along Levee Road, Wapato Hills, etc.) Washington State and Tacoma have a big rail line. The department now has maps for Tacoma Rail property and Burlington Northern

boundary lines. These will be put in the computer and are available to dispatchers, along with emergency contact numbers.

PORTAL Access was discussed, which is a secured firewall in our computer system that officers could obtain a password to, which would enable them access into the system. It contains Pierce Responder (maps and school building schematics, etc.). Officers should check this site for information pertaining to Pierce County. Supervisors have the ability to check the PCWARN site, which lists emergency phone numbers county-wide.

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There was an incident at the LESA Comm. Center where a person was taking photos and GPS readings of the site. The individual was working for Wireless Facilities Inc., under a federal contract. The company was contacted, and had been sending employees out throughout the state to measure the capacity of communication towers, band power, etc. Reports were coming into Homeland Security about suspicious activity, so the company will make sure employees have proper ID, and will be informing agencies throughout the state that this contract work will be taking place.

There are two big "biker" events coming up. The Gypsy Jokers are planning a meeting on Labor Day in Elbe. The Hell's Angels will hold an Ink and Iron Ball convention in Tacoma at the Marriott and the Tacoma Convention Center the week after Labor Day.

There has been an increase in reports associated with ALF and ELF groups. Since the UPS delivery service is making deliveries to Huntington suppliers (Huntington does lab research on animals) UPS trucks have been targeted by light bulbs filled with acid being thrown at their vehicles. The acid damages the paint on the trucks. They are calling this vandalism SHAC (Stop Huntington's Animal Cruelty).

During a G-8 International Conference in San Francisco, there was a Black Bloc Anarchist demonstration where rioters were able to corner a police officer, threw a burning mattress under his vehicle, extracted him from his car, attacked and injured him.

There have been arrests of El Salvadorian MS 13 gang members in Seattle. This is an extremely violent gang that originated on the East Coast. There are some members believed to be living in Pierce County.

The incident involving the two individuals that jumped off the ferry recently could have been a test to see how quick agencies react to circumstances like that. The individuals were arrested, but it caused the Coast Guard to leave the ferry unprotected while they tried to find the jumpers. Officers should be aware that incidents like this could be a trial run by terrorists.

Captain Meinema

NIMS and IED Training is presently taking place during third quarter in-service training.

The meeting ended at 3:10 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for August 18.

CM:jtb

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# **TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **Intra-Departmental Memorandum**

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 05-183

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** August 23, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – August 18, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held August 18, 2005, at 1400 hours, in A/C Mielbrecht's office. Present were A/C Mielbrecht, Captains Meinema and Miller, Lt. Abuan, Sergeants Moore and Still, Gary Smith (RIC) and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

The Seattle Police Department is hosting a Counter-Terrorism – Suicide Bomber training class on August 23, from 0830-1230 hrs., at their West Precinct. Sergeants Moore, Still, and Captain Meinema were going to attend, along with members of the Regional Intelligence Center.

Puget Sound Energy is sponsoring Emergency Responder Training classes, that are geared for firefighters, police, 911 operators, and emergency management personnel. The purpose of the course is to instruct first responders how to eliminate or control potential hazards related to power-line or natural gas emergencies. At the Tacoma PSE branch, the 3½ hours classes are offered on Sept. 21, 2005, and March 22, 2006. Classes in Seattle are offered Sept. 19 & Sept. 23, 2005, and March 20 & March 24, 2006. If supervisors/officers are interested in attending this class, the information is hanging on the Training Pegs in Operations. Training Requests should be filled out and forwarded through the chain of command.

### Gary Smith - RIC

With students going back to school soon, there is a growing amount of information on the internet mentioning anti-recruiting activity that may occur, and the possibility of vandalisms to recruiting stations throughout the country.

There is an ECO Defense Rendezvous (environmental activists) planned at a site in the Cascades, possibly Wenatchee, during the first week of September. There may be an "action day" where criminal activity could occur.

A Hemp Fest occurred in Seattle over the weekend of August 20, and another is planned in Olympia during the weekend of August 27, 2005.

On August 11, 2005, two Middle Eastern males were seen conducting surveillance at the Coleman Docks/foot passenger ferry in Seattle, and were seen placing a suspicious backpack there. The Bomb Squad responded, and the backpack was found to be filled with diapers, etc. These two males were the same ones observed on July 12, 2005, acting suspiciously. These two subjects were identified as working for Host Marriott/Starbucks company.



It was suggested that a supervisor from our department contact Steve Sutton (head of Ferry Security) and see what our department should be on the lookout for, or if the State Ferry System has any requests of us.

Fort Lewis provided the Regional Intelligence Center with some photographs of gang spray painting/tagging that they found near the Garcia/Magnolia area on base at Ft. Lewis. It mentions East Side gangs. They wanted to know if our department has seen similar tagging, and could identify the gang(s) associated with the writing.

#### Sgt. Still

Attended a Resources Committee Meeting where it was decided that the Regional Coordinating Committee (RCC) needed to finish up purchasing items from the 2003 Homeland Security Grant wish list submitted years ago. Since many of the items may not be needed anymore, the RCC will recontact all the subcategory specialists and ask if the items listed are still needed. The 2005 grant budget wish list will need to be finished and turned in within the next sixty days.

Since the Senate and House of Representatives took a recess before passing the 2006 Homeland Security Grant monies, once they report back in session, and if/when President Bush signs it, our region will only have a short time to create our wish list for 2006 needs. The majority of the grant money this time may go to larger metropolitan departments. Our Special Teams should get together and discuss what large ticket items our department could use, with funding from this regional grant.

#### Sgt. Moore

Has been finishing up the Buffer Zone Protection Plan, which involves deciding what equipment our department would need to protect five assigned critical sites in Tacoma. Grant money allows for up to \$50,000 per site to be spent on security. The wish list for these sites includes camera surveillance.

#### Captain Miller

Mentioned that the department is planning the move of Bamboo, an elephant from the Woodland Zoo, to his new home at the Pt. Defiance Zoo. Activists may cause problems during this transfer, since they believe elephants should be moved to the new elephant sanctuary in Tennessee.

The meeting ended at 1455 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for August 25.

CM:jtb



# **TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **Intra-Departmental Memorandum**

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 05-190

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** August 29, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – August 25, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held August 25, 2005, at 1400 hours, in A/C Mielbrecht's office. Present were Lt. O'Dea, Sergeants Moore, Caron, and Still, Gary Smith (RIC) and Secretary Boneske.

### Sgt. Still

Attended the Counter-Terrorism Suicide Bomber seminar on August 23, at the Seattle Police Department West Precinct. Simon Perry, a former Israeli General, was the speaker. He presented the 12 Commandments that the Middle Eastern people live by, which was very informative. Of #1 importance to their culture is Honor. Their goal is to be a martyr for their religion, and it is estimated that 72% of their children want to be martyrs when they get older. These religious views are ingrained in their children when they are very young.

### Gary Smith - RIC

Received some WAJAC Bulletins indicating that suspicious individuals/activities have been observed around power stations and public utility stations. In Vancouver, WA, in May '05, two Middle Eastern males were observed inside a power station there. In Sultan, WA, in June '05, a Middle Eastern male was videotaping a dam/reservoir which provides drinking water to Everett. In Fall City, WA, two Middle Eastern males were videotaping power lines. If officers see people videotaping or trespassing on public works/utilities type property, a report should be made and forwarded to Homeland Security.

There have been intelligence reports indicating that fuel trucks/tankers may be used by al-Queda operatives as a vehicle IED, to cause mass casualties in this country prior to September 19, 2005. It is rumored that al-Queda has infiltrated the trucking industry. Officers should be aware of fuel tankers in suspicious places, or parked for an extensive period of time.

Although Puyallup P.D. is still investigating the incident involving the car filled with weapons and possibly a bomb near So. 31<sup>st</sup> and Meridian recently, it appears to have been gang-related, involving the Lakewood Bloods vs. Crips.

On August 26-28, 2005, the OMG Band of Brothers MC will be having a Motorcycle Brotherfest Party in the Puyallup/Orting area.

Over the Labor Day weekend, the Gypsy Joker Run is planned somewhere in the Ashford/Elbe area.

The Ink and Iron Ball convention will take place September 9-11, 2005, at the Tacoma Convention Center. This is a tattoo and motorcycle show sponsored by the Hell's Angels. Motorcycle groups from throughout the country may attend.

Lt. O'Dea

The move of Bamboo, an elephant from the Woodland Zoo, to his new home at the Pt. Defiance Zoo, will occur around 2100 hours on August 25, 2005. WSP will escort the trailer carrying the elephant until they reach 6<sup>th</sup> and Pearl Street. Traffic officers will assist from that point. There hasn't been much information about animal activists that may protest this move. (This event took place without any problems.)

The meeting ended at 1450 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for September 1.

CM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 05-195

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** September 2, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – September 1, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held September 1, 2005, at 1400 hours, in A/C Mielbrecht's office. Present were A/C Mielbrecht, Captain Meinema, Lt. O'Dea, Sergeants Moore, Caron, and Still, Det. Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

Since Region 5 is putting together wish lists for items to be purchased with homeland security grants/funding, if any of our Special Teams can think of items they need that may qualify, they should give their requests to Captain Meinema.

Fort Lewis is presenting a NIMS Integration Training Exercise on September 8-9, 2005. Those attending can either be an observer or participant. Anyone interested in attending should fill out a Training Request and let Captain Meinema know as soon as possible, as a registration form needs to be completed.

### Det. Wimmer

The Bomb Squad is still waiting for more equipment that was supposed to be purchased through the 2003 Homeland Security Grant. Detectives Wimmer and Krancich will be attending a Crime Scene Investigation Class soon.

### Sgt. Caron

With students going back to school soon, there is a growing amount of information on the internet mentioning anti-recruiting activity that may occur, and the possibility of vandalisms to recruiting stations throughout the country. From August 29-September 1, there was a Student Activist Training Camp held in Goldendale.

With Cindy Sheehan's actions outside President Bush's ranch in Texas, the anti-war movement is drawing more support. The group "Code Pink – Women for Peace" is coming to Olympia near the end of October. The group "United for Peace in Pierce County" along with "Women in Black" continue to hold peace vigils at the Federal Courthouse on Pacific Avenue. The Tahoma Activist Calendar, sponsored by the Pierce County Social Justice Movement, lists different groups holding peace vigils around the area.

There is an ECO Defense Rendezvous (environmental activists' training camp) planned at an unknown site possibly near Wenatchee, from September 2-5. There may be an "action day" where criminal activity could occur.

Lt. O'Dea

Federal Way Police Department asked if our department wanted to joint sponsor a WMD Crime Scene Training Class. Lt. O'Dea will look into this further.

Our department still needs to revise/update our Operations Plan in case of a terrorist attack or emergency.

Sgt. Moore

Mentioned that there was a site on the internet that showed pictures of the inside of the Outsiders' Motorcycle Gang Clubhouse on "L" Street. The pictures were of a birthday party, and showed many people's faces, and what some of the rooms looked like.

Sgt. Still

Mentioned that a Middle Eastern male (Ethiopian) working for the Evergreen Trucking firm, failed to stop for a police officer, and just drove through the gate on Port of Tacoma. The driver's VISA was expired, and investigation showed he was the victim of fraud. The officer issued the driver tickets for his actions. ICE confirmed his identity, and didn't feel any further investigation was necessary. **Incidents like this need to be forwarded to TPD's Homeland Security group.** Homeland Security will decide what information is important or not.

The meeting ended at 1450 hours. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 15.

CM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 05-212

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** September 23, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – September 22, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held September 22, 2005, at 1400 hours, in A/C Mielbrecht's office. Present were A/C Mielbrecht, Captain Miller, A/Lt. Still, Sergeants Mueller and Branham, Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

Captain Miller

After hearing how well our police department assisted the Point Defiance Zoo with the recent move of Bamboo the elephant, our assistance may become a "national model" for cities around the country in reference to providing security when moving animals. Pt. Defiance Zoo will be accepting two female walruses in the near future, so our department will be asked to assist with this transfer.

Gary Smith

With major attention and military aid directed to the hurricane disasters, this would be an opportune time for terrorists to attack our country. So far, though, the government has found no evidence of increased chatter regarding terrorist actions.

Originally, an informant in Virginia revealed that the MS-13 gang planned on targeting attacks against police officers some time around Halloween. Now it is reported that this threat pertains to ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) officers.

There will be a marine terrorism disaster exercise in Seattle on September 25, 2005. The Tacoma Fire Department will be participating.

On Friday, September 23, there will be a 10-mile anti-war protest march starting in Olympia and ending near Fort Lewis. Operation Support Our Troops will also form a counter-protest near the Madigan gate in Lakewood. There will also be a large Protest March in Seattle on September 24.

A FBI bulletin reminded officers to be aware of the upcoming Jewish holidays in October, and the possible terrorist actions this could bring. There has also been a spike in Muslim and White Supremacist activities nationwide.

There was a Ft. Lewis government van stolen from the Post by a soldier recently. The information was placed on the peg.

Sgt. Mueller

The Coast Guard has requested more patrols of petroleum sites in the harbor. MSU officers check these businesses several times each day and record it.

Sgt. Branham

Received a training bulletin for a class entitled "Command Level Communications/NIMS Workshop," that will be held in Lakewood on November 9, 2005.

The meeting ended at 1430 hours. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 29.

CM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 05-216

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations

**DATE:** September 30, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – September 29, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held September 29, 2005, at 1400 hours, in A/C Mielbrecht's office. Present were A/C Mielbrecht, Captain Miller, Lt. Cribbin, A/Lt. Still, Sergeant Mueller, Detective Calitis, and Secretary Boneske.

Captain Miller

Point Defiance Zoo will be accepting two female walruses from Chicago sometime around Thanksgiving. They will be flown to Sea-Tac, then trucked to Point Defiance. Our department will assist with the ground transfer.

Lt. Cribbin

The last Suicide Bomber Class will be held Friday morning, Sept. 30. Lt. Cribbin will also teach a class for Mall Security on this subject. The Range staff will include training for "head shots" in the future, especially during rifle training.

SWAT Oral Boards will take place October 3. There is one vacancy for the SWAT Team now, and there may be more in the near future.

A/Lt. Still

Attended a Resource Committee Meeting on September 28. The 2006 Budget Request Lists for our region haven't been distributed yet. TPD Special Teams were asked to make up "wish lists" of items that would benefit their teams, that could be purchased with grant monies.

Sgt. Mueller - MSU

The MSU boat will be unavailable from October 8-14, as it will be at the Marine Patrol State Conference in Chelan, along with some MSU officers. If there is a water emergency, there will be some MSU officers available to use Waverunners.

Our department has still not heard back on our grant application for a second boat through a Homeland Security Grant. The hurricane disasters have created a delay in the Federal Government making their decisions. If our application is approved, it would take about a year to have a new boat built for our use.

On October 18, MSU will be taking 6-8 SWAT members at a time out in the boat to orient them to sensitive areas in the Sound. Our department needs to obtain more personal floatation devices for circumstances like this. There is a \$170 model that will inflate automatically if an officer falls into the water incapacitated. Sgt. Mueller will check with Sgt. Moore, to see if these could be purchased with grant monies left over from the Buffer Zone Protection Plan.

Detective Calitis

The new SWAT Command Post vehicle is up and running. The former SWAT Van will be given to the CBRNE/WMD Team to use.

The meeting ended at 1430 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2005, at 1400 hours, in the 38<sup>th</sup> Street Turnout Room.

PM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 05-236

**FROM:** Assistant Chief Paul Mielbrecht  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** October 18, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – October 13, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held October 13, 2005, at 1400 hours, in A/C Mielbrecht's office. Present were A/C Mielbrecht, Captain Miller, A/Lt. Still, Detective Wimmer, Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Gary Smith – Regional Intelligence

Joel Henry Hinrichs was the subject who blew himself up recently outside the stadium of an Oklahoma Sooners' football game. This subject was a U.S. citizen that recently converted to the Islam religion. He had tried to enter the stadium but wasn't allowed in. He was sitting 100 yards from the stadium when the explosives on him blew up. The explosives were made with TATP, so the sensitivity of this ingredient may have exploded earlier than he planned, before he could enter where a large group of people were.

Pictures and examples of incendiary devises have been found on ALF and ELF websites, along with tactics and procedures people can use. The ALF organization is starting to use violent methods in their operations. One explosive was described as a sponge soaked in gasoline, with the fuse being two punk sticks stuck in it.

On October 22, 2005, from 1300-1500 hours, the South Sound Animal Rights March and Rally will start at McKinley Park in Tacoma, and end at the Federal Courthouse on Pacific Avenue. This march is to support animal rights, "and end the pointless suffering and death of 50 billion cows, pigs, turkeys, chickens, and other innocent, sentient animals in the world's factory farms and slaughterhouses."

Intelligence shows an increase in anarchist activity at animal rights marches, etc. There is an increase of eco-activist activities. At some anti-war demonstrations, known anarchists are showing up.

On October 22, 2005, there will be a protest/demonstration called "Boise Cascade Boycott: Save Old-Growth Forests." Apparently, two years ago, on their website, the Boise Cascade Logging Company promised environmentalists that they would not log old-growth forests. Apparently, they claim Boise is not keeping their promise now. The protest is calling for people to meet at the Office Max (University Plaza – 400 NE 45<sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle) and other Office Max/Office Depot businesses that use Boise Cascade lumber products.

At noon on October 22, 2005, people will gather for a rally and march at Westlake Park (Seattle) for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repression, and the Criminalization of a Generation.

October 16, 2005, was the Worldwide Anti-McDonald's Day, which was "a protest against the promotion of junk food, the unethical targeting of children, exploitation of workers, animal cruelty, and damage to the environment and global domination of corporations over our lives."

When Kitsap County Deputies returned to their marked and unmarked vehicles in the Bremerton area recently, they found stickers placed in the lower left corners of their rear windows. The stickers were about 1" x 2" in size, and had a picture of a garbage can and lid. On the side of the garbage can was a



large black diamond, with the numbers "47" in the center of the diamond. They are unaware of what this symbol/sticker means.

A joint FBI and DHS Bulletin reminds law enforcement agencies that tourist facilities are attractive targets for terrorist activities. The prior hotel attack at the Marriott Hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia, and the recent October 1, 2005, attack in Bali demonstrates the capability and intent of al-Qaida to strike at tourist facilities. A terrorist threat weeks ago was directed at mass transit in the New York subway.

A/Lt. Still

Will attend the Command Level NIMS Workshop on November 9.

The meeting ended at 1450 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2005, at 1400 hours, at the new Police Headquarters.

PM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 05-247

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Operations South Division Commander

**DATE:** November 7, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – October 27, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held October 27, 2005, at 1400 hours, in the Ops conference room. Present were Captain Miller, Lt. O'Dea, Sgt. Caron, PPO M. Reeves, Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

Gary Smith – Regional Intelligence

There have been reports of suspicious activity at the Port of Tacoma. On October 22, an individual was observed videotaping the Husky Terminal. The subject stated he was a student at UPS, and was working on a project involving superfund sites.

On October 21, security officers were dispatched to a suspicious male driving a white U-Haul type van. The subject advised security he was waiting for a tractor-trailer rig, and they were going to offload some cabinets into his van. The driver was ID'ed as Gennedy Skobkarov, from a WA minor's driver's license. The van had no front plate, and there was lettering on the passenger side of the vehicle similar to "We go where you go," or "You're safe with us."

On 10/23/05, a subject by the name of Alvarado-Gutierrez was arrested attempting to use a false social security card, and a false Permanent Resident card to open an account with the Sprint Cellular store at Lakewood Towne Center. The subject admitted to knowing this identification was false, and said it was purchased in Los Angeles, CA.

On 10/13/05, a PCSO Deputy responded to a complaint of an abandoned Ford Taurus at 5500 76<sup>th</sup> Ave. E. The car was heavily damaged, without license plates, and appeared deliberately abandoned. This vehicle, along with an abandoned travel trailer located nearby (6800 56<sup>th</sup> St. E.,) were tagged as abandoned. On 10/18/05, the same deputy returned to the vehicles and called for tow trucks. When the tow operator opened the driver's door on the Taurus, and improvised explosive device was triggered, which caused a small explosion and smoke to come from the vehicle. The device had been placed on the front seat of the vehicle, with a cable attached to the driver's door.

Another vehicle in Tacoma was rigged with some sparklers that had gone off and shattered the windshield. Officers should be aware of abandoned vehicles that may be booby-trapped.

A new website has been created ([www.FreeBamboo.org](http://www.FreeBamboo.org)) for the "Free Bamboo Campaign" – in reference to the elephant that was recently moved from the Woodland Park Zoo to Point Defiance. The Northwest Animal Rights Network ([www.NARN.org](http://www.NARN.org)) continues to list "Bamboo the Elephant" at the top of their list. Our concern is that if this group continues to focus on the elephant, and it gains attention from other animal rights' groups, Point Defiance Zoo could become a potential target for aggressive animal rights' activity.

A "Tacoma Critical Mass Bike Ride" was scheduled to start in Wright Park on October 29. The purpose of this ride was "to have fun, take back the streets from the oil guzzlers, and show the world how traffic should be!"

A National Student Walkout was scheduled for November 2, 2005, the anniversary of Bush's re-election. Students were encouraged to leave school and protest/picket against military recruitment in our schools, and against the War in Iraq. The protest was to be held outside the military recruitment station at the Tacoma Mall, immediately after school.

A National Day of Action is scheduled for November 3, 2005, with the combined support of Greenpeace, Rainforest Action Network, and Forest Ethics. This event is "to show lack of environmental ethics in Kimberly Clark, Boise Cascade, Weyerhaeuser, and Victoria Secret companies." People may be targeting local Office Max and Victoria Secret stores.

The meeting ended at 1445 hours.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 05-246

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Operations South Division Commander

**DATE:** November 4, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – November 3, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held November 3, 2005, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' conference room. Present were Captain Miller, A/Capt. Abuan, A/Lt. Still, [REDACTED] Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske. The meeting was shortened because of a barricaded bank robbery suspect. A

### Gary Smith – Regional Intelligence

On November 3, 2005, Greenpeace, Forest Ethics, and Seattle Rainforest Action Network were teaming together in a "Forest Day of Action." Groups were targeting businesses like Boise Cascade, Weyerhaeuser, Office Max, and Victoria Secret companies, blaming them for destroying old-growth forests. (Victoria Secret allegedly mails out a million catalogs a day, all without using recycled paper.)

With the end of Ramadan on November 3-4, (which marks the end of the Muslim month of fasting) there is an increased threat of terrorist activity. Although millions of people are expected to journey to their hometowns to celebrate this annual event in the Mid-East, officers in this country should also be aware of suspicious people or circumstances here.

Numerous members of the Hell's Angels motorcycle gang have been arrested on federal racketeering charges, related to a bloody 2002 biker brawl in a casino in Laughlin, Nevada. One of the suspects arrested was Richard Fabel, who is the President of the Washington Chapter, with close ties to the Tacoma Chapter of the Hells Angels. With Fabel's absence from the group, it is anticipated that an executive member from the group, (who resides in the North End of Tacoma), may move up in rank inside this gang to take Fabel's position.

Is seeing an increase in reports of electrical equipment being stolen from electric substations, probably by scrappers. Last weekend, more than \$7000 worth of cabling, wires, and other electrical components were stolen from a Bonneville Power substation in Covington. Some computers were also recently stolen. These computers contained critical information relative to electric power connections, etc.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, about one hundred people turned out near the Tacoma Mall Office Building recruiting station to stage an anti-war protest/march. About 80 people were protesting, and 20 people were counter-protesting. Although about 60% of the protestors were teenagers, there were still many adults and a couple teachers involved.

Federal immigration agents arrested 105 suspected illegal aliens working at a Fife warehouse called Regal Logistics, on November 2, 2005. The majority of unauthorized employees were from Mexico, and it appeared many used counterfeit ID to obtain the jobs.

November 18, 2005, has been called "National Stand Down Day," and is a project of the Iraq Pledge of Resistance's National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance. There are many endorsing companies which welcome support for anti-war protests and demonstrations at recruiting centers nationwide. Some anarchists were previously arrested at Portland and Seattle anti-war protests.

The meeting ended at 1445 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2005, at 1400 hours, In the Operations Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 05-257

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Operations South Division Commander

**DATE:** December 5, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – November 17, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held November 17, 2005, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' conference room. Present were Captain Miller, A/Capt. Abuan, A/Lt. Still, T/Lt. O'Dea, Sgt. Caron, and Secretary Boneske.

### Sergeant Caron

The National Animal Rights' Network (NARN) continues their campaign to put pressure on Point Defiance Zoo in order to release Bamboo, the Asian elephant, and let Bamboo be placed at the elephant sanctuary in Tennessee. The Free Bamboo organization is running a raffle to raise money to support Bamboo's release. This topic is getting more popular on websites.

The Leonard Peltier March/Potluck is already being advertised in the Seattle newspaper. It is scheduled for February 4, 2006, in the Hilltop area, with the potluck at 423 MLK Jr. Way.

A "Free Fur Friday" protest is scheduled for November 25, 2005, at the J. Crew Store in Seattle, from 1130-1300 hours. This is a protest against the fur industry. There has been no local advertising here that would indicate a protest in Tacoma.

A national "Not Your Soldier Youth and Student Day" protest was planned for November 17-18, 2005. There has been no local advertising in this area, so it is unknown if protestors will turnout near the Tacoma Mall recruiting office. Lt. O'Dea will check with Lt. Cribbin and Captain Miller to see if there are any plans our department is going to take to prepare for this.

### A/Lt. Still

Lt. Still attended a Region 5 Resources Meeting to formulate the new wish list budget for using grant money awarded to the region. The federal government has not yet told the agencies how much money is available for next year. Hopefully, this information will be obtained during the December meeting, along with their guidelines on what the money can be spent on. The law enforcement agencies have already put together their wish lists, so it will be dependent on the amount of money available. Sgt. Krause thought he made a request for Thermal Imagers for Search and Rescue several years ago. Lt. O'Dea will forward Sgt. Krause's wish list to A/Lt. Still.

### T/Lt. O'Dea

Lt. O'Dea recommended that our department update the Threat Response Protocol, since it has been a couple years since the last schedule was created. Since that time, 3<sup>rd</sup> Relief has been disbanded, Traffic personnel are on different shifts, and staff has now been moved into the new Police Headquarters.

Lt. O'Dea wondered if anyone knows the federal government's plan for Pandemic Flu/Bird Flu, or if our department should prepare our own plan. Captain Miller suggested that Lt. Still work with Lt. O'Dea and DEM to see what they're planning. Pierce County may have established protocol already. It was recommended that Lt. Still work up what it would cost to purchase what may be needed, in case the disease spreads to our region.

The meeting ended at 1435 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2005, at 1400 hours, in the Operations Conference Room.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 05-258

**FROM:** Assistant Chief Paul Mielbrecht  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** December 5, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – December 1, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held December 1, 2005, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' conference room. Present were A/C Mielbrecht, Captain Miller, A/Capt. Abuan, A/Lt. Still, T/Lt. O'Dea, Sgt. R. Mueller, Detective Calitis, Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Gary Smith – Regional Intelligence

A group of jewel thieves has struck numerous stores on the East Coast, cutting through power lines and security gates, and cleaning out display cases in heists that have netted millions of dollars worth of watches, rings, necklaces, and earrings. The break-ins involve a group of up to six suspects, and are similar throughout many states.

There is a computer scam going around that sends e-mails advising the user that the FBI is monitoring their e-mail. As soon as the user opens this message, it starts the virus. Personnel should be aware to delete any messages similar to this before opening them.

WearHipHop.com has recently advertised realistic-looking bullet proof vests, but they're not bulletproof. The look of wearing a vest of this type has surfaced as a fashion trend in New York after certain movies reached theaters. In New York, it is not against the law for civilians to wear a bullet proof vest **unless** armed and in furtherance of a felony.

"**Save Tookie**" has been posted on the Free Radio Olympia website. Stanley Tookie Williams was the Crips' gang co-founder, and is scheduled to die by lethal injection on December 13, 2005, unless Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger grants him clemency. There is a possibility that gangsters might create problems as this date draws near.

The National Animal Rights Network (NARN) continues their campaign to put pressure on Point Defiance Zoo in order to release Bamboo, the Asian elephant, and let Bamboo be placed at the elephant sanctuary in Tennessee. The Free Bamboo organization is running a raffle to raise money to support Bamboo's release. This topic is advertised on Seattle Independent Media, which is an anarchist website.

The International Animal Rights' Day is planned for Monday, December 10, in Seattle and around the country. The group believes that "animals deserve to be treated with compassion, and are not ours to be eaten, experimented on, worn, or otherwise exploited." There hasn't been a lot of information spread on this event and, at this time, our department doesn't expect a problem.

### Sgt. R. Mueller - MSU

Dispatch received a bomb threat for the Narrows Bridge that was called in at around 0700 hours one morning recently. The threat stated a bomb would explode at 0900 hours that same day. The call originated from a town in Kitsap County. Nothing out of the ordinary was noticed around or on the bridge.

Sgt. Still

The Center for Asymmetric Warfare at Fort Lewis, will be conducting a functional/command post exercise on December 13-14, 2005. Some MCU members will be attending this event as their monthly training, along with other TPD Administration.

A/Capt. Abuan

Received some information on exploding targets civilians can buy, and then use in shooting practice. Apparently, it is legal to ship these items, because they are sold in separate parts, and the buyer then assembles them. ATF will look into the matter to see if these are legal to possess.

T/Lt. O'Dea

Lt. O'Dea recommended that our department update the Threat Response Protocol, since it has been a couple years since the last schedule was created. Since that time, 3<sup>rd</sup> Relief has been disbanded, Traffic personnel are on different shifts, and staff has now been moved into the new Police Headquarters. Asst. Chief Mielbrecht recommended that sector lieutenants update the information they previously provided pertaining to their sector. Sectors 1 and 2 have provided updates within the last six months.

Lt. O'Dea mentioned that some computers weren't able to bring up Pierce Responder during the shooting spree at the Tacoma Mall. He wondered if there was a way to fix this so all officers would have this information available to them when needed.

Detective Calitis

Pertaining to the shooting incident at the Tacoma Mall, Det. Calitis mentioned that the SWAT Teams and other units are critiquing the events, and learning what did or did not work well. They noticed that it was hard to tell one police officer or SWAT member from another, and which City/County agency they worked for. Team identification was a big concern. They wonder if SWAT members from all agencies in the area could have some sort of badge or identifying patch that would ID them as a police officer/deputy.

Detective Calitis was also concerned about establishing primary venue jurisdiction at scenes. There have been occasions where outside agencies have served warrants inside the city without notifying us. The SWAT teams in the area will be meeting to discuss this topic.

The meeting ended at 1435 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2005, at 1400 hours, in the Operations Turnout Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 05-268

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** December 9, 2005

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – December 8, 2005**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held December 8, 2005, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Meinema, Lts. Abuan and O'Dea, Sgts. R. Mueller and Still, Detective Calitis, Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Gary Smith – Regional Intelligence

Clemency hearings are continuing in California for Stanley Tookie Williams, the Crips' gang co-founder, who is scheduled to die by lethal injection on December 13, 2005. There is a possibility that gangsters might create problems as this date draws near. There are some protests planned around the country, but there is no information about protests planned in Washington.

The National Animal Rights Network (NARN) continues their campaign to put pressure on Point Defiance Zoo in order to release Bamboo, the Asian elephant, and let Bamboo be placed at the elephant sanctuary in Tennessee. The Free Bamboo organization is running a raffle to raise money to support Bamboo's release. This topic is advertised on Seattle Independent Media, which is an anarchist website.

The International Animal Rights' Day is planned for Monday, December 10, in Seattle and around the country. The group believes that "animals deserve to be treated with compassion, and are not ours to be eaten, experimented on, worn, or otherwise exploited." There hasn't been a lot of information spread on this event, and at this time, our department doesn't expect a problem.

The Leonard Peltier March/Potluck has been mentioned on the Free Radio Olympia website. It is scheduled for February 4, 2006, in the Hilltop area, with the potluck at 423 MLK Jr. Way.

Advised that personnel should be extra vigilant during the upcoming holidays for possible terrorist threats/actions. Other countries have received information indicating that extremists may be planning attacks during the Christmas and New Year's celebrations.

Booby-trapped writing pens have exploded and injured three people at high schools in California, causing minor burns and scratches to the victims' hands and faces. The pens have been found lying on the ground, and unsuspecting people have picked them up and removed the cap to use them. When the cap is removed, the pen explodes. The pens appear to be homemade, and it is believed that sulfur powder is placed in the caps of the pens.

On 12/8/05, the FBI announced that six people were arrested and indicted by federal grand juries in Washington and Oregon for investigation of eco-terrorism in the Northwest. The charges relate to four separate arsons in the Northwest, dating as far back as 1998.

There is a new Seattle anarchist website titled <http://www.geocities.com/seainsur/>. This site will feature articles "about strikes, acts of sabotage, and other forms of direct action. They will also feature repression news, understood in the wider sense of police actions, workplace deaths, etc."

On December 5, the WAJAC posted in their bulletin that police have received reports of eight arson incidents in the Kenmore-Bothell area since October 2, 2005. The target of the arsons were construction sites, an elementary school, a park, and a McDonald's Restaurant. No suspects have been identified.

According to Verisign Inc.'s computer security division, a new "Sober" worm computer virus is scheduled to hit on January 5, 2006, the 87<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Nazi Party. The virus could slow the Internet with tens of millions of politically-motivated spam e-mails. A version of this virus has already infected millions of systems as a prelude to the January attack.

#### Sgt. R. Mueller - MSU

On 12/2/05, MSU participated with SWAT, WSP, and the Coast Guard in a joint training/orientation on tactics and techniques for boarding ferries. Sgt. Mueller also has a CD with Washington State Patrol's boarding protocol on ferries. He will put this information into manuals and distribute them in the future.

#### Sgt. Still

The Center for Asymmetric Warfare (Fort Lewis) will be conducting a functional/command post exercise on December 13-14, 2005. Some MCU members will be attending this event as their monthly training, along with other TPD Administration.

#### Detective Calitis

The Seattle SWAT Team came to our department on 12/7/05, to participate in the debriefing of the SWAT callout regarding the robbery suspect inside the NAPA Store last month.

The meeting ended at 1445 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2005, at 1400 hours, in the Operations Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 05-271

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** December 20, 2005

**SUBJECT:** HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – December 15, 2005

The Homeland Security Meeting was held December 15, 2005, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Asst. Chief Mielbrecht, Captain Miller, Lt. O'Dea, Sgt. Still, [REDACTED] and Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske. A

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Scotland Yard has issued a nationwide alert/threat advisory for the United Kingdom regarding possible bomb attacks against "crowded areas" this Christmas season, such as shopping malls, transit systems, or entertainment venues, which could severely debilitate the economy. Although no U.S. cities have been mentioned, officers should be extra vigilant in recognizing warning signs/suspicious circumstances around these areas. A

Animal Rights Activist Chris McIntosh was to be sentenced December 16, 2005, for up to ten years, for setting an arson fire to a McDonald's Restaurant in 2003. Six other eco-terrorists were indicted in several arsons that occurred in Washington and Oregon during the past fourteen years. They are facing 20 years to life in prison for their actions. These trials are scheduled to be held in Tacoma. Our department will need to be ready if ALF and ELF supporters stage protests here during the trials.

Although there was information that gangsters wanted to do a drive-by shooting of a police officer in Tacoma because of Tookie Williams' execution, nothing like that occurred.

There was a front page article in The News Tribune regarding an animal rights group wanting Bamboo the elephant freed from Point Defiance Zoo, and transferred to the elephant sanctuary in Tennessee. The group was scheduled to meet with a Seattle city councilman to discuss this. With the publicity the Northwest Animal Rights Network is stirring up on Bamboo, there is always the possibility that demonstrators could protest at the Pt. Defiance Zoo or at Zoolights.

The "Free Radio Olympia" website has been posting information on the annual Leonard Peltier Protest and March, to be held on February 4, 2006. Last year, approx. 350 showed up, and a couple anarchists were spotted among the crowd. Lt. O'Dea will look at last year's Ops Plan as the event gets closer.

Fraudulent social security cards have been showing up all over, especially at the Fort Lewis military gate. Several people were caught in Thurston County with fake social security cards, and they said they obtained them in Tacoma.

There has been a report that phony FBI ID cards are being circulated in the Midwest.

### Sgt. Still

The exercise that took place at the Center for Asymmetric Warfare (Fort Lewis) on December 13-14, was very good. Some TPD officers working Northeast Tacoma attended the exercise, and met face-to-face with some of the Field Security Officers (FSOs) and Port of Tacoma personnel that provide security at the terminal. This allowed for an exchange of phone numbers, and the hope for more open communication in the future for reporting suspicious circumstances.

The next TEW Resources meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2006. [REDACTED] and Wimmer will discuss which tactical robot would be best for our department to order, and will submit the bid to Sgt. Still. [REDACTED] would also like to have some cameras and equipment purchased for the Lab/SWAT Teams with some of the money provided in the Federal grant.

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### Detective Wimmer

Todd gave a short report on what he encountered when he was in Israel recently. He mentioned that authorities weren't that concerned with chemical or biological weapons being used, because it was too hard for the solutions to be viable when mixing the chemicals. He said suicide vests were what was being used, since they only have a simple switch to set them off. The authorities stated that only organized crime mobs used sophisticated phones and GPS devices to set off bombs.

Terrorists using homemade missiles are causing problems in the Gaza Strip.

Security and police response is driven by intelligence in Israel. They have advanced intelligence files that even track new births to terrorist families. They also have a great tracking system on the hospitals there, and know how many beds are open at each hospital. Wonderful medical treatment is provided in the country.

The Fire Department in Israel only responds to fire calls –not to medical problems. Instead, there are thousands of EMS volunteers and doctors throughout the country that respond to medical emergencies. They also employ a "scoop and run" policy at the scene of bombings. They remove the injured as quickly as possible, to lessen the chance of rescue personnel being injured in a secondary bombing.

The meeting ended at 1505 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for January 5, at 1400 hours, in the Operations Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-009

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** January 6, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – January 5, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held January 5, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Asst. Chief Mielbrecht, Captains Meinema and Miller, Lts. O'Dea and Abuan, Sgts. Branham and Mueller, Det. Wimmer, Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

Wanted to make sure that all the Homeland Security committee members share any information they receive on what grants are available to apply for, and what equipment the Special Teams are asking for/receiving. One special team was considering obtaining a robot, and wasn't aware another team was researching a different robot that might serve the department better. Also, if obtaining certain products from grants, it might be beneficial that other teams are aware of the product type, so the same can be purchased in the future – which would make the items more interchangeable.

### Gary Smith

The Secret Service reported a new website on the Internet that offers free personal information on people. The website is [www.zabasearch.com](http://www.zabasearch.com). If someone enters a person's name and state, it will return with their address and possibly their phone number. The website also lists ways in which you can "opt out" and have your information removed from the website.

The Hell's Angels have been offering up to \$5000 to obtain a law enforcement laptop, in hopes of gaining the upper hand on police operations and intelligence.

Although no terrorist actions occurred over the holiday season, there are still concerns that oil refineries, or anything to do with pipelines or oil storage areas would be a likely target. Terrorists saw how the flooding of New Orleans, and how the interruption of the oil refineries caused an economic blow to our economy.

As reported earlier, White Supremacist activity is on the increase and becoming more noticeable. Groups are even wearing their colors, or appearing in Nazi uniforms. **SHARPS** is a group of Skinheads and stands for "Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice." This group preys on regular skinhead groups. Officers should be aware of possible attacks on people that only have the appearance of being a skinhead.

The Leonard Peltier Protest/March is scheduled for February 4, 2006. Gary Smith with check with Sgt. Jepson as to the details on the permit that was filed.

A float plane was previously observed flying low over ferries and industries in the Seattle area. It was later learned that this plane was contracted by the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and was used by scientists conducting bird studies. More recently, Port of Tacoma Security reported a float plane flying low over the Port area. This plane could possibly be connected to the Fish and Wildlife studies, but it has not been confirmed.

Sgt. Branham

Stated he has been talking with managers at Atlas Foundry (3021 So. Wilkeson) about emergency response protocols at their business. Since the company has radioactive materials stored there, and very sophisticated x-ray machines that could be stolen, they are working on improving security in and around their business. They will develop a response plan, and then TPD will need to come out with a response plan for our personnel. Because of the materials stored there, LESA Dispatch may need to upgrade any alarm response received from that company to a more serious response. Sgt. Branham will work on the response plans.

The meeting ended at 1440 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for January 12, at 1400 hours, in the Operations Conference Room.

CRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-030

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** January 13, 2006

**SUBJECT:** **Homeland Security Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held January 12, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Asst. Chief Mielbrecht, Captain Miller, Lts. O'Dea and Abuan, Sgt. Mueller, Det. Wimmer, Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Gary Smith

A.N.S.W.E.R. – Action Now to Stop War & End Racism has scheduled workshops and a rally and march on January 16, 2006, at Garfield High School in Seattle. The event commemorates "Racism, Poverty, War, Katrina, Iraq—No More! and Martin Luther King Jr." There isn't any indication that a similar event will be held in Tacoma.

There will be a White Supremacist "White Power Rally" held somewhere in Olympia, on Jan. 22, 2006.

Peace and anti-nuclear activists will conduct a "civil disobedience" action at the Bangor Submarine Base on January 15. Staging will be at the Thriftway in Poulsbo, at 0630 hours.

Near the end of January, military equipment that was deployed to Iraq should be returning by ship to the Port of Tacoma. There will need to be security arranged for this event, and Sgt. Mueller should be contacted when additional information is available.

The Pacific Northwest National Security Forum is holding a presentation on March 10-11, 2006, at the downtown Tacoma Sheraton. A reception is also planned at the Washington State Historical Museum. This presentation is what the vision is for the military in the future years. There will be high ranking military personnel attending. Sgt. Jepson will be working with the Sheraton Hotel and the military to arrange for any security concerns that need to be addressed.

The FBI announced that foreign terrorist groups might use and pay domestic extremist groups in our own country to carry out terrorist actions. The domestic groups would already be established in this country, and have already blended in with the neighborhoods they live in.

### Lt. O'Dea

Lt. O'Dea and other staff members attended the "Katrina - Lessons Learned" presentation at the Fairgrounds on 1/12/06. The top two concerns he felt our personnel should be prepared for, in case a disaster happens in our county are: 1) People need to be able to take care of themselves and their family for up to four days, before government assistance may be able to help. 2) Communications and inoperability is a major concern – we would need batteries, communications, food, and clothing to make it through those critical first days of a crisis.

Lt. O'Dea again suggested that Operations update their Threat Response Protocol, along with sectors updating their plans. Schedules have changed since the first time it was published, and there is no "John" shift now, as there was in the previous plans. Our department has a new emergency operations center, a new police headquarters, and new substations being built. A/C Mielbrecht agreed that this needs to be done.

Sgt. R. Mueller

The Coast Guard called the department on 1/6/06, to report they weren't notified of a "hot box" (a nuclear substance) on a ship until it was docked at the Port of Tacoma. Protocol is that the Coast Guard would be notified by the ship prior to entry into the Port, but in this case, it didn't happen. TPD was notified too late to be able to assist the Coast Guard.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, at 1400 hours, in the Operations Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-040

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** January 23, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Homeland Security Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2006

The Homeland Security Meeting was held January 19, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Asst. Chief Mielbrecht, Captain Meinema, Lts. O'Dea, Abuan, and T/Lt. Moore, Sgt. Mueller, [REDACTED] and Calitis, Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

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### Gary Smith

A new audio tape from Osama bin Laden has been made public. It mentioned new threats of attacks on the United States. It also mentioned a deal they would like to make with our country, if we withdraw from Iraq. With the Super Bowl and the Olympics (in Italy) destined to draw large crowds, both events could be a target.

In an earlier video aired on January 6, 2006, the message from al Qaeda's number two leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri, indicates a pattern of terrorist strikes. The last three large-scale al-Qaeda attacks have taken place within 30 days of a Zawahiri video being released. Christopher Brown, a terrorism expert, indicated "that in all likelihood, al-Qaeda will launch a major attack sometime in the next month."

In Spain, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) released 28 dogs from the veterinary facilities at the University of Madrid earlier this month, in dedication to William Rodgers. Mr. Rodgers was a 40-year-old animal activist that was discovered dead in his Flagstaff jail cell, with a bag over his head. Officers should be aware of the spike in activity from activists around the country.


The Leonard Peltier March is advertised on the [Portland.indymedia.org](http://Portland.indymedia.org) website, scheduled for February 4, starting at the Portland Avenue Park (in Tacoma), at noon.

There was a suspicious fire that caused damage to a \$3 million house under construction on Camano Island. It may have been an act of eco-terrorism by the Earth Liberation Front (ELF). There was a bed sheet spray-painted with a warning on it left at the scene. This act may be in retaliation for the eco-terrorists that were recently arrested for their part in arsons that occurred in Washington and Oregon.

The Pacific Northwest National Security Forum is holding a presentation on March 10-11, 2006, at the downtown Tacoma Sheraton. This presentation will discuss the vision for the military in the future years. There will be high ranking military personnel attending. Sgt. Jepson will be working with the Sheraton Hotel and the military to arrange for security. There will be pre-registration for civilians, and then background checks will be run on the individuals by Analyst Gary Smith. It was asked whether the Washington Art Museum or the Museum of Glass would want to hire additional security for their buildings during events like this, just in case protestors show up and get destructive.

Around January 30, 2006, a large military shipment of equipment that was used in Iraq will be returning by ship and off-loaded at the Port of Tacoma. Sgt. Mueller will assist with the security being arranged for this event.

Hal Turner, a talk radio host, has announced that militant White Supremacists will be holding rallies in cities around the country. Officers should be aware of the possibility of these protests, since they may occur without advance warning. There is a rally planned in Olympia on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

 Mentioned that there have been ten recent incidents of White Supremacist activity reported by officers. The newest chapter of White Supremacists is called the National Socialist Movement (NSM) for the Washington State Chapter. A couple weeks ago, members of this group showed up at Normandy Park in Des Moines (WA) wearing full Nazi-type uniforms with swastika flags. They are also advertising a campout and rally on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, in Olympia.

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Recently, a couple White Supremacists went to a Wendy's hamburger business in Lakewood, dressed in Nazi uniforms.

#### Captain Meinema

Captain Meinema will find out if our department still has a Memo of Understanding with Olympia PD, as to whether our DRT Team will respond to help them on disturbances, if requested. Also wondered if Seattle P.D. might need assistance with any problems associated with the Seahawks and the Superbowl.

When time allows, Captain Meinema suggested that officers in the One Sector conduct emphasis patrols/selective enforcement around the Port of Tacoma. The Tideflats is a major target, because of the water accessibility and hazardous materials stored there. The more visible our officers are in that area, the better to prevent terrorist activity there. Also, would like more enhanced security and camera coverage around businesses in that area. If TPD has a representative that attends the Port of Tacoma Security meetings, they should urge the Port to reposition some of their surveillance cameras to cover gate entrance areas and some water locations.

#### T/Lt. Moore

The proposal on the Buffer Zone Protection Plan will be presented to the City Council on February 7. Captain Meinema wanted to thank all the personnel who were on this team, and all that they have accomplished.

#### Det. Calitis

The department will be purchasing an Armored Vehicle (Bear) for use by SWAT, out of Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds.

Another joint SWAT meeting with the Metro SWAT Teams will take place February 8, 2006. There is also a debriefing planned with the SWAT teams in reference to the Tacoma Mall shooting/hostage situation.

The meeting ended at 1515 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

CRM:jtb

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-041

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** January 26, 2006

**SUBJECT:** **Homeland Security Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held January 26, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captains Meinema and Miller, Lt. O'Dea, Sgt. Mueller, Det. Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

Captain Meinema met with Lt. O'Dea to discuss an alternative Critical Response Ops Plan, if it becomes necessary for our department to switch to 12-hour shifts because of an emergency or terrorist situation. This plan would be based on specific *squads* being assigned certain shifts and days off, rather than *named officers*. CID would be assigned to support Operations as needed. A meeting is planned with all Ops Lieutenants on January 30, to discuss changes and updates to our current Ops Plan.

In response to reports of suspicious activity and picture taking in the Port of Tacoma area, Traffic and Sector 1 officers will try to do more directed patrol and other various ways to show a higher profile on the Tideflats. On Fridays, depending on staffing, Ops will begin more directed patrol in different areas of the city, to include the Tideflats. Captain Meinema had an initial meeting with the head of Port of Tacoma Security, and they will work towards having their plant and Port security employees notify TPD sooner of suspicious circumstances.

Wanted to remind officers that some of the eco-terrorist trials are scheduled to be held at the Federal Courthouse in Tacoma. The date of these trials is unknown at this time.

Wanted to remind officers of the Pacific Northwest National Security Forum, which is holding a presentation on March 10-11, 2006, at the downtown Tacoma Sheraton. There will be high ranking military personnel attending. A reception will also be held at the Washington Historical Museum. TPD will be providing outside security for this function.

On May 23, 2006, the Center for Asymmetric Warfare will be conducting a combined live action tactical exercise in the area. It is planned that TPD will be involved. Another exercise, sponsored by DEM, will also take place this year. More details on that exercise will be forthcoming next week.

### T/Lt. O'Dea

TPD received a call from Value Village (8025 So. Hosmer) because they found a hand grenade among donated items. Since it was military property, Fort Lewis EOD responded to the scene to handle it. TPD protocol states that TPD EOD should be contacted **first** on calls like this, even though the military may eventually be called to dispose of the property.

Sgt. Mueller

A large military shipment of equipment used in Iraq will be off-loaded at the Port of Tacoma within the next week. It may take three days to off-load everything onto trains. The Coast Guard will monitor this from Sitcum Waterway. Sgt. Mueller and the MSU will assist with security.

The meeting ended at 1430 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

CRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-048

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** February 6, 2006

**SUBJECT:** HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2, 2006

The Homeland Security Meeting was held February 2, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lts. Abuan and O'Dea, Det. Calitis, Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Gary Smith

The Super Bowl could present a viable target for a terrorist attack for several reasons. Michigan is the most Arab-populated state in the country. Many of these Arabs are Christian. There is also a large group of Hamas followers living in the state. February 5<sup>th</sup>, (the date of the Super Bowl) is also the anniversary of when the Soviet Troops pulled out of Afghanistan. The Super Bowl is a world wide televised media event, which would make it a great target if terrorists just wanted to show the world they have the power to disrupt such a major event. Another theory would be that the terrorists may target one of the team's home cities. In January of 2006, there have been three videos released by the terrorists, (two from Ayman al-Zawahiri, and one from Osama bin Laden) each threatening to carry out some terrorist action against our country.

Italy has repeatedly been threatened by Islamist terrorist networks, and the most likely target would be the city of Turin (Italy) during the Olympic Games, scheduled from February 10-26, 2006. Since the 2010 Winter Olympics will take place in Vancouver, Canada, law enforcement officials in this area should pay attention to what occurs in Italy. It is possible that some of the 2010 Olympics events may occur at sites which local law enforcement may be involved in providing security for.

There were three minor break-ins at Point Defiance Zoo last week. It is unknown if this is possibly related to environmental activist activity. Officers should make sure to forward information on Zoo break-ins to [REDACTED]

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The Federal Homeland Security group sent out an advisory that attacks against the U.S. oil sector would support the al-Qaida objective of damaging the U.S. economy. Presently, there is no credible or specific intelligence regarding the possibility of any attacks planned for the U.S.

Last year, an individual known as "Mashi Mike" (Mike Lowie of Queensland, Australia) solicited on the internet offers to sell realistic law enforcement credentials, including FBI, Drug Enforcement, U.S. Marshal, and U.S. Secret Service credentials. Credentials and badges that were seized have been of an extremely high quality, making them nearly indistinguishable from the true badge.

On January 18, 2006, the Bonneville Power maintenance crew found 12 bolts (3/4 of the total bolts) missing in three legs of a power tower in Washington. This line is considered critical, as it is one of the transmission outlets from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, and carries a main high-voltage transmission line between Oregon and Washington. There continues to be an increase in suspicious sabotage activity to public utilities/facilities.

Mentioned the arson at the community swimming pool in Everett. Wondered if it could be the work of eco-terrorists.

Talk radio host Hal Turner announced that militant pro-White rallies will be held in U.S. cities deemed the "most dangerous" in America, based on FBI crime report statistics. During the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, the National Socialist Movement (N.S.M.) is planning a rally and White Unity gathering in Olympia.

The Leonard Peltier march/rally is scheduled for February 4, at noon. It will start at Portland Avenue Park, and proceed to the Federal Courthouse.

Saturday, March 18, is a global day of action, as it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the "Shock and Awe Invasion of Iraq." There is a protest planned at the Westlake Park in Seattle on this date, but nothing planned so far in Tacoma.

The meeting ended at 1440 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

CRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-055

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** February 13, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 9, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held February 9, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captains Meinema and Miller, Lts. Abuan and O'Dea, Gary Smith and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

Captain Meinema recently attended a meeting with the Health Department where the subject of "Pan Flu" was discussed. Although there is no new virulent strain of flu making the rounds in this country yet, there is always concern as to what would happen if a new deadly flu or disease did appear. With the speed of travel by airplanes, it doesn't matter what country the disease starts in, it could be spread in a matter of hours to anywhere in the world.

There are two exercises coming up that our department will be participating in. On April 4-6, the state and local health departments will be hosting a "Tahoma Resilience" exercise, which will deal with the impact of an epidemic. A large joint terrorism exercise, sponsored by the Center for Asymmetric Warfare/Dept. of Emergency Management, will be held May 22-24, 2006, in the Tideflats area. Some TPD Special Teams and others will be involved in this exercise.

It is "Grant Season" again, and there are lots of homeland security grants available. It is important when requesting grants, that the application somehow be tied into our threat vulnerability and/or impact on the citizens. The application should fit into one of three basic topics: 1) Citizen Preparedness; 2) Communication Interoperability; and/or 3) Critical Infrastructure Protection.

P.C. Portal Training is coming up. This is a large interactive file on our computer that lists meetings and exercises in Pierce County. It also has maps/graphs of all the schools in the area (like Pierce Responder). Personnel need a password to log onto this account.

### T/Lt. O'Dea

Has been working on a revised staffing schedule for the department's Threat Response Protocol, experimenting with what it would look like with two and/or three shifts.

Lt. O'Dea will be giving a presentation at the University of Washington on February 22, 2006, on the subject of The Impact of Terrorism on Local Police Departments.

### Gary Smith

Amid the controversy of the burning of the Danish and Norwegian embassies in regard to Muslim cartoons printed in newspapers, Jihad has declared a global "embassy-burning day" on February 13, 2006. They are calling on the Islamic youth to set fire to Danish embassies all over the world, and to protest against the publication of the pictures and demand an apology. This could have some impact here locally for the Danish Consulate in Seattle, or any affiliated Danish businesses. (Maersk is a Danish company.)

A news article was just released in which President Bush stated the U.S.-led global war on terror has "weakened and fractured" al-Qaida and allied groups, pointing out new details about multi-national cooperation that foiled terrorist plans to fly a commercial airplane in the tallest skyscraper on the West Coast (the U.S. Bank Tower in Los Angeles). The plot involved hijackers going to use shoe bombs to blow open the cockpit door of the airliner, take control of the plane, and crash it into the tower. The President indicated that the plot was derailed when a Southeast Asian nation arrested a key al-Qaida operative. (This was apparently supposed to have happened soon after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.) Details of this foiled attack are just being released.

Fort Lewis military families are being targeted with an on-line e-mail solicitation/survey, asking personal questions on military status, duties, deployment schedules, and locations. If officers become aware of victims of this type of scam, they should forward the information to [REDACTED] A

On February 4, 2006, two different suspicious persons were observed videotaping near the Pierce County Terminal Rail Facility Yards. Officers should be aware of the continual suspicious activity that occurs on the Port. On Fridays, TPD has been trying to detail two officers to patrol the Port area.

On Thursday, 2/9/06, at 0710 hrs., LESA dispatched a call from Mega Foods (7911 So. Hosmer) reference two Muslim-looking males being overheard stating they were "going to do something to the Narrows Bridge." The subjects were gone by the time the officers arrived.

Saturday, March 18, is a global day of action, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the "Shock and Awe Invasion of Iraq." There is a protest planned at the Westlake Park in Seattle on this date, but nothing planned so far in Tacoma. It is possible that some protests may take place at local recruiting centers.

The meeting ended at 1440 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-063

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** February 21, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held February 16, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captains Meinema and Miller, Lts. Abuan, Darlington, and O'Dea, Sergeants Still and J. Moore, Detectives Wimmer and Calitis, Gary Smith and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

On April 4-6, our department will be participating in an exercise titled "Tahoma Resilience," which is hosted by state and local health departments. This exercise will deal with the impact of an epidemic.

A large joint terrorism exercise, sponsored by the Center for Asymmetric Warfare/Dept. of Emergency Management, will be held May 22-24, 2006, in the Tideflats area. Some TPD Special Teams and others will be involved in this exercise. There will be a live exercise on May 23, and a tabletop discussion the other two days. TPD command staff attending should try to be present all three days.

Captain Meinema wanted to remind personnel that when submitting wish lists for grant items that other units or agencies in our region may also apply for, employees should make a good description of the item(s) and then track their requests. When items are purchased for many agencies through grants, it is difficult to sort out which agency was to receive which item. Copies of all requested grant items should be forwarded to Sgt. Still so he can track them.

There haven't been any Resources meetings scheduled yet to discuss the 2006 grant wish lists.

The City Council recently passed our Buffer Zone Plan for site hardening. The state was also pleased with our grant.

### Lt. Darlington

The Port of Tacoma and U.S. Coast Guard is sponsoring an Incident Commander's Conference on March 7, 2006. The purpose of the conference is to further the preparedness of the Puget Sound region to respond to a major incident such as a marine casualty, mass casualty, or transportation security incident. The information from this conference will be used to facilitate a Planning and Operations Conference, scheduled for March 22, 2006. This exercise will take place on the Tideflats, and will involve Port Security, Coast Guard, FBI, Tacoma Fire, and TPD. Lt. Darlington will find out the details, and arrange for some TPD Command Staff to be present.

### Gary Smith

U.S. researchers have developed a quick and sensitive method that could be used soon at airports around the world for detecting peroxide explosives (like TATP) on ordinary surfaces. TATP has been used in terrorist attacks, such as the London bombings in July 2005. It is cheap and easy to make, and invisible to most conventional explosive detective devices routinely used at airports.

The Federal Department of Homeland Security assessed the threat of terrorists using the avian influenza virus as a weapon. The three scenarios discussed **were not** based on specific evidence or intelligence. The most plausible scenario would be for terrorists to collect samples of avian flu from infected birds, and introduce the disease to the U.S. poultry population, causing significant economic damage. Less likely, terrorists could worsen the naturally occurring outbreak of a human-transmissible form of the virus by spreading samples of avian influenza in public places, such as on countertops and handrails. The least likely, but most damaging of the three potential scenarios, would be for someone with the skills and equipment to modify the current strain to sustain transmissibility in humans.

About 200 people held a protest in Seattle outside the Abu-Bakr Mosque over the deportation hearings of Abraham Sheik Mohamed, (the spiritual adviser/Imam) who is currently being held at the INS detention center in Tacoma. Another rally is planned at this center on Saturday, March 11, sponsored by the Olympia Movement for Justice & Peace. The Rally will start at the Detention Center at 1623 East "J" Street, then the demonstrators will march to the downtown Tacoma Sheraton, where they plan a rally at the hotel. (This is also the day that the Pacific Northwest National Security Forum will be taking place at the Sheraton Hotel. This forum will bring together top military commanders from around the country.) Lt. Standifer will be advised in case DRT is needed.

The EarthFirst! Pacific NW Rendezvous is scheduled from February 24-26, 2006, at Mt. Walker Viewpoint Road (Olympic peninsula). Each time EarthFirst! has a rendezvous, they hold a "Day of Action," in which they may act out on their beliefs. It is possible they could target car dealerships (like Ford), or stores that use Weyerhaeuser products (like Home Depot).

The meeting ended at 1450 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for February 23, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-066

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** February 24, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 23, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held February 23, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were A/C Mielbrecht, Captain Miller, Sergeant Still, Analyst Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

Sgt. Still

There haven't been any Resources meetings scheduled yet to discuss the 2006 grant wish lists.

Gary Smith

Saturday, March 18, is a global day of action, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the "Shock and Awe Invasion of Iraq." There is a protest planned at the Westlake Park in Seattle on this date. On Sunday, March 19, there is a planned anti-war march/rally/gathering at an unnamed Tacoma location. This gathering "is to focus attention on the diversion of national resources from the needs of the American people toward the Iraq war and the war on terrorism." These are sponsored by the organization Act Now to Stop War & End Racism (A.N.S.W.E.R.).

There is a rally and march planned at the Tacoma INS Detention Center on Saturday, March 11, reference deportation hearings on Abraham Sheik Mohamed (the spiritual adviser/Imam). The Rally will start at the Detention Center at 1623 East "J" Street, then the demonstrators will march to the downtown Tacoma Sheraton, where they plan a rally at the hotel. (This is also the day that the Pacific Northwest National Security Forum will be taking place at the Sheraton Hotel. This forum will bring together top military commanders from around the country.) This rally is sponsored by the Olympia Movement for Justice & Peace.

The EarthFirst! Pacific NW Rendezvous is scheduled from February 24-26, 2006, at Mt. Walker Viewpoint Road (Olympic peninsula). Each time EarthFirst! has a rendezvous, they hold a "Day of Action," in which they may act out on their beliefs. It is possible they could target car dealerships (like Ford for not building more hybrid vehicles), or stores that use Weyerhaeuser products (like Home Depot and Office Max).

Thurston County has been experiencing hate messages and pornographic images being spread in their county in the form of flyers or messages placed in plastic Easter eggs scattered on residential lawns. It is believed that this is the work of the National Socialist Movement (NSM). This organization is planning a rally in Olympia on July 4. It will probably draw people for a counter demonstration. There is an increase of White Supremacist activity showing up in the Puget Sound area.

The meeting ended at 1430 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

CRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-076

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** March 3, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 2, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 2, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captains Meinema and Miller, Detective Wimmer, Analyst Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Gary Smith

The National Socialist Movement (consisting of White Supremacists and neo-Nazi's) plans to hold a small rally in Everett, on March 5, 2006, in the area of the Everett Events Center around noon. At some of these rallies, counter-protestors have shown up and confrontations have broken out. The NSM members use aggressive and vulgar language in their chants and verbal exchanges with the counter protestors. This tactic has incited attacks by the counter protestors. Last week, a NSM neo-Nazi rally was held in Orlando, Florida, and fights broke out, and police made seventeen arrests. The NSM has mentioned they will hold a rally a month, and officers should be aware that one could be held in Tacoma at any time, without much advance warning.

**There is a rally and march planned at the Tacoma INS Detention Center on Saturday, March 11,** "to bring attention to the punitive immigration and deportation policies of the INS." The Rally will begin at 1100 hours at the Detention Center at 1623 East "J" Street, and at 1200 hours, demonstrators will march to the downtown Tacoma Sheraton, where they plan a rally at the hotel from 1300-1500 hours. (This is also the day the Pacific Northwest National Security Forum will be taking place at the Sheraton Hotel. This forum will bring together top military commanders from around the country.) Also of concern is that a reception for the Pacific NW Forum takes place Friday evening, March 10, at the Washington State Historical Museum. Hopefully, none of the glass exhibits nearby will be damaged during this event.

Radio Station KVI has announced that Operation Support Our Troops (OSOT) is planning a rally on Saturday, March 11, from 1000-1100 hours, at the WA National Guard Headquarters at Camp Murray. This rally is to gain support for getting the Berkeley Street I-5 Overpass Bridge officially renamed the Freedom Bridge (located at exit 122 off I-5).

Saturday, March 18, is a global day of action, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the "Shock and Awe Invasion of Iraq." There is a protest planned at the Westlake Park in Seattle on this date.

**On Sunday, March 19, there is a planned anti-war march and rally at People's Park (So. 9<sup>th</sup> and MLK Way) in Tacoma, at 1330 hours.** This gathering "is to focus attention on the diversion of national resources from the needs of the American people toward the Iraq war and the war on terrorism." This march and rally is sponsored by several religious organizations.

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) is planning a possible protest at the University of Puget Sound on March 25, 2006. SDS's main theme is to revitalize civil disobedience by direct actions. (The SDS idea was conceived at the end of the Fall 2005 semester, when a chemistry professor invited faculty and staff who thought of themselves as "progressive" to start attending meetings. Since then, a group of around 25 individuals have met multiple times.)

Captain Meinema

Captain Meinema wanted officers to pay attention to all the planned protests and marches occurring this month, and be aware that any of these could cause civil disobedience and problems for our department. Also, White Supremacist groups have been showing up more frequently, and could stage a rally in Tacoma at any time.

The meeting ended at 1430 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

CRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-085

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** March 10, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 9, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 9, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were A/C Mielbrecht, Captains Meinema and Miller, Lts. Ruiz, Cribbin, Standifer, and O'Dea, Sergeants Jepson, Habib, T. White, and Moore, Detectives [REDACTED] and Wimmer, Analyst Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske. A

### Sergeant Jepson

The Pacific Northwest Security Forum will be held March 10-11, 2006, at the downtown Tacoma Sheraton Hotel. The plans include seventeen Generals and major Commanders from all branches of the service to speak at this forum. Admiral Keating and other four-star commanders (from NORAD and Transportation) will be present. Admiral Keating will hold a press conference in a confined area, and no protestors will be allowed entrance into that area. All the speeches (except for the meals) will be held at the Tacoma Convention Center Pavilion.

Fort Lewis contacted [REDACTED] and expressed an interest in having their dogs do a sweep of the facility prior to the event. Sgt. Jepson will meet the Fort Lewis dog handlers prior to the event on both days to facilitate this, even though the facility won't be locked down/secured throughout the event. A

The conference starts at noon on March 10, and the Tacoma Mayor will give a welcoming introduction. Sgt. Jepson and two BRRT Officers will be patrolling the area. Since this is a private event, the Sheraton will provide some of their own private security, but they did not hire any off-duty TPD officers for the event. The military may provide some protection and escorts for the higher commanders, but was not planning on providing security for the event itself.

The Forum reception will be held the evening of March 10, at the Washington State History Museum. Sgt. Jepson and two BRRT officers will be in the area of the Museum from 1730-2100 hours.

On March 11, the Forum continues at the Sheraton. At the same time, there will be a rally and march planned at the Tacoma INS Detention Center. The Rally will begin at 1100 hours at the Detention Center (1623 East "J" Street), and at 1200 hours, demonstrators will march to the downtown Tacoma Sheraton, where they plan a rally at the hotel from 1300-1500 hours. At 1100 hours, Sgt. Jepson, eight Traffic motorcycle units, two Traffic officers in cars, and ten BRRT officers will provide security at the INS Detection Center for the planned rally and march. Once the protestors march to the Sheraton Hotel where the Forum is still taking place, it is planned that the protestors have arranged for approximately ten speakers to give speeches outside over a sound system. It is estimated that there will be 100 to 300 protestors at this rally/march. (Just a note: There have been two incidents of graffiti in Arabic writings, found at the Maersk Terminal, which is close to where this rally/march will be passing.)

Lt. Standifer has a DRT Response Plan already prepared, just in case the DRT Team is called out this weekend.

[REDACTED] mentioned that three TPD intelligence detectives will be working these events undercover. A

Operation Support Our Troops (OSOT) is also planning a rally on Saturday, March 11, at the Berkeley Street I-5 Overpass Bridge, from 1000-1100 hours, to gain support for getting this bridge officially renamed the Freedom Bridge (located at exit 122 off I-5).

The meeting ended at 1435 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

CRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.S.:** 06-032

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** March 27, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 16, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 16, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Asst. Chief Mielbrecht, Detective Calitis, Analyst Gary Smith, and Secretary Carter.

Gary Smith

Today, the San Diego Arena was evacuated when a bomb dog hit on a suspicious box. A recent Homeland Security bulletin advised of postings on a jihadist message board that advocated targeting public facilities during large sporting events. Currently, the DHS and FBI are unaware of any specific or credible plans regarding an imminent threat to any sporting event or public facility.

White Pride World Wide Day will be March 21, 2006. Even though there seems to be an ongoing presence of white power activity lately in the area, there has been no mention of planned events in the area.

An all day seminar, sponsored by Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), will be held at the University of Puget Sound (Marshall Hall) on Saturday, March 25, from 1000-1700 hours. There will be an open mike for anyone to speak, various activities planned (singing, poetry), and a free potluck afterwards. The main intention of this group is to revitalize civil disobedience.

An anti-war group called ANSWER has scheduled a protest for March 18-19, 2006, in Seattle at Westlake Mall. They are acknowledging the third anniversary of the war in Iraq and want to use "non-violent resistance" to attempt to force the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. A small protest is scheduled on the 19<sup>th</sup> here in Tacoma for the 9<sup>th</sup>/MLK Way area. Allied Ministries is trying to involve anarchist groups to build up the numbers. Our only concern should be how aggressive they get. Fortunately, there is not much traffic on Sunday.

The meeting ended at 1420 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, at 1400 hours, in the Operations Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-090

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** March 24, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 23, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 23, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were A/Lt. O'Dea, Sergeant Still, Detective Wimmer, Analyst Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Sergeant Still

There have been no recent regional Resource meetings, and we have not received any financial guidance yet for federal grant money available for 2006.

Lt. O'Dea reported that our department recently received some "gators" (six-wheeled logistical vehicles) that were purchased through the BZZP Grant. Detective Wimmer stated the department also received some helmets and pole cameras that were funded through this grant.

### Gary Smith

An all day seminar, sponsored by Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), will be held at the University of Puget Sound (Marshall Hall) on Saturday, March 25, from 1000-1700 hours. There will be an open mike for anyone to speak, various activities planned, and a free potluck afterwards. The main theme of this group is to revitalize civil disobedience. Lt. O'Dea will notify Lt. Roberts as to this event being held, and the campus police should be notified, just in case the participants act out.

On Saturday, March 25, from 1200-1400 hrs., at the DuPont-Steilacoom Road overpass above I-5 at Exit #119, there will be a "Free Kevin Benderman from Fort Lewis Brig" protest/demonstration. Sgt. Benderman was initially charged with Desertion and Missing Movement when he didn't show up for his military assignment.

The Washington Amigos Motorcycle Club is planning to have a 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party and "Benefit Run for Beam" on Saturday, April 8, 2006. The start of the run will begin at Beam's Pub, located at 780 Main Street, Buckley, and will end at the Nifty-Fifty's Bar, located at 8924 Canyon Rd. E., in Puyallup. It is expected that a large contingent of Bandidos will be at this event. Officer safety should be a primary concern if contacting any member(s) on a traffic stop.

The fastest growing outlaw motorcycle gang (OMG) is Vagos OMG. This was a group that originally had ties with Mexican Mafia prison gangs, but is now expanding to include White Aryan Nation individuals. The group is involved in drugs, meth production, prostitution, robberies, assaults, etc. The group started in the California area, and has now started a branch in Oregon.

A recent article in The New Tribune announced that Bamboo, the elephant, will be sent back to the Seattle Woodland Park Zoo this year, as he wasn't being accepted among the other elephants at Pt. Defiance Zoo. The Northwest Animal Rights Network is still trying to convince authorities that Bamboo should be sent to the elephant sanctuary in Tennessee. It is possible that protests may take place at Pt. Defiance before the zoo transfer takes place.

The meeting ended at 1425 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for March 30, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-093

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** March 31, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 30, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 30, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Sergeant Still, Analyst Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Gary Smith

The Department of Homeland Security reports that there have been three instances of cylinders of toxic chemicals becoming unaccounted for during transit in late 2005. In sufficient quantities, many of these chemicals (cyanogen chloride, ethylene oxide, and hydrogen sulfide) have the potential to cause death or severe injury/illness to exposed persons. Although no terrorism connections have been found connected to the missing cylinders of chemicals, the inability to account for them creates opportunities for individuals or groups to use them for malicious purposes. (In the three instances listed above, two of the three cylinders were later found by the shipping company and delivered to their destination.) Department of Homeland Security requests immediate reporting of missing containers of toxic and other potentially dangerous chemicals, so they can identify the scope and nature of the problem, as well as possible patterns or trends.

World-wide Animal Liberation Front Appreciation Day (ALF) is Sunday, April 2, 2006. There is always the possibility that this group will try to release animals, or damage and/or burn buildings on this day, but there is no indication as to actions planned, or areas that may be targeted.

In an act of anti-war civil disobedience, on March 24, 2006, Joe Power-Drutis, a 57-year-old healthcare worker from Tacoma's Neighborhood Clinic, chained himself to the "New Beginnings" statue in front of the Federal Building in downtown Tacoma. He is protesting the war, and the plight of children affected by it. He is being supported by friends, coworkers, and college students, and asks supporters to bring signs that reflect the plight of the children. On March 28, he was joined by Madeline, and 85-year-old woman who recently moved to Tacoma. They are drawing support, and about 50 people attended a rally there on March 26. It is unknown how long they decide to stay chained to the statue.

The Seattle Rainforest Action Group is meeting in Seattle on Sunday, April 16, to rally and put up posters describing "how the Weyerhaeuser logging corporation is illegally logging on First Nation's peoples lands in Canada." It is possible that group members may target stores like Lowe's or Home Depot because of the wood products they carry.

On April 20, 2006, the Rainforest Action Group is planning a rally across from the Weyerhaeuser headquarters in Federal Way.

World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week is from April 23-30, 2006. This week has traditionally been a time when animal activists have organized rallies, protests, news conferences, and other events "to fight for the animals that are imprisoned in laboratories, and to raise public awareness for their plight." Northwest Animal Rights Network (NARN) and U of W's CARE (Campus Animal Rights Educators) are jointly hosting a national week of education and action at the Seattle University of WA Campus.

With spring here, and Arbor Day and Earth Day approaching, eco-activists and the tactics they use may start becoming more noticeable, like graffiti, signs hung on overpasses to disrupt traffic, or arsons.

A motorcycle ride is scheduled on Sunday, April 2, to support the "First in Asia Fund," which benefits soldiers returning from overseas deployments. First in Asia was set up as a nonprofit organization for several members of the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Forces Group, in order to raise money for the construction of a memorial honoring soldiers who have died. The ride starts at the NW Harley-Davidson store in Lacey.

The Washington Amigos Motorcycle Club is planning to have a 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party and "Benefit Run for Beam" on Saturday, April 8, 2006. The start of the run will begin at Beam's Pub, located at 780 Main Street, Buckley, and will end at the Nifty-Fifty's Bar, located at 8924 Canyon Rd. E., in Puyallup. The Amigos MC are one of three local support clubs for the Bandidos MC. A large contingent of Bandidos is expected at this event. Officer safety should be a primary concern if contacting any member(s) on a traffic stop.

The meeting ended at 1435 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-109

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** April 14, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 13, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held April 13, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captains Meinema and Miller, Lts. Abuan and O'Dea, Detectives Wimmer and [REDACTED] and Secretary Boneske.

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### Det. J. Shipp

Canada has finally recognized the Sri Lankan separatist group called the Tamil Tigers, as a terrorist organization and has outlawed their activities. Now it will be illegal to financially support or do fundraising for the organization in Canada. This group, formally known as the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, is responsible for more than 160 suicide bombings, is considered one of the world's leading practitioners of suicide terrorism, and has assassinated scores of political opponents.

Twenty-two stowaways from China were captured at Seattle's Harbor Island last week, after they arrived in a 40-foot cargo container aboard a ship from Shanghai. All the stowaways were in good condition, and had plenty of water, food, and clothing inside the cargo container. They said each paid \$10,000 to be smuggled into our country. All of these individuals are currently being held at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma. With the increased smuggling operations taking place, we should be concerned about terrorists entering the country this way.

The Seattle Rainforest Action Group is meeting in Seattle on Sunday, April 16, to rally and put up posters describing "the First Nation's people's struggles because of Weyerhaeuser illegally logging on their land." It is possible that group members may target stores like Lowe's or Home Depot because of the wood products they carry, but there is no intelligence to indicate that Tacoma will be targeted.

On April 20, 2006, the Rainforest Action Group is planning a rally across from the Weyerhaeuser headquarters in Federal Way.

World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week is from April 23-30, 2006. The Win Animal Rights (WAR) webpage advocates a week of "protests, rallies, and civil disobedience" to stop laboratories from using animals for testing and research. Although there are no planned protests in Tacoma, the Seattle University of WA Campus is hosting a national week of education and action event centered around the plight of animals in laboratories.

Several domestic terrorist events have occurred on April 19<sup>th</sup>, to include the Oklahoma City bombing, and the Branch Davidian Fire in Waco, Texas. Other anniversary dates to be aware of are: Jewish Passover from April 13-17; Good Friday on April 14; Easter on April 17; and Adolf Hitler's birthday and the Columbine School shooting on April 20. Although there is no information to suggest specific threats during this time period, extremist groups may engage in demonstrations or illegal actions.

On April 2, 2006, a group of eight people dressed in Nazi uniforms and carrying Nazi flags, arrived at a location in Olympia and found a large group of counter-protestors there. The neo-Nazi group then moved to the steps of the Capitol building, and after five minutes of speaking, it became heated between them and the counter-protestors. WSP officers told the neo-Nazi group that they didn't have a permit to assemble there, and transported them out of the area before the demonstration got violent. Another demonstration of this type is

planned in the Tri-Cities soon. Lt. Abuan recommended that two to three members of the DRT Team go to Olympia to view one of these next demonstrations, to gain experience in case an event like this occurs in Tacoma, or if Tacoma DRT is ever asked to assist in a mutual aid call.

There will be a briefing held soon involving several Thurston County law enforcement agencies, in reference to a homeland security exercise scheduled to take place in that area. Representatives from TPD and PCSD will also be invited to attend.

There has been escalating violence between the Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club (HAMC) and rival gangs, to include the Outlaws, Pagans and Mongols. The Hell's Angels President was shot and killed on April 2, 2006, in Connecticut. Ten other Hell's Angels members have been found murdered in Eastern Canada recently.

██████████ stated Special Investigations received some TVs from the first shipment of items awarded in the Buffer Zone Protection Grant. SWAT should be receiving some camera equipment. Detective Wimmer stated EOD received some items from the grant also (pole cams, level 3 helmets, and shock tube initiators).

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#### Captain Meinema

There will be a large terrorism exercise May 22-24, 2006, in which our officers and Special Teams will be involved in (SWAT, MSU, EOD). We will be utilizing the command post, and will have to staff security around the event, along with providing a sanitization zone, where officers involved in the exercise will have their guns emptied of live ammunition.

The meeting ended at 1445 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-118

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** May 3, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 27, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held April 27, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were A/Chief Mielbrecht, Captains Meinema and Miller, Sgt. Still, Detective Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske.

### Asst. Chief Mielbrecht

Mentioned that there haven't been any Resource Meetings in several months. Recommended that our department train with the new equipment we purchase or receive through grants. Although the government sponsors several terrorism exercises each year, our department needs to set aside time to train with the equipment we have.

Mentioned that the department wanted to know what our officers want the Mobile Command Unit to be able to do. Lt. Feddersen recently sent department personnel (via e-mail) a questionnaire on this subject.

Mentioned that if officers or special teams need a specific piece of equipment to accomplish a task, they should check the Resource Page of the Terrorist Early Warning Group (under the Dept. of Emergency Management), which lists all equipment available that can be shared between other agencies/counties.

### Captain Meinema

Mentioned that a May Day Trucker's Strike planned in Los Angeles, and a possible demonstration in Olympia. There was information that a general strike could occur at the Port of Tacoma, with the theme being "A Day without Immigrants." Sgt. Jagodinski can have the BRRT Team respond quickly if there is a problem.

Mentioned that the Terrorist Early Warning (TEW) group is forming three capability task forces to assess where our capabilities are in our county. Do we know what other materials agencies have? (For example: Are area agencies aware that PCSD as a Side Scan Radar, in case there is a need to do an underwater search?) Do we have all the equipment we need?

We have received two "Gators" from a grant, which are like small tractors. These can be used to haul bomb squad equipment and/or personnel, but SWAT may also find a use for them. Do we have the appropriate hitches and electrical adaptors on vehicles to haul these, though? We need to make sure the devices and equipment we have is compatible with other equipment, and we need to assess the interoperability of items between special teams. Also, a specific department member should be assigned the responsibility of tracking equipment such as the Gators.

### Detective Wimmer

Detective Wimmer stated he volunteered to be on the TEW WMD/Explosives Task Force.

Mentioned that some equipment we receive through grants still has expensive maintenance, which is normally not covered in the grant. Several pieces of equipment used by EOD still require yearly calibration. In the future, the department should see if the grants can include extra monies to cover the cost of maintenance on these items.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-123

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** May 5, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – May 4, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held May 4, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Meinema, Sgt. Still, RIC Chris Adamson and Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

Recommended that our department set aside time to train with the new equipment we purchase or receive through grants, so we become proficient with it.

The Emergency Operations Center at TPD was used during the May Day demonstration. There were some kinks that needed to be worked out, so it was a good practice run to get used to the equipment.

### Sergeant Still

There hasn't been any Resource Meetings since the beginning of the year. Sgt. Still will check to see when the next one is planned.

### Gary Smith

According to the U.S. Dept. of State report on terrorism, the number of terrorist attacks and noncombatant casualties is increasing. Worldwide, in 2003, there were 208 attacks, and 625 fatalities. In 2004, 3,168 attacks resulted in 1,907 deaths and 6,704 injuries. In 2005, 11,000 terrorist attacks killed 14,600 people. In 360 suicide bombings, 3,000 people were killed. Many of these attacks are carried out by relatively unskilled individuals, but technology (like information on the internet) has enhanced their capabilities.

FBI Director R. Mueller believes the latest threat to homeland security coming from terrorists who are decentralized, not trained in the traditional manner, and funded through street crimes - rather than sympathetic governments. Global positioning satellites and Internet technology have changed terrorists' methods of operation. Law enforcement should be aware of the latest trends.

The Hell's Angels have engaged a company (<http://www.Easydot.com>) from Vancouver to install a program that will trace all visitors to their websites and links. The company will provide the Hell's Angels with the ISP information, and well as install trackers through sophisticated cookies. It is strongly recommended that personnel not make queries to their websites from department computers or officers' home or personal sites. The company would be able to trace inquiries made from department computers back to the Police Department. If they were able to obtain the ISP information, they could infect the computer or obtain access to private documents and files.

The Gypsy Jokers' Motorcycle Group will hold their second annual Swap Meet and Ride-In Bike Show on May 21, 2006, at Gloria's Bar and Grill (8201 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma). The event is from 1000-1600 hours.

The Pierce County Chapter of the Gypsy Jokers is situated in Roy, WA. In Washington State, the Gypsy Jokers have a loose affiliation with the Hell's Angels.

An increase in violence is expected between rival motorcycle clubs, as a struggle for power over new territory may lead to a "blood bath" this summer between the Hell's Angels and the newly allied Pagans and Outlaws Motorcycle Clubs, which recently joined forces. Recently, eight members of the Bandido's group were executed in Canada. The Bandido's group is large in Canada.

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The May Day protest in Tacoma was anti-climatic. Something our officers and the DRT Team should be aware of in the future is that at the Seattle protest, multiple maces (a mace is a heavy shaft of wood or steel, with a head made of stone, iron or steel, that may be flanged or have knobs, spikes, or a chain and ball attached) were found secreted in newspaper stands and in other areas. Apparently, these weapons were hidden by protestors before the rally started, in case protestors wanted to use violence during the demonstration. Pictures of these weapons will be provided later so officers are aware of what they look like.

Ten to fifteen Black Panthers showed up at the trial proceedings regarding the rape allegations involving the Duke University lacrosse team players. Officers should be aware that it is possible for Black Panthers to show up in the Tacoma area because of this incident.

Two National Socialist Movement (NSM) individuals were seen at the May Day rally carrying their flag. There were also two National Vanguard (White Supremacist) members that were arrested at the Seattle demonstration.

The National Socialist Movement organization has recently announced they have formed a Unit in Tacoma. The president of the group is Gary Nemath, who lives in an apartment complex just west of the Temple Beth El synagogue, near South 12<sup>th</sup> and Pearl Street. Temple Beth El has recently been the victim of vandalisms three times in the past couple weeks.

The meeting ended at 1445 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-127

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** May 17, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – May 11, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held May 11, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captains Meinema and Miller, Lts. Abuan and O'Dea, Sgt. Still, RIC Gary Smith, Detectives Calitis and Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

Mentioned that officers should be familiar with the buildings and infrastructures in their sector, and be alert for anything that looks suspicious, or any damage that looks new.

The Boeing Company is hosting Homeland Security Training on June 12, and bringing in experienced speakers on the subject. Captain Meinema has the information on registration, if anyone is interested in attending.

### Captain Miller

Mentioned the shooting in Virginia, where an 18-year-old suicidal male opened up fire on police officers at the back of their police station. He commended our training staff for including a similar scenario in our quarterly training.

### Lt. Abuan

In Newark, New Jersey, a handgun made mostly of carbon fiber was found by airport security. With the lack of metal in the gun, it is almost invisible to X-ray machines, and appears as a straight metal rod, with no stock or trigger. Officers should be aware that a gun like this could possibly slip through our Courts' metal detectors.

Lt. Abuan will be attending a seminar this month in New Jersey and New York, so he can observe how their sea ports are set up and run.

### Lt. O'Dea

Will look again at publishing a revised Operational Plan for the department. This would list what shift/hours personnel would work if the department needed to go to 12-hour shifts because of a terrorism threat/action.

### Sergeant Still

The next Resource Meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 14.

Sergeant Still brought up some concerns about our new police headquarters. Do we have a PA system? (No.) Do we have an established evacuation plan? Which exits should personnel use in an emergency situation? If the electricity is out, is there a backup for all the electronic doors? (Some offices require an ID card to unlock the door from inside their office to be able to exit.) These are things that should be considered.

### Gary Smith

The Gypsy Jokers' Motorcycle Group will hold their second annual Swap Meet and Ride-In Bike Show on May 21, 2006, at Gloria's Bar and Grill (8201 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma). The event is from 1000-1600 hours.

The Hombre's Motorcycle Group will be participating in the Bearded Clam Run, from June 9-11, in Longbranch. Officers may see members of the group passing through our city.

On May 2, an Israeli border guard in Hebron, found a disabled Palestinian male in a wheelchair rigged with a suicide bomb. (The device was safely defused.) If a diagram can be obtained of how the bomb was set up, that information will be given out at a later time. Officers should be aware that wheelchairs, baby strollers, and/or bicycles can be good hiding spots for bombs.

As indicated by an investigative report, representatives from the extremist groups – Animal Liberation Front (ALF) and Earth Liberation Front (ELF), advised they will not end their violent efforts to promote their cause despite new terrorism laws. Their efforts include the use of firebombs, bolt cutters, and the harming of businesses perceived to be environmentally unfriendly. In this same report, ALF and ELF proved their ability to create firebombs using only \$4.00 in supplies.

In support of jailed ALF activist Peter Young, activists have taken credit for the release of hundreds of captive mink imprisoned on a ranch in Minnesota on April 29, 2006. In a released communication, the group noted, "This is the second A.L.F. liberation in the Midwest done in absolute solidarity with Peter Young, whose unparalleled bravery and determination serves as an inspiration to us all." Just FYI, there is a mink farm located in Graham, WA.

Gary Smith visited the new housing development in Bonney Lake called Cascadia. He saw that three telephone poles were tagged with paint saying "Stop All Work" and "Doom."

Posted on the NARN website is an announcement about a demonstration for Bamboo, the elephant, at Woodland Park Zoo, on Saturday, May 20, from 1130-1400 hours. Protestors indicate that "this is a perfect opportunity to educate zoo visitors about Bamboo's suffering." Bamboo is still being kept at the Pt. Defiance Zoo, but will be moved back to Woodland Park Zoo possibly near the end of May. Lt. O'Dea stated the department requested that the zoo not conduct this move during the Memorial Day weekend, because of the larger crowds that are anticipated.

#### Det. Wimmer

Det. Wimmer attended the Dept. of Emergency Management Capabilities Assessment Task Force for assessing explosive devices responses. Several task forces have been set up to assess where Region 5 stands in relation to the national standards. This is a crucial step in determining where we are as a Region, so we can begin applying our efforts to closing capability gaps and maintain our strong points. Our police department is considered to have a Type II Bomb Squad, per the national standards.

The two "Gators" we received came from the Buffer Zone grant. They will be used by the SWAT, Clan Lab and EOD teams. The Range may also use the gators when they have a need.

The meeting ended at 1445 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-128

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** May 23, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – May 18, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held May 18, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Meinema, Lts. Abuan and O'Dea, RIC Gary Smith, Detective Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

The Center for Asymmetric Warfare/DEM's Homeland Security exercise will be held May 22-24, with most of the action taking place on Tuesday, May 23. Several police radio channels have been reserved for Tuesday. There is a channel now which will allow personnel to talk to the Dept. of Transportation.

There was an action clip on a website which showed tactics used by gang members and ex-military personnel that was aggressive in nature, and could be used against law enforcement personnel. It was recommended that RIC Gary Smith provide an internet link to this, and put it on the common drive for all officers to view. Gang members are entering the military in increasing numbers, and are bringing back to the street the military tactics they've learned.

### Lt. O'Dea

Received an e-mail from the Dept. of Emergency Management website, announcing a one-time grant opportunity authorized by the WA State Legislature this March. This Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance Grant program provides \$1.6 million in state funds to eligible applicants. If anyone is interested in submitting a project proposal under this competitive grant, contact Lt. O'Dea for more information.

### Gary Smith

Some gang members in the military are stealing/sending flak jackets back to other gang members in their home state. It was reported that civilian gang members in the Seattle area have also been caught with flak jackets that were possibly stolen from Fort Lewis. There have been many police reports made on military equipment being stolen from vehicles (LESA reports also).

An FBI bulletin reports that members of the Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) in the San Francisco Bay area have access to assault weapons, military style body armor, and grenades. Intelligence also suggests that members know how to make improvised explosive devices.

There is an online Columbine Video Game that is based on the school massacre in 1999. The game includes crime scene photos of the killers, and images of students running and crying. Last week, an incident at Clover Park High School had officials close the school for a day, after a threatening graffiti message was found at a nearby elementary school which made reference to the Columbine shooting. Authorities didn't allow students to walk or drive their cars home (everyone was bused to their neighborhood), while the police conducted their investigation. Another recent incident occurred at Rogers High School in Puyallup, in which the Columbine shooting was also mentioned.

MySpace.com is becoming a crime network. It is a wildly popular, free online networking service that provides message boards to over 70 million users. It has recently made headlines for its role in sex crimes and rumors about violent incidents. Some subjects were arrested for making threats at schools, because of what they wrote on MySpace.com. There are also local websites that are popular like Craigslist and White Supremacist websites.

There has been a "Call for a National Immigrant Solidarity Movement" over the Memorial Day Weekend, in regards to immigrant rights/civil rights work. Gary hasn't found any information yet on local demonstrations.

The Cascadia Forest Defenders has a "Call to Action" and is hosting an action camp in the Willamette National Forest (Oregon) over the Memorial Day weekend. "Cascadia Forest Defenders is a collective that works to create a community of mutual respect that confronts domination, and works to end industrial logging and ecosystem destruction." Usually after a workshop such as this, some members engage in destructive, criminal action.

The recent fire at a cabin at Snoqualmie Pass, and at an unoccupied house in Bellevue are suspicious.

There was an article published in the Seattle Post Intelligencer that announced that Bamboo, the elephant, will be moved back to the Woodland Park Zoo. At this time, there has been no date finalized for the move.

Det. Wimmer

All the positive use explosives ordered for the SWAT and EOD Teams have been received.

The meeting ended at 1445 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for May 25, at 1430 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-133

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** June 5, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – May 25, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held May 25, 2006, at 1430 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Meinema, Lt. O'Dea, Sgt. Still, RIC Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Lt. O'Dea

Lt. O'Dea received an Executive Summary from the Department of Homeland Security – Office of Grants and Training - which announced that grants were available in seven training issue areas, if departments wanted to apply for them. The submissions were due to their office by May 31, 2006. Lt. O'Dea has the information if anyone is interested.

### Gary Smith

Bamboo the elephant is scheduled to be moved from Pt. Defiance Zoo to the Woodland Park Zoo on Sunday, June 11, 2006, around 0600 hours. TPD's assistance was requested.

There has been a "Call for a National Immigrant Solidarity Movement" over the Memorial Day Weekend, in regards to immigrant rights/civil rights work. This is a national day of action around the country, with planned demonstrations in Boston, San Francisco, Washington DC, and Chicago. Gary hasn't found any information yet on local demonstrations.

The Senate was expected to approve parts of the compromise immigrant legislation. The bill should be sent to the House soon. The Hispanic community may want to keep demonstrations low key, and not upset legislators voting for their cause.

The ATF offered a \$10,000 reward to solve an explosives theft from an explosives storage magazine near Stateline, Nevada. Stolen was 25 pounds of ammonium nitrate, 270 quarter-pound cast boosters, fuel oil, and ten rolls of igniter cord. The ATF is concerned about the potential threat to public safety.

Reference the Gypsy Jokers' Motorcycle Run that was held May 21, 2006, at Gloria's Bar and Grill (8201 Pacific Avenue), there were a few bikers reported wearing patches and flying their colors, but there were no reported confrontations.

Although we have a list of potential/critical infrastructures in the city that terrorists may target, it was suggested that our department create and assess a list of the most important "critical places" and their "single points of failure/function." If a terrorist threat occurs, our department should have a plan in place as to how to guard these critical places so they are not damaged (i.e., train and freeway bridges, natural gas businesses, electrical substations, etc.)

Cascadia Forest Defenders plan an Action Camp over the Memorial Day weekend, from May 26-29, in a forest near Eugene, Oregon. There is usually a "day of action" after one of these camps, which might involve criminal activity.

Wild Earth 2006 is planning a radical convergence at New Castle Island, BC, from June 15-18, 2006. This will be a four-day campout featuring workshops, training, music, strategizing for future campaigns, and networking with activists for environmental and social justice.

Nine more people were arrested in protests against the delivery of Iraq-bound military vehicles to the Port of Olympia, bringing the total arrested to 16 in three days. Protestors put bike locks on gates, and vandalized circuit breakers, causing lights to go off in the guard shack. Drew Henrich, a key protestor that has shown up at Tacoma events, was arrested. It is expected that some of these protestors will show up as counter-protestors at the planned National Socialist Movement in Olympia from July 2-4 (described below).

The NSM (neo-Nazi organization) will be holding a "Patriots Against White Genocide" rally in Olympia from July 2-4, 2006. A demonstration is planned on the steps of the Capitol on July 2, from 1400-1600 hours. A blog from someone against the NSM organization announced a "STRIKE BACK" demonstration on the seattle.indymedia website, which is promoting violence during the NSM rally. The blogger mentioned that "this event will be their [NSM's] largest in the Northwest, and they need to be shown that they are not welcome to spew their filth here. Sometimes words aren't enough, but bricks just might be... Take whatever action you deem necessary to show the NSM that the only way out of Olympia is in an ambulance."

#### Captain Meinema

Captain Meinema wondered if it is legal for someone from our department to provide false information to these "protestor-type" websites or blogs, to throw them off as to events that are happening. Maybe RIC employees can "blog" with these organizations.

The CAW Homeland Security Exercise on May 22-24 went well, there were good lessons learned, and the training is getting better. Some of the businesses on the Port are starting to take the threat of terrorism seriously, and got quite involved in the training.

The meeting ended at 1530 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for June 1, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

CRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-136

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** June 5, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – June 1, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held June 1, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Lts. Abuan and O'Dea, Detective Wimmer, RIC Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Gary Smith

Approximately thirty-nine anti-war protestors were arrested during a demonstration at the Port of Olympia. The people were gathered to protest a military ship that arrived to take equipment to Iraq. RIC Gary Smith is working with Olympia PD and the Thurston County Sheriff's Office to research those arrested and others who were leading the protest. He will find out what tactics, tools, and procedures occurred there, so our DRT Team can be informed. During the protest, the Olympia Mayor and a councilman joined the protest march.

Gary reported that there have been recent reports of Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs and basic street gangs trying to purchase/acquire military armored protective vests and automatic weapons. They are also trying to obtain military blood clotting agents, so if a member gets shot, they can use the clotting agents to stop the bleeding quickly. This would prevent the victim from having to go to a hospital and risk police involvement.

It was reported that there may be as many as 1200 potential terrorists living in Britain. Canada is also discovering they have many potential terrorists living in their country. Lax immigration laws seem to be the reason for this. Our country may develop the same problem if we don't enforce a policy against illegal immigrants.

Our country may have a lot of terrorist "self-starter cells," which are single individuals or a small group of people that are not connected to al-Qaida, but support their ideals. Two of the most recent events involved a person driving their car through a crowd of people, and a male who blew himself up on a bleacher outside a sports stadium.

At 0100 hours on May 27, a security guard for the Narrows Bridge called 911 to report a boat operating near the western pylon of the bridge, and someone using diving gear in the area. Officers were unable to locate the vessel anywhere. The Coast Guard advised that there is underwater work being done on the bridge, but can't confirm whether work was authorized at that time of day. Captain Meinema wondered if we could post "No Diving" signs near this area under the bridge. The Coast Guard would have to be contacted to see if they would approve this.

There was a suspicious package found at the McNeil Island/Anderson Island ferry dock in Steilacoom. The item was destroyed by the bomb squad, and it appeared to just be a package of tobacco.

The Band of Brothers BFE Motorcycle Group will be holding a Spring Showers Poker Ride on Saturday, June 10, which starts and ends at the Silver Dollar Tavern (16003 Pacific Ave. So.) in Spanaway.

From June 9-11, the "Weekend of Resistance Against the Green Scare" will be celebrated nationwide. June 11<sup>th</sup> is celebrated as an international day of solidarity for Earth Liberation Front activist Jeffrey Luers, and this marks his sixth year in prison. Activists are expected to commemorate this weekend.

There will be a "National Day of Action Against Caterpillar" on June 14. An activist group called "Stop Caterpillar" has asked members to participate in a day-time vigil in Chicago, and has encouraged other activists across the country to hold vigils in their neighborhoods. The City of Fife has a Caterpillar business, and should be contacted/warned of this event.

Lt. Abuan

Lt. Abuan went with staff recently from Seattle PD, King County Police, and WSP to visit New Jersey and New York regarding homeland security issues, and to view their seaports. Both New Jersey and New York police officials would like to start sharing intelligence information with our department. New York police personnel have worked hard on obtaining terrorist information, and have been successful in stopping three attacks from happening in their state. They have created their own intelligence unit, as they found out they weren't getting accurate information from the federal Joint Terrorist Task Force quickly enough.

New York Police has trained interagency Regional Rapid Deployment Teams/Forces that can quickly respond to all types of problems. They also have "Hercules Teams," which consist of personnel cross-trained in all types of assignments/functions (Dive, SAR, SWAT, Riot Tactics). This team can load up into a utility truck and respond quickly to police emergencies.

Lt. O'Dea

The WMD Team finished the annual review of the Suicide Bomber General Order. There was no need for changes.

Lt. O'Dea finished creating the emergency response plan to the Atlas Foundry, and is waiting for approval from Captain Meinema.

The meeting ended at 1450 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for June 8, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

CRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-140

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** June 9, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – June 8, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held June 8, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Lt. O'Dea, Sgt. Still, and Secretary Boneske.

Lt. O'Dea

The transfer of Bamboo, the elephant, from Point Defiance Zoo to the Woodland Park Zoo, will take place during the early morning hours on Sunday, June 11. Zoo personnel stated they would not need our department's assistance.

The accounting information was determined for the 6/6/06 special assignment. For personnel who were involved in the planning or staffing of this assignment, the following numbers should be entered on their time card for the hours they participated: 222700 should be entered for the "Cost Center," and #90007081 should be entered under "Order."

Sgt. Still

The next Region 5 Resource Meeting will be held on June 14. The last scheduled Resources meeting was in November of 2005. The federal government funded the Seattle area (in which Tacoma is included) 22% less in grant money than last year.

The meeting ended at 1410 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

CRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-152

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** June 28, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – June 15, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held June 15, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Meinema, Lt. Abuan, Sgts. Moore and Still, [REDACTED] and Wimmer, Legal Advisor Mike Smith, RIC Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

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### Captain Meinema

Several National Socialist Movement (NSM) rallies may be held in many states over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Our department may be asked to assist with the NSM rally at the capitol in Olympia, on July 3. Although the WSP will be responsible for providing security for this event, if the demonstration gets out of control and is ordered away from the Capitol, then security will fall to the Olympia Police Department.

Installation of the decking for the Narrows Bridge will begin in July. MSU will be involved in some of the details with the ship transporting the decking.

[REDACTED] showed video clips from previous NSM demonstrations that have occurred since late 2005. The NSM members are highly political, are legally aware of laws governing what they can do at protests, and love public demonstrations to gain publicity to their cause.

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At a NSM rally in Toledo, Ohio, in November of 2005, which targeted a Black neighborhood, there was a large number of gang counter protestors, which caused riots for three days, 277 arrests were made, and 17 officers were injured. The riot teams were not prepared for what occurred.

The National Socialist Movement has alliances with the following groups: Creativity Movement, KKK, Skinheads, National Alliance, and National Vanguard. The National Vanguard's last demonstration in Tacoma was at the Home Depot in September 2005.

The National Socialist Movement is gaining popularity, and there are already four chapters in Washington State. The tendency for confrontational violence is great with the National Socialist Movement. If you look at two of their websites (NS-WA.org, or Nukeisrael.com), you can view the tactics they utilize, and can see the hatred they spread.

The Tacoma NSM chapter runs an on-line internet radio show called the "Voice of Action Radio." The Snohomish County NSM leader led a protest in Olympia on January 22, 2006, a "Lenin Protest" in Seattle on February 12, 2006, distributed flyers in the Olympia/Lacey/Tumwater area on February 22, 2006, and led a rally in Everett on March 5, 2006. The NSM group is very active. At the Olympia protest on January 22, 2006, there were 10 NSM protestors, and 200 counter-protestors.

NSM members distribute lots of racist flyers and try to intimidate the public. They carry a card detailing their rights, and what the law allows when handing out flyers. They like to videotape demonstrations, and may provoke police to unlawfully arrest them, as they file many lawsuits against government agencies.

There is a NSM "Patriots Against White Genocide" rally planned at the Olympia Capitol on July 3, and the group will be staying at a campground in Thurston County on July 2-4. The NSM has been known to publish a location where a demonstration will be held at, then change the venue without warning. They also have "plants" in the crowd to incite more people. It is estimated that at the demonstration on July 3, there may be fifty NSM members, but with associates attending, there may be a total of one hundred. There are plans for buses/shuttle vans from other states to bring NSM members to the Olympia demonstration.

The NSM is also focusing on anti-Gay literature, so bloggings on the Internet have increased in volume, and indicate that counter-demonstrators are willing to use violence against the NSM. [REDACTED] has done outreach to organizations such as the Black Collective, Centro Latino, and Temple Beth El, advising them that the NSM thrives on the attention they get from counter-protestors.

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More information on the NSM group will be published in future Intelligence bulletins.

From June 12-29, Stryker brigade equipment is being off-loaded at the Port of Tacoma. There have been no problems there yet.

#### RIC – Gary Smith

Seven of the leaders of the NSM group live in the Tacoma/Pierce County area. They may be lingering in the area prior to and after the event. Since the "Patriots Against White Genocide" demonstration is scheduled from July 2-4, it's possible that TPD officers may come across members of the NSM that attend the Freedom Fair, the Taste of Tacoma, or other events in the Tacoma area.

#### Sgt. J. Moore

Captain Miller, Lt. Feddersen, and Sgt. Moore attended a meeting with the Washington State Patrol in reference to their planning for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> demonstration. The WSP plans on having 250 Troopers available for this demonstration. The WSP has put together an Operation Plan for the protest, and Olympia PD is also putting together their plans. At this time, they are not planning to ask TPD to assist.

Another meeting with WSP and Olympia PD is planned for June 19, at 1000 hours. PCSO is concerned what their involvement will be if a riot occurs in Olympia during this demonstration.

#### Sgt. Still

Washington State received \$35 million in grant money from the federal government, but the amount hasn't been broken down into what each region receives yet. The money we receive this year may be pooled to service previously purchased equipment, or to replace Level A suits in which their shelf life has expired.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

CRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-163

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** July 19, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – July 6, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held July 6, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Lt. Abuan, Sgt. Moore, Detective Calitis, RIC Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### RIC – Gary Smith

Mentioned that the NSM Rally in Olympia went well for law enforcement. WSP was ready, prepared for the worst, and received good intelligence from our department. A fence was set up to separate the NSM members from the crowd. WSP led the NSM members out quickly so the crowd wasn't able to follow them.

The anniversary of the London bombing is July 7. A new tape was to be released from Osama Bin Laden, apparently mentioning possible retaliation over al-Zawahiri's death. Lots of messages are flowing over the internet websites.

Russia is hosting the G-8 Summit on July 14-17. There hasn't been anything on the websites checked reference planned protests. It is unknown if anarchists will create violence over there, similar to the WTO protests we had here.

At 1700 hours on July 6, there is a planned protest at the Freedom Bridge (I-5 overpass, Exit 119, at the DuPont Gate) for the supporters of Lt. Watada. This might create traffic congestion.

The Juggalos are a Goth-looking type gang (and are sometimes mistaken for "Goth kids") that wear black clothes, wear clown faces/masks, and sometimes carry a hatchet. They claim to be a non-violent hang-out group that claims to be misfits of society. The common thread among this gang is the rock group **Insane Clown Posse (ICP)**. Twenty-three people have been assaulted/robbed by Juggalos' members around midnight, in Fort Steilacoom Park, during the last month.

On July 9, the Washington State Ride and Rally for the Troops will begin at the Harley Davidson business in Fife, starting at 0800 hrs. Anyone can attend and ride with their patches or colors.

### Sgt. J. Moore

Sgt. Moore gave a short critique on the NSM rally in Olympia. Sgt. Moore, Lt. Feddersen, [REDACTED], and Gary Smith attended the event to gather information, in case a rally was ever held in Tacoma. A

Captain Meinema suggested that Sgt. Moore arrange a training program for our officers on the PPE suits. It may be planned at the same time as gas mask training.

It was suggested that RIC Gary Smith give short presentations at Ops turnouts when he comes across interesting information that would be valuable to our officers.

Will be working on revising the vehicle inspection sheets, so helmets and masks are included on the check-off list.

The meeting ended at 2:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

CRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-176

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** August 11, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – August 3, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held August 3, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captains Meinema, Miller, and Langford, Lt. Cribbin, Sgt. Still, RIC Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

On August 21, 2006, PCSO and the Air Force will be involved with a Homeland Security Exercise featuring a "downed jet." It will take place at the Sprinkler Recreation Center in Spanaway. Captain Meinema recommended that some TPD command staff go to observe this exercise, and meet the PCSO commanders that will be there.

### RIC Gary Smith

Mentioned that August 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> are the anniversary dates of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. There is a chance that groups may demonstrate or protest on these dates. The Betchel Construction Corporation (the same company working on the Narrows Bridge) is a major target of a protest in the San Francisco Bay area, since the company receives a lot of government contracts, and has built nuclear bombs. Betchel is aware of the possibility of a protest in this area, so they are hiring more security during this time period.

Graffiti markings containing the words "Project Hiroshima" have appeared recently on SR509, under the Port of Tacoma Road overpass. Similar markings were on the old Kaiser Plant (3400 Taylor Way East) and on buildings, pavement, and vehicles inside the plant. It is unknown if activist groups plan on using this venue to demonstrate or protest against current world events in the Middle East.

On Saturday, August 12, there is planned a nation-wide demonstration of the U.S.-Israeli War on Lebanon and Gaza. Anti-war activists are trying to assemble groups to protest recent events occurring in the Middle East, with Israel attacking Hezbollah elements in Lebanon. There will be a national Emergency March in Washington D.C., Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. The demonstration in Seattle will take place at noon, on August 12, at the Federal Building (2<sup>nd</sup> and Marion), and is sponsored by the organization A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism), which is a group backed by the Palestinians. At this time, Gary hasn't heard of any activity planned in Tacoma on that date.

The Betchel Construction Company site manager reported recent thefts of copper wire used in the Narrows Bridge Project. Thefts of copper are also taking place at new construction sites. In other states, thieves have even cut down power poles to steal wire, which can lead to a disruption of electricity.

WAJAC warned law enforcement agencies to be on the lookout for Jason M. Rambo, (DOB 4/18/80), who has a lengthy history of mental-emotional contacts with Bellevue Police. On August 2, 2006, Mr. Rambo called the office of Congressman Dave Reichert, to warn him about an event in Seattle that day. Mr. Rambo incoherently started talking about the recent shootings at the Jewish Federation offices, and randomly associated that incident with a meeting that was to take place at a Rotary Club meeting that day at a location in Seattle. Mr. Rambo stated he contacted several law enforcement agencies with his concerns, which led the Port of Seattle Police to provide security at the Rotary Club meeting that day. Mr. Rambo was not arrested, but officers should be aware of him.

The FBI put out a bulletin announcing the potential threat of terrorists using family members (to include females) to support their terrorist activities. Females can provide strategic and tactical advantages to their network.

The Mumbai Mass Transit bombings in July 2006, share similarities with those in the March 2004 Madrid attacks, and the July 2005 London attacks. At this time, there is no specific information that any terrorist group is plotting to target a U.S. mass transit system.

Gary Smith mentioned that a new RIC analyst by the name of Mike Kortjohn was recently hired. Mike will help with compiling information on gangsters. He will create an efficient database for officers to use for identifying gang members.

Sgt. Still

Reported that the 2006 Resources Committee Funds for Region 5 (Pierce County) would total \$775,000 for Law Enforcement and Fire. Part of this money will go to purchase 25 ballistic shields for our department, to be placed in the Sergeants' cars.

Lt. Cribbin

EOD received approval for \$70,000 in funding from the Intel Section (from a LETTP federal grant) to rebuild their 10-year-old robot.

Lt. Cribbin is working with WSP on a grant for the SWAT Team for waterborne operations in a "ferry take-down."

The meeting ended at 2:40 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

CRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-175

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** August 11, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – August 10, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held August 10, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Meinema, Lt. Abuan, Sgts. Still and Moore, RIC Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

Mike Kortjohn, the new Regional Intelligence Center (RIC) employee, was introduced to the group. Mike's first project will be working on compiling past Gang recap sheets, along with other gang information, into a more efficient database for officers to use for identifying gang members. The information will be used for "predictive" analysis of gang activity, rather than "reactive." It is planned that a similar database will eventually be created that would compile information on protestors, anarchists, etc.

### Captain Meinema

Detective Andren provided a briefing at the swing shift turnout reference the take-over bank robbery that occurred at 5813 South Tacoma Way. Officers should be aware of suspicious circumstances, especially any activity which could be a rehearsal for a crime being planned, and use good officer safety techniques, especially when around banks and the Port of Tacoma. If something looks peculiar, don't assume it's nothing. Many major crimes and terrorist actions have been prevented because an officer started following up on something suspicious.

### RIC – Gary Smith

British Intelligence arrested 21 suspected terrorists in London, for plotting to blow up several commercial airlines. They are still searching for at least 12 other suspects. The plot involved smuggling liquid chemicals inside carry-on luggage, and assembling the bombs on the planes. The explosives were to be placed in three different locations on the plane, and detonated in mid-flight. The terrorist were targeting flights from London to the United States, on United Airlines, American Airlines, and Continental Airlines. The arrested suspects are British citizens that are Muslims or Pakistan descent extremists.

There was a group of seventeen Egyptians students on a student exchange program at Montana State University. When eleven of the students never showed up at the school, the school was required to report the Egyptians as "no-shows." Six of the missing students have been located and arrested for violating their student visas. Two were found in Baltimore, one in Chicago, two in New Jersey, and one in Minnesota. The FBI stated the missing students pose no terrorism threat.

The FBI issued a warning on two topics: 1) Foiling terrorist plane explosions – and for law enforcement to be aware of liquids suspects have that can be used in creating bombs; and 2) the Lebanon conflict, in which White Supremacist groups or individuals may engage in acts of violence against Jewish or U.S. government persons or entities. Traffic on certain websites is sounding increasingly more violent on this subject. Captain Meinema mentioned that the Two Sector officers should make frequent checks/conduct high profile patrol at Temple Beth El.

Two men were stopped in Michigan, and officers discovered twelve TracFones and \$11,000 in their car. It was later discovered that these individuals purchased over 600 TracFones, and were going to resell them to someone who was going to use the chips from the cell phone. TracFones are being bought in bulk at retail stores, and are suspected of being shipped overseas, where they are used to detonate roadside bombs. The NSA also has a hard time tracking conversations used on these phones, so they are becoming quite popular. Officers should be aware of suspicious cell phone purchases.

On Saturday, August 12, there is planned a nation-wide demonstration of the U.S.-Israeli War on Lebanon and Gaza. Anti-war activists are trying to assemble groups to protest recent events occurring in the Middle East, with Israel attacking Hezbollah elements in Lebanon. There will be a national Emergency March in Washington D.C., Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. The demonstration in Seattle will take place at noon, on August 12, at the Federal Building (2<sup>nd</sup> and Marion), and is sponsored by the organization A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism), which is a group backed by the Palestinians. At this time, Gary hasn't heard of any activity planned in Tacoma on that date. Lt. Abuan will make sure officers are advised of the possibility of a protest in the city.

On Thursday, Army Lt. Watada will face a pre-trial hearing for refusing to deploy to Iraq. Those in support of Lt. Watada, plan to hold a demonstration at exit 119, the Dupont Bridge at I-5, on Wednesday, August 16, from 1600-1800 hours. There may be a counter-demonstration on the Freedom Bridge, at the Madigan Exit off I-5.

The meeting ended at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

CRM:jtb

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-189

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** Sept. 7, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – August 31, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held August 31, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Meinema, Lt. Abuan, Sgt. Moore, RIC Gary Smith, Dets. Wimmer and Calitis, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

Mentioned that the Western Washington Fair will be starting September 8<sup>th</sup>, and with the crowds that will be attending, there is always the potential the fair could be a target for terrorist actions. Also, the 9-11 anniversary is coming up, so officers should be aware of suspicious activity around this time period.

Starting with the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting, once a month, Lieutenants and above from the department will be invited to attend the Homeland Security Meeting. In the future, these combined meetings will be the last Thursday of the month. The purpose of this is to provide a more thorough familiarity of upcoming events in and around Tacoma for the coming month, and to allow command staff to see what events may impact their bureau, division, or unit. If there are community events in which TPD will be participating, these may also be discussed.

### RIC – Gary Smith

Mentioned that a National Guard member (Black male) was assaulted by four White males in Parkland. All the suspects were wearing red hats, and a black Suburban was listed as the suspect vehicle. There is a possibility that the suspects could be White Supremacists.

A FBI Bulletin was issued regarding an anonymous tip to the Dutch government terrorism tip-line, which stated that terrorists were planning attacks in New York and Los Angeles, between September 22-30, 2006. Several identified individuals were to depart the Netherlands on August 29<sup>th</sup>, to support the attacks. The United Nations building in New York, and the Jewish community in America were listed as targets. The plan called for using cars and trucks loaded with explosives, primarily trinitrotoluene (TNT).

DHS and the FBI believe the bulk cell phones purchased in the United State are driven primarily by profit, and the purchases are not directly linked to any operational planning activities related to terrorism. Profits from their resale, however, may provide financial support for some extremist groups. Retail outlets and law enforcement agencies are encouraged to continue to report suspicious purchases to the appropriate authorities.

It was questioned how the information that Gary Smith gets is disseminated to the department. A weekend Intelligence Bulletin is put out weekly, but other information gets sent just to certain command staff and Homeland Security members. Lt. Abuan and Captain Meinema will discuss what type, and how that information will be disseminated to the department.

The latest recent bombings in Turkey illustrate the continued terrorist interest in attacking soft targets, including tourist areas. Three near-simultaneous explosions occurred on August 27, at a resort in Turkey; one blast destroyed a mini-bus, and two others detonated in trash cans on the town's main boulevard. Two other explosions the next day killed at least seven people in two other resort towns. Officers should always be aware of suspicious activity around soft targets. In Seattle, tools and fighting instruments have been found hidden in the area of a demonstration, ready for protestors to grab and use.

The Gypsy Joker's annual ride and campout will be held September 2-5, 2006, at 18504 SR70 in Elbe. This is a mandatory ride, so it is expected that at least 65 patched members and their families will attend. International members from Germany, South Africa, and Australia also plan on attending.

The Hombres Motorcycle Club is also hosting a camp-out and barbeque September 2-5, at the Royal Arch Park, 20821 Maple Valley Highway SE. Officers may come in contact with cyclists traveling to and from this event through Pierce County.

With the Labor Day holiday, the potential exists for labor protests to be held in neighborhood communities. Spokane is being targeted for anti-military recruitment since schools will be in session.

Detective Wimmer

Is trying to get the okay from DEM to have the State provide funding to rebuild the department's bomb robot. He is also hoping that a grant will fund the purchase of a new robot, which would be shared between PCSD and TPD.

Sgt. Moore

The sites of three chemical plants at the Port of Tacoma have been chosen (re: the Buffer Zone Plan), and funding is trying to be secured in the amount of \$189,000 per site, to increase the security at each.

Lt. Abuan

Heard of a website called JihadWatch.com. This is a website where citizens can report tips they've heard/discovered on terrorist activities, in an attempt to assist the government. This is like a neighborhood watch site. Just don't believe that all the information posted on this website is accurate.

The meeting ended at 2:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Turnout Room.

CRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-193

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** Sept. 12, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 7, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held September 7, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. All TPD command staff were invited to this meeting, as will be the procedure in the future for the last meeting of each month. Present were Captains Meinema and Miller, Lts. Ruiz, Sheehan and Darlington, Sgts. Moore and R. Jepson, RIC Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, Dets. Wimmer, [REDACTED], and Calitis, and Secretary Boneske.

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### Captain Meinema

- Welcomed the sector Lts. and personnel that weren't members of the Homeland Security Team, and thanked them for their participation. This was the first meeting that was open to outside command staff, for the purpose of providing more thorough information on upcoming events in and around Tacoma. This information will allow command staff to know ahead of time what events may impact their bureau, division, or unit. In the future, this combined meeting will be held the last Thursday of the month.
- Mentioned the many important events in the area which could be a target for terrorist actions: the Western Washington Fair, the anniversary of 9-11, the bridge panels being lifted on the Narrows Bridge, and high school football season. There will be football games at the Tacoma Dome on Sept. 9-10. Earlier in the year, at the basketball playoffs, officers had to ask for backup units to assist with fights, so officers should be aware of potential problems.

### Sergeant Jepson

#### Upcoming events:

- Sept. 9 - Pierce County AIDS Walk – U of W to downtown walk – 0900-1430 hours – usually 900 to 1200 participants, with normally no problems.
- Sept. 9 - Shared Housing Picnic – 901 No. 9<sup>th</sup> or 909 S. 11<sup>th</sup> – Family picnic for homeless people – from 1400-1700 hours.
- Sept. 9 - Private Block Party with street closure – No. 29<sup>th</sup> and Puget Sound Avenue.
- Sept. 10 – Bank to Bay Run – with street closures starting Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> – area of 1500 Pacific Avenue to Shenanigan's.
- Sept. 15-17 – Stadium Centennial High School Celebration – On Sept. 15, there will be a parade of LeMay's old cars, and a football game. On Sept. 16, a road closure will begin at 0800 hours, activities will be held in Stadium Bowl, there will be school tours, and a Blood, Sweat and Tears Concert that night, with fireworks that evening. MSU will provide security around the barge for the fireworks event. On Sept. 17, there will be a pancake breakfast. Expect traffic/parking problems in the area.
- Sept. 21 – Tacoma Sings – On the Chihuly Bridge over I-705, from 1830-2100 hours. This will be a free event where kids and choirs will be singing from the bridge.
- Sept. 23 – Harley's for Harold – Starting at 1100 hours. Destination Harley Davidson riders are to meet at the Tacoma Dome, and will travel down Pacific Avenue out to LeMay's property in Spanaway.
- Sept. 30 – William M. Factory – 1400 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street – This private business will be closing the street for a party between 1100-1500 hours.

- Oct. 7 – Heart Walk – Starts at 11<sup>th</sup> and “A” Street, will circle around Annie Wright, proceed down Schuster Pkwy, and return back to Annie Wright School. Will be closing “A” Street between So. 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> on Friday night, Oct. 6. On Saturday, southbound Schuster Parkway will be closed at 0700 hours. The walk will take place on sidewalks.
- Nov. 11 – Dixie Chicks concert at the Tacoma Dome.
- Metro Parks is considering hiring an event coordinator, who will assist in the planning and permitting of events on Metro Parks’ property.

#### Lt. Sheehan

- Lincoln High School football games will now be held at Mt. Tahoma. The Gang Unit will be monitoring the games.
- Hustler Hollywood is a new business at 82<sup>nd</sup> and Hosmer, which sells sexual apparel. The grand opening was on September 8.
- Wapato Hills Park has become a meeting place for non-sanctioned, non-permitted events, with large crowds that have caused noise complaints, parking problems, and neighborhood complaints. Some of these events have been advertised on the website MySpace.com.
- Starting Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, will begin cleaning up the homeless encampments throughout the city. Wapato Hills Park will be the first encampment. It is possible that people may protest the city’s actions. While mental health professionals were talking to the homeless, several of the homeless reported that recently, flammable material was thrown on them and their belongings. It appears that none of the homeless have made official reports of these happenings to the police. This is a possible trend of White Supremacists, so if officers find any victims of this, it should be reported.

#### Lt. Ruiz

- Wondered about the security at the Tacoma Narrows Airport. Gary Smith hasn’t heard of any recent suspicious activity at the airport. Det. Shipp mentioned that security officers from NW Protective Services have now been hired to patrol the area. The airport has been the victim of scrap metal and copper thefts. The airport has commented that they haven’t seen TPD officers in the area doing patrol checks, so it was recommended that Sector Two officers conduct checks there.

#### Lt. Darlington


- Because of the recent pipe bombing at the Puyallup Municipal Court, and the bb-gun shooting vandalism at the Kent courthouse, Lt. Darlington is working with the courts in our city, and making sure the security officers are aware of the crimes taking place at courts in surrounding communities.

#### Lt. Feddersen

- Our department turned in the required NIMS paperwork to the government, and we were 99.9% compliant with our attendance at required training classes. Supervisors should make sure emergency plans are NIMS compliant.

#### Sgt. Moore

- Requested that intelligence information that is received, be put out for all officers to read. It was recommended that Gary Smith or SI personnel make short presentations at Patrol turnouts more frequently.

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- Mentioned the threat our country faces from homegrown terrorists living in our country. Some Americans are turning to the Jihad culture. Some people in our prisons are being recruited to the Muslim religion.
  - Over the Labor Day weekend, there were over one hundred bikers that showed up at a Biker campout in the Elbe/Packwood/Morton area. It was a well-attended event by Gypsy Jokers, Hell’s Angels, Amigos, Bandidos, and Hombres. The Gypsy Jokers have ties with White Supremacists groups.

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#### Detective Wimmer

- He had no further information on the hate crime that occurred to the residents in North East Tacoma recently.

#### RIC – Gary Smith

- Officers should be vigilant and cautious with the fifth anniversary of 9-11 approaching. There has been lots of traffic on websites and among intelligence groups. Sixteen people were recently arrested in London, as they were suspected of trying to train and recruit others for terror attacks. Seven others in Denmark were charged with allegedly preparing explosives for a terror attack there.
- There is a protest rally planned on Monday, September 11, at the Jackson Federal Building in Seattle, from 1700-1900 hours. The group organizing the rally is the Seattle Protest 9/11 group. They will be protesting against the U.S. defense and intelligence agencies for allowing 9/11 to happen. They are planning on having 300+ people attend this event. These types of events and others may occur in surrounding communities, which may create traffic congestion and security concerns.
- Now that schools are back in session, and the election season is here, recruiting stations may be targeted.
- October 5, 2006, is a National Day of Mass Resistance, and planned demonstrations to protest the war will be held in Seattle, Olympia, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.
- There is lots of activity taking place at Fort Lewis regarding Lt. Watada and Camp Suzanne topics. So far, no counter-protestors have created problems. WSP may have to enforce stricter actions if too many and/or too large of banners are being displayed over the freeways, causing traffic congestion and safety concerns.
- In New York, there were two recent reports, near the end of August, where Middle Eastern males were trying to purchase school buses. These males didn't have valid driver's licenses, and couldn't speak English very well. In California, a couple Middle Eastern males applied for a School Bus Driver position without possessing the proper CDL license, and could not communicate effectively in English.
- Introduced the new RIC Analyst, Mike Kortjohn. Mike is putting together gang databases, and will soon start publishing bulletins. Officers who need information on associates of gangsters can contact Mike, as he has much of this information on his databases.

The meeting ended at 1510 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-198

**FROM:** Lieutenant Tony Abuan  
Admin. South Lieutenant

**DATE:** September 15, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – September 14, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held September 14, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Lt. Abuan, Det. Calitis, RIC Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### RIC – Gary Smith

- Mentioned the case being handled by ATF and Lakewood Police regarding the three 50 caliber militarized sniper rifles found under the bed in a motel in Lakewood. The suspect who claimed ownership to them had been the victim of a stabbing in Kent earlier in the week. The suspect is from Wisconsin, and was a member of an Aryan prison gang while in jail back East.
- ATF recently arrested a male in University Place that had ten pineapple-type grenades and two pipe bombs in his residence. He was arrested in a sting operation that ATF conducted.
- On August 7, 2006, an unidentified individual claiming to be a U.S. government employee, attempted to purchase large quantities of ferric oxide and sodium chlorate from a business in Las Vegas, Nevada. The subject later terminated the transaction, stated he couldn't wait for the delay in receiving the materials. Ferric Oxide was the substance used as an explosive component booster in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. These chemicals require the addition of a type of fuel to become explosive.
- From intelligence collected, the FBI believes terrorists are conducting surveillance on ferries, and the waters of Puget Sound remain vulnerable and could be targeted. Although no terrorist plots have been uncovered, in the years since 9-11, the FBI reviewed 157 "suspicious incidents" involving the Washington State ferry system, the nation's largest. Of those, seven were classified as having an "extremely high" likelihood of being pre-operational planning, eleven were classified as a "high" likelihood, and forty-nine were classified as a "medium" likelihood.
- October 5, 2006, is a National Day of Mass Resistance, and the organization known as "The World Can't Wait – Drive Out the Bush Regime!" is planning demonstrations to protest the war in Seattle, Olympia, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. The organizers are hoping for civil disobedience to take place at these protests. **On Saturday, September 16, this organization is holding a planning meeting to strategize for the October 5<sup>th</sup> events. This meeting will be held at 1800 hours, in Wright Park, at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and South "I" Street. It is possible that those attending this meeting may cause a problem. Also, although there is no advertised demonstration in Tacoma on October 5, it is always possible that one may take place here.**
- The FBI is identifying and tracking members of the Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) gang. There are several identified from the western Washington area.
- Power substations and transmission grids in Seattle are being hit extremely hard with thefts of copper wire and other metals, which cause a significant threat to infrastructure security. Heavy grounding cables, transformers, and transmission cables are the targets of the thefts. Construction sites in Tacoma have also experienced thefts of this type.
- Extremists may use the Internet to recruit people to the Islamic ideals. Several suspects arrested in Canada in July, for plotting attacks against the Canadian government, reportedly became radicalized through extremist Web sites. The website "Craigslist" also lists many things locally, and the traffic on that website is very heavy. Virtual recruitment is an effective way to reach people.

The meeting ended at 2:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room #125.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-200

**FROM:** Assistant Chief Paul Mielbrecht  
Operations Bureau Commander

**DATE:** September 22, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – September 21, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held September 21, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Asst. Chief Mielbrecht, Lt. Abuan, Det. Wimmer, RIC Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### RIC – Gary Smith

- The Islamic holiday, Ramadan, will run from September 24 through October 23, 2006. For Muslims around the world, this is a month of prayer, fasting, and charity. The holiday's main focus is on self-sacrifice and devotion to Allah. It could lead to heightened terrorist activities in Iraq.
- Yom Kippur, the Jewish holiday, is October 2, 2006. Watch for white supremacist activity around this holiday. Gary will watch the websites for any indication of planned protests in this area.
- October 5, 2006, is a National Day of Mass Resistance, and the organization known as "The World Can't Wait" is planning demonstrations to protest the war in Seattle and Olympia. The organizers are hoping for civil disobedience to take place at these protests. Potentially, other groups such as the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) may join in this event.
- The national president of the Outlaws Motorcycle Club (OMC) has announced that in retaliation for the shooting of four OMC members in South Dakota in August, the Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club will "lose a clubhouse," and is targeting the Spokane or San Fernando Valley clubhouse. He elaborated that the clubhouses would either be "blown-up, burned to the ground, or both." Officers should be aware that there is an Outsiders' clubhouse in the area of 19<sup>th</sup> and So. "L" Street, and a Gypsy Jokers' group in Pierce County.

### RIC – Mike Kortjohn

- There has been a significant breakup of the National Socialist Movement (NSM) group. Although this group's growth in the past three years has outpaced all other white supremacist groups in the U.S., it began to disintegrate in July, 2006, as a result of infighting between senior leaders of the organization. Bill White, a former NSM spokesman (who also has his own radio show), has now pulled away from NSM, and has formed his own organization called the American National Socialist Worker's Party (ANSWP). This group has similar white supremacist beliefs. Several local NSM members that rallied in Olympia this summer have also resigned from the NSM organization. These include Justin Boyer, who relocated to Ohio, and was appointed to be the leader of Bill White's ANSWP branch. John Brandt, the former Snohomish NSM leader, resigned from the group. Gary Nemeth, a Tacoma resident, resigned from NSM and is reportedly now with ANSWP. A chapter of the ANSWP may be formed in this area. Although NSM rallies may not be appearing much in our area, new groups may show up in its place. As new personalities get involved with these types of groups, they may become more radical/violent.

The meeting ended at 2:35 p.m. The next meeting has an open invitation for all command staff personnel, and will take place September 28, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room.

PM:jtb

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-207

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** October 4, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 28, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held September 28, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. All TPD command staff were invited to this meeting. Present were Captains Meinema, Miller, and T/Capt. Taylor, Lts. Ruiz, Sheehan, Cribbin, Feddersen, A. Roberts, and Darlington, Sgt. Moore, Dets. Wimmer and Calitis, Officer Bogue, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

- The World Can't Wait (WCW) organization announced that October 5, 2006, is a National Day of Mass Resistance, and planned demonstrations to protest the war will be held in Seattle and Olympia. The WCW is urging people everywhere to walk out of school, take off work, and join together to protest and "Drive Out the Bush Regime." On websites, the Tacoma Home Depot (4602 Center Street) is the staging area for carpools to the Seattle and Olympia protests. They are also planning meetings at The Black Water Café, 747 So. Fawcett Street, on October 3, at 1900 hours. Lt. Roberts will advise the DRRT/BRRT members of this, in case any protest is organized in Tacoma. Lt. Roberts will also contact the Home Depot and make sure they are aware that protestors are using their parking lot as a park-n-ride.
- Officers should be aware of the upcoming Jewish and Muslim holidays. Yom Kippur (which means Day of Atonement) is the biggest Jewish celebration of the year, and occurs from sundown on October 1, to sunset on Monday, October 2. Sukkot is a Jewish holiday that begins at sundown on October 6, through sunset on October 15. During this period, an increased level of attendance and activity will likely occur at synagogues and other facilities. These sites may be vulnerable targets to terrorists.
- Ramadan, a Muslim holiday, take place from September 23 through October 22. This is the holiest period in the Islamic calendar, and is widely considered by Muslims to be a time to renew their commitment to God. For Islamic militants, Ramadan is also viewed as a time to strengthen their political-ideological convictions and commitment to jihad (holy war). During Ramadan, Muslims fast (don't eat meals) between sunrise and sunset, so they might be more irritable during this time period.
- Reliable information suggests that white supremacists may be looking for opportunities to target law enforcement officers, police academies, government buildings, and Jewish businesses. With the increase in hostilities overseas, some white supremacy groups may be motivated to conduct similar acts in the U.S., as a show of dissatisfaction with U.S. support to Israel.
- Copper thefts at power stations and construction sites continue. Officials report extensive and continuous thefts targeting the Narrows Bridge project. The increase in the price of copper has more than doubled in the past, so thieves are stealing transformers, cables, etc., and selling them to scrap yards.
- On Monday, October 2, The World Farm Animals Day organization (WFAD) is reminding activists to protest at various businesses and restaurants associated with the sale and use of farm animals for meat. WFAD states, "It is a day for joining together on behalf of animals to memorialize and mitigate the needless suffering and deaths of 50 billion innocent creatures in factory farms and slaughterhouses."
- Suicide bombings are very common in other countries, and are a threat to us here. Sometimes the bombs are just left in backpacks, as they have been in some recent terrorist actions. With schools back in session, backpacks are commonly seen all over. Officers should be familiar with potential indicators of suicidal bombers. Lt. Cribbin has taught a class on suicide bombings, and can be contacted if there are any questions about this.

### Lt. Darlington

- On Friday, September 29, at 1700 hours, a group from Bellingham plans a protest at the NW Detention Center in the Tideflats. Lt. Darlington will inform [REDACTED] and the Detention Center. Officers will monitor this.

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#### Officer Bogue (for Sgt. Jepson)

##### Upcoming events:

- Farmers' Market – The Broadway Farmers' Market will continue every Thursday, from 0700-1600 hours, through October 19. This involves a road closure of Broadway, between 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The Dome District Farmers' Market finished September 12.
- Saturday, October 7 – Heart Walk – from 0800-1400 hours. Approximately 3000 participants. Road closures in downtown/Stadium district/Schuster Parkway/Ruston Way.
- Tuesday, October 31 – Proctor Treats – from 1600-1800 hours. Approximately 2000 participants. Road closure on N. 26<sup>th</sup> Street, from Adams to Madison; and Proctor Street, from No. 25<sup>th</sup> to No. 28<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Saturday, Nov. 11 – Veteran's Day – Dixie Chicks concert at the Tacoma Dome.

#### Lt. Sheehan

- Lincoln High School football games will now be held at the old Mt. Tahoma school site. There have been recent incidents of fights at practices, shots fired calls, and a mini riot almost occurred at a Pee Wee football game there. Lt. Sheehan is meeting with the school district to discuss these issues. On October 12, there will be a football game at Lincoln vs. the Gig Harbor team. The Gang Unit will try to monitor the football games, and more off-duty officers may be hired in the future.
- Update on the Housing First Encampment Plan – Mental Health officials contacted homeless in the area of Wapato Hills, and nine to ten people accepted housing. Public Works still needs to clean up the area, and then TPD will need to continue to monitor the area. When the next homeless encampment is scheduled for clean-up, the department will have to take a different approach, as some city employees and environmentalists are concerned about damage done to the land. On October 23-24, Lt. Sheehan may ask for assistance from all the CLOs when they enter the next camp and give warnings to the transients.

#### Lt. Cribbin

- The federal government announced which agencies were awarded new homeland security grant funds. The Port of Tacoma will receive \$2.5 million, and the Buffer Zone Protection Plan will also be funded. Special Teams should consider these grant funds when making requests for needed/desired items for their teams. Personnel should also be smart about the use of items/equipment provided by grant money, so we can justify that it was used for "homeland security" reasons.

#### Lt. Feddersen

- Is in the process of putting together a practical ICS scenario for training purposes in November/December this year.
- The federal government requires departments to 'resource type' certain units and special teams on their departments. The government provides criteria which would describe certain elements/levels, and we are to determine which "type" our team/unit fits into. 'Typing' will be required for SWAT, DRT, EOD, EOC, MCU, CISM, Animal Control, and the Metro Dive Team. Captain Meinema would like the team/unit supervisors to complete this by Thursday, October 26, 2006.
- DEM Portal Training is being offered several times to personnel from October '06 through January '07. All officers are encouraged to attend this training, if they have not done so previously. This training allows officers access to a computer program that has mapping and GIS capability, a threat response system, the floor plans of schools in our area, critical infrastructures, etc.
- On the common drive, EOC and MCU has loaded a lot of forms that can be pulled up and used for ICS planning. If anyone sees ICS forms that needed to be changed or updated, Lt. Feddersen should be informed.

#### Detective Calitis

- Tacoma Power is being hammered with copper thefts. Some of the larger recycling companies are assisting the police. CID is working on setting up a fake construction site to try and catch some thieves. Officers should make patrol checks of construction sites.

The meeting ended at 1455 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Turnout Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-208

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** October 6, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 5, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held October 5, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Lt. Abuan, Sgt. Still, Dets. Wimmer, [REDACTED] and Calitis, RIC Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske. A

### Lt. Abuan

- On October 6, Lt. Abuan and Captain Meinema will be attending a meeting with officials from the Port of Tacoma, to discuss the \$2.5 million in federal grant money that was awarded to the Port.

### RIC Gary Smith

- Ramadan, a Muslim holiday, takes place from September 23 through October 22. This is the holiest period in the Islamic calendar, and is widely considered by Muslims to be a time to renew their commitment to God. For Islamic militants, Ramadan is also viewed as a time to strengthen their political-ideological convictions and commitment to jihad (holy war). During Ramadan, Muslims fast (don't eat meals) between sunrise and sunset, so they might be more irritable during this time period.
- On Oct. 4, 2006, at the Tacoma federal courthouse, two females pleaded guilty to conspiracy, arson, and bomb charges in connection with the ELF 2001 firebombing of the U of W Horticulture Center in Seattle. This was one of the Northwest's most notorious acts of eco-terrorism. It cost \$7 million to rebuild, and the center had been doing experiments on fast-growing poplar trees. One of the females also pleaded guilty to an attempted arson charge for a failed 1998 firebombing that damaged a Colorado gun club that organized a multi-state turkey shoot. ALF and ELF organizations have been laying low recently, and present a low threat level for our city at this time. Yet, a large construction project by Quadrant Homes (5,000 to 15,000 homes) is currently being built in Bonney Lake, and could present a target for these organizations.
- An anti-war protest is planned in Seattle on October 28, 2006, by a World Can't Wait (WCW) affiliate. More details to come.
- Pipe bomb reports have been on the increase in the last couple weeks. A couple people were injured when a pipe bomb (cricket) went off at a fighting match called The Pride Fighting Championship, which was held at the Everett Armory, on September 30, 2006.
- A suspicious vehicle (red, white and gray 1991 Chevy Blazer, WA license 276NXD, towing a small trailer) was observed near the Tacoma Power substation, located at 3401 Alexander Avenue. There was a bolt cutter in the vehicle. The occupants, who stated they were looking for a bathroom, were contacted by Port of Tacoma security and told the area they were in was restricted. It is possible they were there to steal copper wire, etc. [REDACTED] asked Port Security to start calling Tacoma Police to these types of calls, rather than just handling it themselves. A
- It appears there is a growing trend in people making death threats at schools. There were numerous school threats received throughout our country just on October 5. An 18-year-old Washington High School student was arrested on October 4, for calling 911 twice to report that Washington High School would be "shot up" that day. He was charged with making threats, and for child pornography (because of pictures found on his website).

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- The National Socialist Movement (NSM) has been disbanded as a result of bitter infighting between senior leaders of the organization. Many of the former members have now joined the American National Socialist Worker's Party (ANSWP).

Detective Calitis

- Tacoma Power is reporting many thefts of copper wire. Suspects are clipping wires off power poles in broad daylight, pretending to be conducting official work. [REDACTED] reported that someone broke into Seattle City Light and stole hard hats, vests, and other related equipment from them. It is possible suspects may wear these items to appear to be official power workers, while they steal wires, cables, and other property. Copper grave markers and flower urns are also being stolen from cemeteries.

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The meeting ended at 1435 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Turnout Room.

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# **TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **Intra-Departmental Memorandum**



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-218

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Operations South Division Commander

**DATE:** October 12, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 12, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held October 12, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lt. Abuan, Sgts. Still and Moore, and Secretary Boneske.

### Lt. Abuan

- The Federal government provided money to the Port of Tacoma for site hardening under the Buffer Zone Protection Plan. Several targets have been identified on the Tideflats, and our department will assist with the site hardening. Our department will be looking at selecting some officers that will receive training as it relates to site hardening.

### Sgt. Moore

- There will be another two-hour ICS class given soon, which will involve a practical exercise/scenario.
- Some of the shields have been arriving that were purchased from federal grant money. Our department will be receiving approx. eight of them. Before they are issued, the department will provide training to the personnel they will be assigned to.

The meeting ended at 1410 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-224

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** October 19, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 19, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held October 19, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captains Meinema and Miller, Lt. Abuan, Detective Calitis, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Capt. Meinema

- Discussed the "American Hiroshima" event, in which a message allegedly received from a senior Taliban leader was directing Muslims living in the U.S. to leave the country as soon as possible, "because God's punishment will fall upon America in the month of Ramadan." This is the second warning for Muslims to leave America. This warning was received from Abu Dawood, the newly appointed commander of the al-Qaeda forces in Afghanistan who said, "Final preparations have been made for the American Hiroshima, a major attack on the U.S."
- The Football Stadium threat, which appeared on the website 'The Friend Society,' claimed there would be "dirty bomb" attacks at seven national football league stadiums on Sunday, October 22. The FBI and Dept. of Homeland Security issued a joint statement stating **this football stadium threat was a hoax**, and the public should be reassured of their security as they continue to attend sporting events this weekend. Although a hoax, it could trigger homegrown Jihadists and radicals to carry out terrorist actions.
- Mentioned that Israel is possibly preparing to invade the Gaza Strip in southern Lebanon. If this occurs, it will decrease stabilization in the Mid-East.

### Mike Kortjohn – RIG

- The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality will be Sunday, October 22. There will be a rally held at Pratt Park in Seattle, at 1:30 p.m., on this date. Speakers will include the mother of a person who was killed by Seattle Police Officers in 1998, and other family members of people killed by the police. This group, along with other activist groups to include World Can't Wait (WCW), Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), and National Action Network (NAN), are supported by members of the larger Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP). The RCP likes to instigate groups to cause problems and become unruly during protests. The rally in Seattle could lead these affiliate groups to organize protests in other cities. The Tacoma branches of these groups have worked in cooperation with the Seattle affiliate of the Coalition to Stop Police Brutality in the past, so "spill over" rallies have the potential to take place in Tacoma. A known activist posted on the Seattle Indymedia website a call for "copwatch" during this event. This tactic is used by protestors to videotape officers' actions and disrupt their operations (Rodney King type thing). They also find out officers' names and addresses and post them on the internet.
- Wanted to bring attention to the good work of a couple TPD officers who stopped a car and noticed/documented the tattoos and description of the occupants in the vehicle. The tattoos on one subject indicated he was a white supremacist. This subject had recently been released from Walla Walla prison. The other occupants in the vehicle all had criminal records also. **Note:** In cases like this, officers should describe in the FIR/Report things like red shoelaces in their shoes, and other clothing descriptions that could help indicate if they may be gang members or white supremacists, etc. The Regional Intelligence

Group is creating a couple of databases to identify gang members and white supremacists, so the more information officers can put in their reports, the better.

#### Gary Smith – RIG

- A protest/demonstration called “Vote With Your Feet to Stop the War!” is part of a nationally coordinated day of action against the war in Iraq. A rally will take place in Seattle on Saturday, October 28, at noon, at the Federal Building, and a march will follow at 1300 hours. This rally is sponsored by the A.N.S.W.E.R. group.
- There was a posting on the Portland Indymedia website that suggested to people to cause a voting disruption by entering a voting booth on election day, and just staying inside the voting booth all day. Captain Meinema was going to get a legal opinion on what TPD’s policy should be if that happens in our city.
- Talked about the Gang Databases that Mike Kortjohn (RIG) is creating. Two databases will be maintained. One will be the regional gang database, which will only list people that have been verified as gang members, etc. The second Intelligence database will be a working file, which will list associates of gang members/white supremacists, and a variety of information. These databases are still works in progress. They are still working on how officers can gain access to this information. Capt. Meinema stressed that the information that is input in these files should be accurate reference true gang members. He will check with Captain Strickland to see which unit is responsible for doing follow-up work on gangsters (CID or SID).

#### Detective Calitis

- Regarding the recent copper thefts, 42-year-old Brian Martell was arrested on 10/18/06. He had a ladder, hard hat and vest with him, which made him look the part of a power worker. He confessed to stealing copper from some power poles, and was charged with several counts of Malicious Mischief 1<sup>st</sup>, along with other charges.

The meeting ended at 1445 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room, and will be open to all command staff personnel

CRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-231

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** October 30, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 26, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held October 26, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. All TPD command staff were invited to this meeting. Present were Captains Meinema, Miller, and Strickland, Lts. McAlpine, Cribbin and Roberts, Sgts. Still, Moore and Jepson, Dets. Pavey and Calitis, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

- Election Day is approaching, and websites don't show any plans for local protests, other than the suggestion to have people go into polling places and stay in a voting booth for extended periods of time without voting. City Attorney Jon Walker pointed out that if something like that happens in Tacoma, we have specific ordinances pertaining to disrupting polling places.
- In our country, we need to be aware of native-born terrorists. Officers should also pay attention to suspicious happenings, and to report them so they get to the proper personnel handling homeland security issues. Throughout the years, many criminal and terrorist plots have been foiled because they were caught in the "rehearsal" stage by observant people. If officers respond to aid calls involving burnt hands, or blast sounds in the woods, it is important to investigate these types of things, because they could be rehearsals for future criminal/terrorist activity.
- Any mass transit system that carries a large number of people in a condensed area (plane, ferry, train, bus) is a target for terrorist actions. It is important that citizens be aware of suspicious activity and report it.

### Gary Smith - RIG

- On Saturday, October 28, there will be an "Anti-Imperialist Feeder March – U.S. Imperialism out of Iraq" protest at Seattle Central Community College, starting at 10:30 a.m. Members from the Tacoma SDS organization may show up there. Last year, several people were arrested at this protest in Seattle, and a couple protestors tried to wrestle a gun away from a Seattle Police Officer.
- A New York man has created and is selling a suicide bomber "Terror T-shirt" on his website for \$20. This shirt shows dynamite strapped around the body, with a timer and wires. Officers seeing someone wearing a shirt like this from a distance, or in limited visibility, could find it difficult to distinguish it from a real vest. With Halloween approaching, officers should be aware that this is available to citizens. **Sector Lieutenants should make sure the administration at schools in their sectors are aware of this shirt.**
- It has been rumored that Tuesday, October 31, is the anniversary of the birthday of the Bloods Gang from the East Coast. Officers should be aware of possible increased gang activity on this date.
- The Baltimore Chapter of the Hell's Angels M/C Club is planning a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28. Officers should be aware in case our local chapter happens to hold a party on this date also.
- Officers should be aware of a heightened party atmosphere this weekend, since Halloween parties will be held. It is possible that the Juggalos' gang will make appearances on Halloween, as their clown costumes will fit right in.

### Mike Kortjohn – RIG

- The FBI put out an alert that chlorine gas cylinders have been the target of thefts at U.S. water treatments plants since 2003. Chlorine gas is very volatile, and is a choking agent, and could be a potential tool for terrorist chemical attacks.

#### Lt. Cribbin

- Sgt. Ed Wade is working with school administration, so if an emergency situation occurs at a school, SWAT would be able to hook into the school's digital camera system and get a live feed as to what is occurring.

#### Lt. McAlpine

- There are a couple football games scheduled at the Mt. Tahoma field on Friday, Oct. 27, and maybe one on Saturday, Oct. 28. Lt. Sheehan was going to check into what teams are playing, and the Gang Unit will try to monitor them.

#### Lt. Roberts

- Mentioned that the North End is getting hit hard with gang graffiti, especially up and down the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor. Also, dozens of cars have been vandalized with spray paint. (Officers should note if the victim vehicles have any military stickers on their vehicle, because this might indicate why they were targeted.)
- The swing shift officers in the Two Sector have done walk-throughs of schools in their sector, to familiarize themselves with the schools, just in case an emergency situations occurs at a school. **Capt. Meinema recommended that all the Sector Lieutenant continue to have their officers familiarize themselves with the schools in their sector with walk-throughs.**

#### Sgt. Jepson - Upcoming events:

- Tuesday, October 31 – Proctor Treats – from 1600-1800 hours. Approximately 2000 participants. There will be road closures on N. 26<sup>th</sup> Street, from Adams to Madison; and Proctor Street, from No. 25<sup>th</sup> to No. 28<sup>th</sup> Streets. There will be nine officers assigned.
- Tuesday, October 31 – Stadium Treats – 1445-1900 hours. Will occur around N. 1<sup>st</sup> and Tacoma Avenue and No. Division. The streets will not be closed.
- Thursday, November 2 – Second annual Day of the Dead. There will be tents set up for a block party, blocking an alley at 6<sup>th</sup> and No. Pine.
- Saturday, November 11 – Veteran's Day – Dixie Chicks' concert at the Tacoma Dome.
- Thursday, November 23 – Turkey Trot fun run – from 0900-1000 hours. This is a fun run that will begin at Norpoint Community Center on Thanksgiving. There will be five officers assisting.
- A permit has been submitted for a full and half marathon to take place throughout the city of Tacoma on May 13, 2007. This event is sanctioned by U.S. Track and Field. It would start in the downtown area, go down Ruston Way, through Point Defiance, come back up into the Three Sector, and end in front of the Union Station. It is anticipated that there will be 2000 participants. This will be a very large event, requiring a lot of officers to close streets.

The meeting ended at 1430 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for November 2, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-237

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** November 6, 2006

**SUBJECT:** **HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held November 2, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captains Meinema and Miller, Sgts. Still and Moore, Detectives Calitis and Wimmer, RIG Gary Smith, Mike Kortjohn, and Chris Adamson, and Secretary Boneske.

### Capt. Meinema

- The 2010 Olympics are just across the border in Canada. Canadians have a different viewpoint as to how much security is necessary for an event of this size, and their plans will probably involve less security than our state would. There may be incidents that occur near the border in which Canadian officials might request assistance from our state.
- DEM will seek to work more closely with schools in the county in preparation for emergencies. The Equipment Committee mentioned that school personnel need to be trained more in the use of emergency equipment provided to them, and that local police and fire personnel need to be involved more in training personnel at schools.
- The federal government has mandated that additional NIMS training be required next year. There will be an ICS 300 and ICS 400 class, with each class being 2½ days long of training. That amounts to five days of NIMS training for personnel next year, which will be costly to our department. DEM is voicing concerns over the amount of training required.
- DEM is working on an Emergency Preparedness Network (EPN) which would act as a reverse 911. A message could be created, and then sent out to all residential phones, advising them of an emergency.
- The Pierce County Interoperability Studies will be out in mid-November.
- There are several homeland security exercises scheduled next year.
  - January 2007 – A Maritime Security Exercise, which will involve the Coast Guard.
  - March 7, 2007 – A tabletop exercise put on by Asymmetric Warfare.
  - March 27, 2007 – Full-scale exercise involving the Health Department.
  - July 23-24, 2007 – Asymmetric Warfare '07 North - full-scale exercise

**NOTE:** All personnel are encouraged to attend the Portal Training that is being offered. If personnel are called in on overtime to backfill for officers attending this class, DEM does have money to reimburse departments for backfill.

- On October 30, 2006, three Indonesians were walking off a ship at Maersk (Port of Tacoma), when one of the individuals dropped a notebook. Inside the notebook were pages of Arabic handwriting and symbols. WAJAC figured out that the writings were just verses of scriptures, blessings, and Islamic verses that were written repetitively. There was nothing that indicated any homeland security issue.
- DEM is developing a plan for Vulnerable Populations (the homeless, elderly, and others that don't have the means to flee from an area quickly in case of an emergency). The Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) requires Western Washington to have a plan in the case of a lahar, tsunami, or other type of emergency in our state.

### Mike Kortjohn – RIG

- Mentioned the realistic "fake" novelty items and props that are available over the Internet. No reports of the bomb vest t-shirt have shown up in this area yet - they are mostly appearing in the eastern U.S. Some items available are bombs with actual lighted fuses, hand grenades, and dynamite sticks with timers. **Sector Lts. should make sure that schools officials in their sector are aware of these types of items that are available to the public.**

- A deputy in Florida found a homemade firearm that was constructed from a bicycle pump. It was designed to fire a .45 caliber cartridge when the plunger was depressed.
- After some tragic stories of police officers shooting youngsters holding realistic-looking fake guns, toy gun manufacturers responded by making their guns and weapons in bright colors, or making the tip of a fake firearm a bright color. Now, some criminals are painting real guns to look like toys, which could lead to a tragedy, as officers must quickly decide if a weapon is real.
- The term "Ghost Skins" has gained momentum among White Supremacists. This term describes the form of role-playing in which "undercover white power warriors" avoid overt displays of their beliefs (like shaving their head or wearing red shoelaces), and encouraging members to blend into society so they can join the military and law enforcement, thereby gaining training that could be passed along to white supremacist members. Ghost Skins are encouraged to seek positions in law enforcement in order to alert white supremacists of pending investigative actions against them.
- On October 26, 2007, "KKK" fliers were placed in envelopes, then tied inside a plastic bag and distributed to several Spanaway neighborhoods. The fliers were entitled "God Bless America and the Ku Klux Klan," and the contents of the letters were typical KKK propaganda, and directed the reader to a KKK website.
- On October 28, 2006, at 2330 hours, employees at a business on the Tideflats (Tacoma Export Marketing Company - TEMCO), reported two "Middle Eastern" males dressed in camouflage fatigues, carrying flashlights and a laptop computer in a secure area. (Case #s 06-3020123 and 06-302-0586.) One suspect fled on foot and possibly got on a passing train, and the other suspect fled in a boat headed towards Point Defiance. This turned out not to be a homeland security issue, as the suspects were probably involved in thefts of metal from the area. It does bring up the importance, though, of making sure all the proper agencies are notified in emergency circumstances. If suspicious activity/crimes occur on the water, contact the Coast Guard, the CDO, and [REDACTED] from the Regional Intelligence Group. If [REDACTED] cannot be reached, call the FBI Seattle Office (206-622-0460), and ask for the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF). In the case of the two suspects described above, the State Patrol and the Fife and Puyallup Police Departments should have been advised, especially with the suspect possibly hopping a train. The Department of Emergency Management is working on a broadcast system that would go out over "PC Warn," that could be limited to certain agencies and emergency personnel, rather than to all the citizens in a certain area.

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#### Gary Smith – RJG

- With the national election on November 7, some websites are indicating that there might be a terrorist "surprise" to scare citizens right before the election. Right before the last presidential election, there was a tape released that threatened an attack on our country.
- There was a posting on the Portland Indymedia website that suggested to people to cause a voting disruption by entering a voting booth on election day, and just staying inside the voting booth all day without voting.

#### Detective Calitis

- TPD SWAT should be receiving an armored car (BEAR) in mid-November of this year.

#### Detective Wimmer

- EOD has ordered a mini Vanguard Robot, which should arrive by the end of February, 2007.
- Waiting for grant money and approval from the State to update EOD's Mark VI Robot.
- There is legislation in the process that will be asking for a statewide CBRNE mobilization plan to be mandated in Washington. Region Five is trying to set up a response team, and they are discussing funding issues and equipment standardization. There are concerns that if this goes into effect, our department personnel may be called out too often on responses to other cities/counties that don't have organized/trained CBRNE personnel.

#### Sgt. Still

- There was a Planned Parenthood Protest recently in the parking lot of a clinic at 800 MLK Jr. Way. There were lots of anti-abortion supporters carrying extremely graphic posters, and blocking traffic in the parking lot.

The meeting ended at 1500 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-248

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security/Operations Commander

**DATE:** November 16, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 16, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held November 16, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Detective Wimmer, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Capt. Miller

- The anniversary of the Tacoma Mall shooting is Monday, November 20. The Mall has hired off-duty officers for security on Monday, in case publicity for the event causes any problems. On Sunday, November 19, officers in the sector should patrol the area, and maybe walk through the Mall if time allows. Gary Smith will check websites to see if any organized event is planned in memory of what occurred last year.

### Mike Kortjohn – RIG

- A U.S. citizen by the name of Sisaychiticha Dinssa, was traveling from Nigeria and was arrested this week at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Airport officials found him carrying over \$78,000 in cash, and a laptop computer containing information about nuclear materials and cyanide. He is charged with concealing more than \$10,000 in his luggage, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, plus forfeiture of the money. A dog found the scent of narcotics on the cash he carried. Federal agents will be getting a warrant to search his computer more thoroughly.
- Discussed the bulletin that was previously distributed on David Edward Pruss, a self-proclaimed survivalist, who had been charged in Idaho with 19 felonies and 14 misdemeanors for allegedly shooting up logging equipment, burglarizing buildings, stealing property, and eluding authorities for several months during the summer of 2005. Pruss was also responsible for more than \$100,000 damage to electrical transformers, telephone switches, and a small hydroelectric plant. Items found in Pruss' hideout in a national forest included a MAK 90 rifle and a .357 caliber handgun. Pruss has associated with the Aryan Nations, the Montana Militia, and the Posse Comitatus Movement. The Idaho charges were dropped, and Pruss reportedly left Idaho to be with family in the Tacoma area. On November 7, 2006, Pruss used an address of 7520 So. Park Avenue while pawning items at a local pawn shop. Although Pruss is not wanted for anything at this time, he has a high potential to cause problems in this area.
- Although it was recently reported that the local National Socialist Movement group broke up in Washington State, it is possible that a new NSM Unit is forming in our state. On the NukeIsrael website, there is an announcement for a NSM Northwest regional gathering for this Saturday, November 18. There were no further details announced as to the location or time, but the website mentioned that members would be notified directly. If officers discover where this meeting is at, or obtain any information on those that attend, the information should be relayed to the Regional Intelligence Group in Special Investigations.

### Gary Smith – RIG

- The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) put out a bulletin about extremist animal rights groups being a threat to transportation modes and logistics suppliers. In the past, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), the Earth Liberation Front (ELF), and SHAC (Stop Huntington Animal Cruelty) have used tactics to include threatening letters, vandalism, bombings, and sabotage. In 2005, the animal rights groups sent threatening letters to employees working at airports in the United Kingdom, and damaged their vehicles and homes. Although this activity isn't prevalent in our area yet, someone raising exotic birds in Pierce County has been targeted recently.

- The Order, a white nationalist organization, is holding a global demonstration on Saturday, December 9, 2006. They are asking white supremacists around the world for their support, and to organize demonstrations in front of federal buildings in their area in order to show support for the surviving imprisoned Bruder Schweigen members. It is possible there may be a demonstration in front of our Federal Courthouse.
- Last week's bulletin mentioned a shootout in Los Angeles involving a Mongols Outlaw Motorcycle member and a law enforcement officer. This week, there was another shootout between law enforcement and an OMG member. Officers should use extreme caution when responding to calls involving OMG members, as it appears they are willing to be combative towards law enforcement.

The meeting ended at 1425 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for November 30, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. This meeting will be open to all command staff.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-257

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** December 1, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 30, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held November 30, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. All TPD command staff were invited to this meeting. Present were Captains Meinema and Miller, Lts. Feddersen, Sheehan, Abuan, and Roberts, Sgt. Jepson, Dets. Wimmer and Calitis, RIG Analyst Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

- With the upcoming holidays, shopping malls will be crowded. The Tacoma Mall has hired two off-duty officers on Fridays and Saturdays, from 1600-2200 hours during the month. If sector officers have the time, it was recommended they conduct walk-throughs and high profile patrols of the Tacoma Mall and other large shopping centers.

### Gary Smith - RIG

- "The Order" is a white supremacist group that is holding a "Free The Order Global Demonstration Day" on Saturday, December 9, and is asking for supporters to protest in front of Federal Buildings, in support of Robert Matthews, the founder of "The Order." In 1983, Matthews committed bank robberies, the bombing of a synagogue, and the murder of a Jewish radio talk-show host. Matthews died in 1984 after a shoot-out with federal agents on Whidbey Island. It is possible that supporters will gather at the federal building in Tacoma this day.
- A gathering organized by neo-Nazi skinhead groups called Volksfront and the NW Hammerskins, are planning a memorial service in the Portland, Oregon area on December 9, 2006, in honor of the nine-year anniversary of the death of Eric Banks. Banks was a skinhead who was shot and killed on January 1, 1993, and is now labeled a "martyr" for his actions. Websites are not listing the exact location, but it's possible that those not able to attend the Portland event, may congregate in the Tacoma area.
- The FBI has asked for information from agencies pertaining to circuit board thefts from cellular telephone towers. They are assessing the extent of this criminal activity.
- We are in the season where a lot of religious holidays are being celebrated. There will be heavy volumes of people on planes, trains, ferries, etc. this month, so officers should be aware of any suspicious circumstances related to public transportation.
- The FBI and DHS sent out a bulletin reminding law enforcement that the terrorists use of "dry run" tactics may be a tip-off for an imminent terrorist attack. Officers should also pay attention to suspicious happenings, and to report them so they get to the proper personnel handling homeland security issues. Throughout the years, many criminal and terrorist plots have been foiled because they were caught in the "rehearsal" stage by observant people.

### Lt. Roberts

- A protest on Thursday, December 7, has been planned by some colleges in the area, in retaliation for the recent UCLA incident. A Middle Eastern looking male wanted to go into the college library at UCLA (in California) at 2300 hours, but refused to show his required student ID card and created a scene. Police tried to assist, but had to use a Taser on him several times. Activists are now protesting the actions of the police, and are encouraging schools to rally for the cause. Students at UPS, U of W, Tacoma Community College, and Pacific Lutheran University plan to gather at each respective college, then either march to, or drive to the Federal Courthouse to hold a rally. Lt. Roberts is having DRT/BRRT members contact the colleges to find out more information.

- Another protest is planned at the I.C.E. NW Detention Center on the Tideflats, on Saturday, December 9, from 1400-1600 hours. During the last protest on November 11, approx. 60 people attended the event. Although a different group sponsored that event, it is expected that the same individuals will show up. Also, during this last protest, they practiced several diversion techniques, staged a fight (hoping to draw the police away from a certain area), and “tested” security by running towards gates and fences at different locations. Officers should be aware of ruses, and make sure they aren’t isolated or drawn into a crowd by themselves, where they could be attacked. After Action reports should be completed in the future after these protests, so others on the department are aware of what occurred.

#### Lt. Feddersen

- TPD is working with other agencies (WA State DEM, Pierce County DEM, and Tacoma Fire) and will use the Web EOC as the primary tool in running our Emergency Operations Center. This is a computer generated management tool to facilitate with the operation during an incident or event, and will be interoperable with some other agencies.

#### Sgt. Jepson - Upcoming events:

- November 30 – Holiday Tree Lighting – from 1600-1800 hours, at 9<sup>th</sup> and Broadway.
- December 1 – World AIDS Day Candlelight Event was **cancelled**.
- December 7-8 – Bates Voc-Tech Holiday Food Drive – from 0600-1000 hours each day, at 11<sup>th</sup> and Yakima. People can drive by the area and drop off food.
- December 9 – Our Lady of Guadalupe – from 1100 to Noon – South 34-35<sup>th</sup> and Tacoma Avenue. People will have a procession around the area of the church for an hour.
- February 18, 2007 – TET Lunar New Year – 0900-1330 hours – 38<sup>th</sup> and Thompson/Tacoma Avenue. Last year, this event was cancelled because of lack of funds. They still plan on holding it in 2007, and want fireworks included, followed with a celebration at a nearby school. Four officers are usually assigned to close streets and provide security. Plans haven’t been finalized yet.
- May 13, 2007 - The Tacoma Marathon is still scheduled to occur on Mother’s Day. They have approval from Metro Parks, and will run through Pt. Defiance. The plan and route is still being worked on, and has not yet been presented to the Police Department for approval.

#### Detective Wimmer

- A 13 and 14-year-old threw Molotov cocktails at Pt. Defiance Elementary School, and took digital pictures of themselves as they were doing this. The juveniles were arrested.

The meeting ended at 1445 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, at 1400 hours, in the Operations’ Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-270

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** December 15, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 14, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held December 14, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Meinema, Sgt. Still, Dets. Wimmer and Calitis, RIG Analyst Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

- Washington State is one of fourteen states that is authorized to distribute serum from the Tier 01 National Strategic Stockpile in case of an epidemic. If this were to occur, officers would be needed for security.
- February 2007 - there will be a tabletop exercise for health (hospitals, etc.) organizations.
- March 27, 2007 – there will be a hospital/Tier 01 exercise, in which TPD will be asked to participate in.
- July 19-20, 2007 – there will be a scenario relevant to the TPD portion of the CAW (Center for Asymmetric Warfare) exercise being held July 12-26, 2007. TPD will be involved in the main CAW exercise on July 22-24, 2007, and in the related exercise on July 19-20, 2007.
- The PCSD Radio Interoperability Study is nearing completion. The County still hasn't decided whether they will keep what they have now, or whether they will go to a 700 Mhz. system, or a 800 Mhz. system like TPD has.
- There will be lots of planning coming up on the topic of Transportation of Vulnerable Population. It is a federal mandate that there are plans/preparations made for moving people without transportation available, like those in hospitals and health care facilities, in the case of a natural disaster or emergency.
- Pierce Responder has been renamed in the portal, and is now called STS – **School Threat System**.

### Mike Kortjohn - RIG

- With the busy holiday season, and the many activities and large crowds, there is potential for terrorist activity. A 22-year-old Muslim convert was arrested on 12/8/06, for planning to set off hand grenades in garbage cans at a shopping mall in Illinois. Officers should be aware of people conducting surveillance or targeting activities at crowded places such as holiday events, shopping malls, movie theaters, etc.
- There have been recent changes to the manufacturing of methamphetamine that increases the threat posed to officers and bystanders. There is a colored handout that was posted on the bulletin boards and peg that describes some of the ingredients that are used, and the drugs' bright colors, which can be a clue to officers that it is an explosive device.
- Supporters of SHAC 7 are planning a week long event called the "SHAC 7 days of Xmas," which will be December 11-18, 2006. The SHAC 7 are members of SHAC (Stop Huntington Animal Cruelty), who were convicted in September of conspiracy charges. Law enforcement should be aware of the two days the supporters are calling for as "action days," December 16-17. Supporters may want to put pressure on businesses like Kentucky Fried Chicken.

### Det. Calitis

- The armored vehicle (B.E.A.R.) has arrived and is deployable. The decals should be affixed within a week. Officers should be aware that if a situation similar to the Tacoma Mall Shooting occurs, or if SOS is conducting high risk takedowns, or there is a hostile situation with an officer down, this vehicle can be requested to the scene, and a couple SWAT members can drive it there.

### Detective Wimmer

- Is working on the Buffer Zone Protection Grants.

Sgt. Still

- DEM is attempting to set up a meeting in January or February to discuss the 2007 federal grants. It is unknown how much money is going to be directed towards law enforcement. It looks like the emphasis of grant money next year will be directed towards schools and hospitals, and not first responders like police.

The meeting ended at 1425 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for December 21, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room, and will be open to all Command Staff.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 06-272

**FROM:** Captain Mike Miller  
Operations South Division Commander

**DATE:** December 26, 2006

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 21, 2006**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held December 21, 2006, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lts. Roberts and Darlington, Sgts. Still, R. Jepson, Gustason, and Moore, Dets. Pavey and McColeman, RIG Analysts Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Sgt. Jepson

The following are upcoming events in Tacoma

- February 10, 2007 – Leonard Peltier March – Supporters will march from the Portland Avenue Community Center to the Federal Courthouse. BRRT and Traffic Officers will be working this event.
- February 18, 2007 – 0800-1400 hours – TET New Year – Will take place on 38<sup>th</sup> Street from Tacoma Avenue to Thompson. There will be a parade and fireworks.
- May 13, 2007 (Mother's Day) –The Tacoma Marathon is still scheduled to occur this day. So far, it looks like a need for 66 officers and 128 volunteers to staff the street closures. There will be extensive meetings next year before approval of this event.

### Gary Smith - RIG

- With the busy holiday season, and the many activities and large crowds, there is potential for terrorist activity. Officers should be aware of people conducting surveillance or targeting activities at crowded places such as holiday events, shopping malls, movie theaters, etc.
- Al Qaeda's deputy Ayman Al Zawahiri released another videotaped message, which renewed threats against the United States and the West, and also referenced the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.
- The Department of Homeland Security put out recent warnings about the declining health and possible death of Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahm – the Blind Sheikh, who was the Egyptian cleric convicted of plotting to destroy landmarks in New York City, including the UN Building, and FBI's New York field office. Members of the group convicted with him had connections to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. The Blind Sheikh may have requested a revengeful retaliation attack to U.S. interests in the event of his death.
- New Year's Eve will align with the Islamic observance of Eid ul Adha, or the *Feast of Sacrifice*. These two events haven't occurred during the same time in over 400 years. While the Feast of Sacrifice compels followers to engage in group prayer and feast, many Americans celebrating New Year's do so with numerous parties and fireworks displays. This could be a public safety challenge for those who have been drinking, and the possible engagement with those going to or coming back from the feast and prayer.
- The Leonard Peltier March on February 10, 2007, is already being promoted on websites by the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).
- On January 20-21, 2007, Evergreen State College (1210 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue) will be holding a hearing in defense of Lt. Watada from Ft. Lewis. Lt. Watada was the soldier who questioned the legality of the war in Iraq, and refused to fight. There might be vigils or marches to support his cause. Lt. Darlington will gather more information on this event.
- A million dollar rail truck, used for railroad safety, was stolen in Auburn.

### Mike Kortjohn – RIG

- During the last couple weeks, White Power graffiti has been noticed in outlying areas of Puyallup and Spanaway. This graffiti includes swastikas and symbols relating to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Reich. If officers notice this type of graffiti in the city, they should report it to our homeland security personnel.

Lt. Darlington

- Macy's department store at the Tacoma Mall was planning a demonstration/labor dispute, on Saturday, December 23, at 1000 hours. The rally was to take place at Babies R Us, and employees wanted to present Macy's management with a "Grinch Award."

Sgt. Moore

- Is working on the Buffer Zone Protection Grants, and three properties in the Tideflats area were identified. The grants will designate \$169,000 to each property site for security measures.
- The Vigilance will be out of the water having service work done from January 1-15, 2007. Bates Voc-Tech School is doing repair work to a second boat for our department.
- Sly Weaver has been approved for a Special Duty assignment on Fridays, as it relates to respirator protection plans, masks, confined space plans, and other subjects that OSHA is now requiring for our department.

The meeting ended at 1430 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for January 4, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-003

**FROM:** Captain Charles Meinema  
Homeland Security/Operations Commander

**DATE:** January 4, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 4, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held January 4, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captains Meinema and Miller, Sgt. Moore, Dets. Wimmer and Calitis, RIG Analysts Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

- Has been designated as the representative for the DEM TEW Resource Committee, and will be attending a DEM Capability Seminar on January 8-9, at the Tacoma Sheraton.
- The Pierce County radio study has been completed, and now they are reviewing and discussing their options as to whether they will change to an 800 Mhz. system.
- With the recent school shooting at Foss, it brings up concerns as to possible attacks against school buses. SWAT should continue practicing scenarios that involve suspects on buses. Since late 2004, Homeland Security has had reports of seventeen incidents involving suspicious circumstances concerning people wanting to buy or steal school buses, or wanting to take bus driver training. Don't know what the answer is on making schools and buses safer—will it come to armed guards at all schools and on all buses?

### Mike Kortjohn – RIG

- In December 2006, in Ohio, six Middle Eastern looking subjects wanted to buy a school bus for \$19,000 cash. The owner of the bus didn't want to take cash, so he asked the subjects to obtain a cashier's check from the bank. The bank refused to give them a cashier's check because of identification problems. One of the subjects was overheard stating they wanted to take buses across the Canadian border. Eventually, the subjects never purchased the bus.
- Two motives for terrorists or armed subjects to obtain or take over school buses would be to hijack the children on the bus, or to pack explosives on the bus and blow it up while filled with children.
- The pre-trial hearing for Lt. Watada began on January 4, 2007. He is facing six years in prison, and a military court martial on February 5, 2007. There was a support rally at Ft. Lewis, from 0800-1100 hours, on January 4. Protests and counter-protests could escalate during these proceedings.
- The Leonard Peltier March on February 10, 2007, is already being promoted on websites by the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). Supporters will march from the Portland Avenue Community Center starting at noon, to the Federal Courthouse.
- The Department of Justice put out a "Most Wanted" flier on a subject named Kenneth John Freeman, W/M, 6-21-62. He is wanted for Unlawful Flight and First Degree Rape of a Child, from Benton County, WA. They consider him armed and dangerous, because he was a former law enforcement officer with extensive firearms and tactical training.

### Gary Smith - RIG

- The Department of Homeland Security put out recent warnings about the declining health and possible death of Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahm – the Blind Sheikh, who was the Egyptian cleric convicted of plotting to destroy landmarks in New York City, including the UN Building, and FBI's New York field office. Members of the group convicted with him had connections to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. The Blind Sheikh may have requested a revengeful retaliation attack to U.S. interests, in the event of his death.
- On January 20-21, 2007, Evergreen State College (1210 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue) will be holding a hearing in defense of Lt. Watada. There might be vigils or marches to support his cause.

- Several anarchist websites are advertising that on Monday, February 5, as part of the National Day of Action, they are asking students to rally in support of Lt. Watada, and to walk out of classes at school.

Det. Wimmer

- Is working on the DEM and Buffer Zone Protection Grants.
- The new small robot that was ordered for EOD/SWAT should arrive in February. As soon as the new robot arrives, the old robot will be sent away to be modernized with money we received from the state.

Sgt. Moore

- Wanted to organize a meeting for those TPD personnel involved with the Buffer Zone Protection Plan.

The meeting ended at 1430 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

CRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-012

**FROM:** Captain Mike Miller  
Homeland Security/Operations Commander

**DATE:** January 30, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 18, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held January 18, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captains Meinema and Miller, Sgt. Moore, Dets. Wimmer and Calitis, RIG Analysts Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

- Mentioned that he will be transferred to CID on January 22, and Captain Miller will be the supervisor assigned to Homeland Security.

### Captain Miller

- The BZPP grant paperwork was submitted for a list of items totaling \$507,000.00, to be used for security at three sites on the Tideflats. Our department will wait for the federal government's approval on these specific items.
- Some grant equipment has arrived for Region 5, which is supposed to be shared/made available to many organizations in this area. It was recommended that this equipment bear a logo that identifies it as "Region 5" equipment, and not "PCSO" or "TPD" equipment.

### Gary Smith - RIG

- The Dept. of Homeland Security at the national level has warned that al-Qaeda is not the only group of terrorists we have to fear, but that Hezbollah and Hamas (both terrorist groups backed by Iran, and tied in with the government of Lebanon), will also remain a threat to our country and others. Some small Hezbollah groups are already residing in our country.
- On Saturday, January 13, a "Melt ICE!" Vigil and Protest for Immigrant Rights was held at the Northwest Detention Center at 1623 E. "J" Street. The after-action report indicated about ten people attended. However, approximately fifteen Minutemen came to offer their assistance to the police officers present.
- On January 20-21, 2007, Evergreen State College (1210 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue) a hearing will be held in defense of Lt. Watada. There might be vigils or marches to support his cause.
- Several anarchist websites are advertising that on Monday, February 5, as part of the National Day of Action, they are asking students to rally in support of Lt. Watada, and to walk out of classes at school. There is a planned rally at the Ft. Lewis gates. There is no other information yet on other rallies around our community.
- The Leonard Peltier March on February 10, 2007, is already being promoted on websites by the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). Supporters will march from the Portland Avenue Community Center starting at noon, to the Federal Courthouse.
- Members of the Westborough Baptist Church in Kansas, continue to hold protests at the site of funerals for military personnel killed in the war. These protests are very disturbing to the families and friends of the deceased. Although no protests have been held at any services for Fort Lewis personnel, one family of a deceased Fort Lewis soldier was mailed something from this church.

### Sgt. Moore

- Suggested that a representative from the Disorder Response Team and Special Investigations attend these weekly Homeland Security Meetings, since information on a lot of protests is presented at these meetings.

Mike Kortjohn – RIG

- Pep Boys automotive stores are selling air fresheners that are capable of detecting radio frequencies in the immediate area, and indicate to the occupant when their cell phone is ringing. These are being marketed to persons who listen to loud music in their cars that cannot hear their phone ring. The danger to officers is that suspects can use them to see if undercover personnel are wired with a body transmitter.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Turnout Room, and will be open to all command staff.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-014

**FROM:** Captain Mike Miller  
Homeland Security/Operations Commander

**DATE:** February 1, 2007

**SUBJECT:** HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 25, 2007

The Homeland Security Meeting was held January 25, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lts. Feddersen, Darlington, and Abuan, Sgts. Moore and R. Jepson, RIG Analyst Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Miller

- The department is trying to be more proactive and interact better with schools on emergency planning and homeland security issues. Brief training refreshers on school responses should also be given to officers.
- Wants to develop a better system of tracking and disbursing grant equipment that our department receives. In case of an audit, we should be able to indicate where the equipment is located.
- Wanted to thank Lt. Feddersen and Sgt. Moore for providing training to our department to satisfy the NIMS requirements. This allows our department to be eligible for federal grant money.
- Mentioned that a representative from DRT should attend these Homeland Security meetings, as a lot of information on upcoming protests is presented.

### Gary Smith - RIG

- It was reported that approximately 400 people showed up on January 20-21, 2007, at Evergreen State College (1210 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue), for a hearing in defense of Lt. Watada. There were no problems.
- On January 27, 2007, several groups (SDS, World Can't Wait) are advertising a National Day of Action, protesting the war in Iraq. There is an event planned in Olympia and Seattle, but no information has been received for any events occurring in Tacoma.
- Lt. Watada's court-martial starts on Monday, February 5, at Fort Lewis. Demonstrators in buses will be arriving at Exit 119 (Dupont Exit) of I-5, which may cause a traffic problem. Several anarchist websites are advertising that on February 5, as part of the National Day of Action, they are asking students to rally in support of Lt. Watada, and to walk out of classes at school.
- More websites are advertising about the upcoming Leonard Peltier March on February 10, 2007. Websites indicate there will be buses and van pools coming from Portland and Eugene, Oregon. Supporters will start their march at noon from the Portland Avenue Community Center, and proceed to the Federal Courthouse.
- Distributed an officer safety bulletin on James Michael Newmeyer, W/M, 4-5-68. Newmeyer is a known associate of the "Idaho County Posse," an anti-government constitutionalist group. Past activities of the "Posse" included discussions on murdering law enforcement personnel and judges.

### Lt. Darlington

- Received information on a "Silent No More" Awareness Campaign/Hope for Healing anti-abortion group, that was going to congregate at the County-City Building Courthouse at noon, on January 26. Speakers were going to "speak truth about the aftermath of abortion, and hope for healing." Lt. Darlington will inform the Sector One officers of this event.

#### Lt. Feddersen

- Encouraged supervisors that all special events and DRT/BRRT operational plans be created on ICS forms, rather than the department's past procedure of using an IDM format. The Grand Floral Daffodil Parade plan will come out on an Incident Action Plan.
- Is working on the Foss High School shooting debrief, and will finalize it and present it to the Chiefs this week.
- Activated the Mobile Command Unit and EOC for two shifts for the Berty kidnapping. An after-action meeting will be held for those that were involved on January 29, at 0900, in the Ops Turnout Room. Gary Smith mentioned that it is people like suspect Berty that our department should keep tabs on after his release from jail. Mr. Berty fits the profile of suspects that after their release, may want to retaliate against jail/court/police facilities and/or personnel.
- Suggested that CLOs and sector officers continue to maintain close contact with their area school administrators, and establish a relationship with them. Our department needs to implement plans and update the school threat response plan. It was recommended that school employees attend a two-hour ICS NIMS class, so they can understand the concept that police will be following in case of an emergency at their school.

#### Sgt. Moore

- Mentioned that Lt. Feddersen taught a couple ICS400 classes to Fire personnel. He will be teaching an ICS300 class to TPD personnel on Jan. 30-31.
- Received some helmets through grant monies, and a decision will be made as to who they will be assigned to.

#### Sergeant R. Jepson

The following is information about upcoming events:

- February 10, Saturday – Leonard Peltier Solidarity March – 1200 hours. Supporters will gather at the Portland Avenue Park (3500 Portland Avenue) and walk down Portland Avenue to Puyallup Avenue, Puyallup Avenue to Pacific Avenue, and then to the Federal Courthouse. Speeches will be given, and the northbound lane will be closed off. Some Traffic and BRRT Officers will be assisting with traffic control.
- February 18, Sunday – TET Lunar New Year Festival – 3800 Thompson/Tacoma Avenue. There will be a parade and fireworks celebration starting at 0900 hours, and then participants will be going to an area school for a meal. Four off-duty officers will be assigned to this event.
- May 13, Mother's Day – Tacoma Marathon will take place in the city. Citizens are already complaining about the street closures this will involve, to disrupt their restaurant plans for Mother's Day. Citizens/businesses can be given Sgt. R. Jepson's e-mail address if they would like directions on what the best route would be to get to area restaurants.

The meeting concluded at 1440 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

MRM:jtb





# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-022

**FROM:** Captain Mike Miller  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** February 19, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 15, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held February 15, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Sgts. Moore and Still, [REDACTED] Wimmer, and Calitis, RIG Analysts Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

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### Gary Smith - RIG

- On Saturday, February 24, several anti-military actions are planned for recruiting stations in Seattle, Bellingham, Portland, and Tacoma. In November of 2005, the demonstration at the Tacoma Mall recruiting station got a little heated. Officers should be aware that there is potential for a disturbance again this year.
- Sunday, March 18, is the fourth anniversary of the beginning of the Iraq War. Usually there is a demonstration in Seattle. There is no information yet about any planned protests in Tacoma.
- On Saturday, February 17, the Destralos Outlaw Motorcycle Gang is having a party in memory of their departed "Brother Boxer." The event will be held at the Royal Bear Saloon in Algona, WA. Members of the Amigos, Hombres, and other clubs are planning on attending this event.
- The Amigos OMG is planning a Motorcycle Benefit Run on Sunday, March 11, at JJ's Bar and Grill, (5431 So. Tacoma Way) at 1100 hours. There will be a chili feed and auction, along with a band.
- There is another potential Unabomber in the making who is calling himself "The Bishop." In January 2007, this subject sent a letter bomb to two Midwestern financial services companies. Inside both packages (which were opened by mail clerks), was a note that read "Bang! You're dead." Both packages included all the makings of a pipe bomb, but the sender had not included a power source. The suspect probably meant to terrify and not kill, at this time. The Bishop first came to attention in October of 2005, when he began sending anonymous, threatening letters (but with no explosive materials) to various financial services companies. In one letter, the Bishop referred to both the Unabomber and the D.C. sniper, Lee Malvo. He also commented how easy it would be to kill somebody.

### Sgt. Moore

- The Equipment Committee will be meeting in-house with all the representatives of our department's Special Teams. The goal is to prioritize the wants and needs of essential equipment the teams need, and hope the items will be purchased with federal grant money. Once this list is created, it will be presented to the regional group later. Detective Wimmer wondered if heavier vests and helmets could be purchased for our officers on the street. These might be items our department may want to add to our wish list.

- At the last "Melt ICE!" Vigil and Protest for Immigrant Rights demonstration in February, held at the Northwest Detention Center at 1623 E. "J" Street, there were eleven protestors and **fifty-two** Minutemen. There were no problems.
- The Leonard Peltier March on February 10, 2007, was handled well with Traffic and BRRT officers present. It was a peaceful march with no problems.

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- The Aryan Fest of 2007 will take place in Okanogan, WA, and is hosted by Volksfront (a group out of Oregon). In 2004, more than 400 people attended the festival.
- TPD Officers have documented many recent contacts with skinheads. One skinhead was recently arrested for murder when he killed an acquaintance, who had just won a lot of money at an area casino.
- Lots of OMG activity is taking place. A large percentage of the Spokane Chapter of OMG members were recently arrested, and their trials will take place at the Federal Courthouse in Seattle. It is expected that a lot of OMG members will show up at these trials to support their friends.
- Suggested that officers receive more in-service refresher training on topics like suicide bombings, and intelligence that is presented at special conferences that our personnel/supervisors attend. This information these to be passed along to the officers on the street. Intelligence that's been gathered throughout the country suggests that future terrorist plots may target schools with bombs/explosions. There have been lots of reports of Middle Eastern looking subjects interested in buying school buses or taking bus driving lessons.

Mike Kortjohn – RIG

- Sixty-seven White Supremacist gang members were arrested on December 14, 2006, after a series of search and arrest warrants were served by federal and local law enforcement agencies in Southern California. These members allegedly belonged to a violent White Supremacist gang known as Public Enemy Number 1 (PENI). This gang had a "hit list" that contained the names of an Orange County prosecutor and five police officers in several different departments. This gang operates both inside and outside of the state's correctional system, and has been involved in criminal activity ranging from illegal meth trade, to white collar crime that includes identity theft and counterfeiting. Additionally, some PENI members have been convicted of violent crimes including assaults, attempted murder, and murder. This group has now grown to 350-400 members. Although PENI is currently strongest in California, its growth is likely to become problematic in other states, with the Pacific Northwest and the Southwest being the most likely areas of expansion. Officers should be aware that PENI members caught in criminal activity have a history of fleeing in their vehicles or on foot, and have displayed aggressive and violent resistance to arrests by law enforcement. These members are more radical and violent than normal skinheads, and do not hesitate to use weapons.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Turnout Room, and will be open to all command staff.

MRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-024

**FROM:** Captain Mike Miller  
Homeland Security/Operations Commander

**DATE:** February 23, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 22, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held February 22, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Langford, Lts. Roberts, Darlington, Ake, Ruiz, and Abuan, Sgts. Moore and R. Jepson, RIG Analysts Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Gary Smith - RIG

- On Saturday, February 24, several anti-military actions are planned for recruiting stations in Seattle, Bellingham, Portland, Olympia, and Tacoma. There are postings on the SDS and United For Peace websites that a "Tacoma Anti-Militarism/Anti-Recruitment Rally and Carnival" will be held at the Tacoma Mall recruiting station. The announcement requests that supporters convene at the corner of S. 38<sup>th</sup> and Steele (in front of Borders) at 11:45 a.m., and they will march to the recruiting center at the Mall Office building. There will be free food provided, and supporters are asked to "bring friends, signs, noisemakers, buckets, pots, kazoos, music, sidewalk chalk, silly string, and costumes (zombie, robot, death, etc.)." Since there is a big rally planned in Olympia at the same time, this may lessen the numbers that show up in Tacoma. Lt. Ake stated the Tacoma recruiting station has been informed, and recruiters from all the military branches are planning on leaving the office prior to this event, so the recruiting office may be vacant. Since some of the government vehicles were damaged at a prior rally, they plan on moving their vehicles to a more secure area.
- On Sunday, March 4, Tacoma SDS will be holding an "Iraq War Teach-In" at the University of Puget Sound, in Tacoma. The event will include speeches, discussions, lectures and food. Similar events held at UPS in the past have not caused any problems.
- On Saturday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), starting at 11:00 a.m., there will be an anti-war rally, march, and procession at People's Park (9<sup>th</sup> and MLK Way). The theme of the march is "Enough is Enough," and it marks the fourth anniversary of the Iraq invasion.
- The Amigos OMG is planning a Motorcycle Benefit Run on Sunday, March 11, starting at JJ's Bar and Grill (5431 So. Tacoma Way), at 1100 hours. The details of the route are not known at this time.
- There will be convoys of military vehicles leaving from Fort Lewis to the Port of Tacoma on March 2-9, from 2100-0500 hours. The 4<sup>th</sup> Stryker Brigade will be deploying to Iraq soon, and military equipment will be loaded onto ships. Sgt. R. Jepson will be coordinating the off-duty officers working security during this time. There have not been problems with protestors in the past, as this hasn't been advertised to the public.
- The Federal Court trial for two current and two former members of the Hell's Angels will begin March 5, in Seattle. Charges include racketeering and interstate transportation of stolen property. In the past, these trials have been plagued with witness intimidation and jury tampering. There may be a spike in activities involving Hell's Angels members while this trial is taking place.

### Lt. Darlington

- There have been demonstrations at the two abortion clinics at 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and MLK Jr. Way. Protestors have been marching around carrying graphic anti-abortion signs. There have been no problems reported.

Sergeant R. Jepson

The following is information about upcoming events:

- March 10, Saturday – Spring Forward Run and Walk – A 5K run in the Stadium District. There will be some street closures between 0800-1100 hours.
- March 31, Saturday – Education Celebration near the Tacoma Convention Center. Between 1000-1200 hours, the group of approx. 1200 people will walk over to the Tollefson Plaza for a gathering there.

The meeting concluded at 1430 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-030

**FROM:** Captain Mike Miller  
Homeland Security/Operations Commander

**DATE:** March 1, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – March 1, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 1, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captains Miller and Langford, Lt. Roberts, Sgt. Still, Detective Calitis, RIG Analysts Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Gary Smith - RIG

- On Saturday, March 3, there is a Fort Lewis Victory Rally planned. Supporters will meet at the DuPont Bridge overpass on I-5, exit 119, between 1000-1600 hours. This event is sponsored by Citizens United for Victory.
- On Saturday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), starting at 11:00 a.m., there will be an anti-war rally, march, and procession at People's Park (9<sup>th</sup> and MLK Way). The theme of the march is "Enough is Enough," and it marks the fourth anniversary of the Iraq invasion. It was estimated that 300-400 people attended last year. Captain Langford mentioned he would work with Lt. Roberts regarding DRT being present at this protest. **NOTE:** There is a large anti-war event planned in Seattle on March 18. During a past protest in Seattle, anarchists used a large flag to gather people together. When a Seattle officer attempted to take the flag, the crowd became more violent. Also, prior to the rally in Seattle, protestors hid crowbars, rocks, and various instruments in planters, newspaper boxes, etc., so they could be used as weapons. Officers should make sure to check the area of any protest for hidden weapons or pile of rocks.
- The Amigos OMG is planning a Motorcycle Benefit Run on Sunday, March 11, starting at JJ's Bar and Grill (5431 So. Tacoma Way), at 1100 hours. The details of the route are not known at this time. With the federal trial in Seattle of some Hell's Angels' members, there may be more bikers in this area that have come out to support those on trial.
- There will be convoys of military vehicles leaving from Fort Lewis to the Port of Tacoma on March 2-9, from 2100-0500 hours. The 4<sup>th</sup> Stryker Brigade will be deploying to Iraq soon, and military equipment will be loaded onto ships. Sgt. R. Jepson will be coordinating the off-duty officers working security during this time.
- With spring coming soon, the anniversaries of the Columbine shooting, past bombings, and events related to Hitler are approaching. The month of April also includes significant anniversary dates of ALF/ELF arrests. Some school seniors will also find out they will not be graduating, and may want to retaliate against a teacher/school for their failure. Officers should be aware of these dates, and the possibility of criminal activity for any of the above listed reasons.

### Mike Kortjohn – RIG

- The new potential Unabomber, who is calling himself "The Bishop," has been sending anonymous, threatening letters and incomplete pipe bombs to various financial institutions. He uses the return address of relatives of the company's executives. In one letter, the Bishop referred to both the Unabomber and the D.C. sniper, Lee Malvo. There is now a sketch of the possible suspect, who was seen inside the post office around the same time the packages were discovered there.

### Sgt. Still

- There will be a Region 5 equipment meeting the middle of March.

The meeting concluded at 1425 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-031

**FROM:** Lieutenant Tony Abuan  
Admin. South Lieutenant

**DATE:** March 9, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – March 8, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 8, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Lts. Abuan and Ruiz, Detective Calitis, RIG Analysts Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Gary Smith - RIG

- There have been protestors at the Port of Tacoma while convoys of military vehicles have been moving military equipment there since March 2. During the evening shift on March 7, officers found a backpack that contained chains and padlocks. Also found were two 16-foot long pieces of 6" diameter aluminum pipe that were stashed near where the backpack was found. The pipes were not there the previous night. Two problems with the fence were also discovered on the east side of Milwaukee Way, that surrounds the rail yard across the street from the yard where the military vehicles are stored. In one spot, a hole had been cut in the fence, and in the other spot, a hole was dug under the fence. These were both new since the previous evening. These items and the damaged fence indicate that the protestors are still planning to physically disrupt the movements of the military convoys.
  - March 8 – Protestors and the Tacoma Puppetistas plan on hanging a banner on I-5 at Pacific Avenue, from 1600-1800 hours.
  - March 9 – A rally and march against Escalating the Iraq War is planned at the Federal Courthouse from 1600-1800 hours.
  - The ship is expected to come in either late Friday (March 9) or early Saturday morning (March 10). The Port then plans on loading the military equipment for twenty-four hours a day, for two full days. Hopefully all the equipment will fit, otherwise another ship will have to be ordered to take the rest of it.
  - It is expected that once the ship is visible, the protestors may grow in number, and their activity may become more volatile. Websites indicate that protestors are encouraging supporters from the Portland area to come down and join in their gathering at the Port.
- On Saturday, March 17, starting at 11:00 a.m., there will be an anti-war rally at People's Park (9<sup>th</sup> and MLK Way). The theme of the march is "Enough is Enough," and it marks the fourth anniversary of the Iraq invasion. In case the protest at the Port of Tacoma lasts through next week, there may be more people that will attend the event this year. Last year's event drew an estimate of 300-400 people.
- The Amigos OMG is planning a Motorcycle Benefit Run on Sunday, March 11, starting at JJ's Bar and Grill (5431 So. Tacoma Way), at 1100 hours, and ending at the Royal Bear Tavern in Algonia.
- They are still in jury selection for the trial of the Hell's Angels' members, taking place at the Seattle federal courthouse. The trial should start in two weeks and may last a couple months. Since those on trial are the NW Regional Leaders of the Hell's Angels group, there may be more bikers from various OMG's seen in this area, who may come to support those on trial.

### Mike Kortjohn – RIG

- The new potential Unabomber, who is calling himself "The Bishop," has been sending anonymous, threatening letters and incomplete pipe bombs to various financial institutions. He uses the return address of relatives of the company's executives. In one letter, the Bishop referred to both the Unabomber and the D.C. sniper, Lee Malvo. There is now a sketch of the possible suspect, who was seen inside the post office around the same time the packages were discovered there.

The meeting concluded at 1420 hours. Since many command staff members will be attending the Terror At Beslan conference next Thursday, there will not be a Homeland Security meeting on that date. The next tentative meeting is scheduled for March 22, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room.

TA:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-034

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** March 23, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – March 22, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 22, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, Sgts. Moore and Still, Detective Calitis, RIG Analyst Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Gary Smith - RIG

- The trial involving members of the Hell's Angels is taking place at the Seattle federal courthouse. There have been more bikers seen in the area who have come out to support those on trial, including members from the Bandidos group, which have normally been enemies of the Hell's Angels.
- The Dept. of Homeland Security issued an intelligence bulletin concerning suspicious activities involving school buses and the licenses to drive them. Although most attempts by foreign nationals in the U.S. to acquire schools buses and the licenses to drive them have been legitimate, there are still concerns that terrorists could use school buses and hazardous materials in an attack.
- The Reef Company designs and sells casual apparel and footwear. They have created a "Dram Sandal" which allows a flask to be hidden in the sole of the sandal. This hidden compartment, which was primarily made for storing beverages, could be used to store and transport liquid explosives.
- The "World Week for Animals in Laboratories" (WWAIL) is scheduled for April 22-29, 2007. WWAIL organizers anticipate a week of events at universities and research facilities around the country. Animal activists continue to have ongoing campaigns against various businesses and agencies throughout the Pacific Northwest. In recent years, the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), an extremist animal rights group, was named a "terrorist threat" by the Dept. of Homeland Security in January 2005.
- Activists associated with the Seattle Rainforest Action Group recently occupied the roof of a model home at Quadrant Homes in Bothell, WA to demand Weyerhaeuser end the destruction of Grassy Narrows Indigenous homeland/territory in Canada. They unfurled a large banner at the development that read, "Weyerhaeuser: We'll Leave Your Home When You Leave Ours."

The meeting concluded at 1430 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for March 29, at 1400 hours, in the Operations' Conference Room, and will be open to all Command Staff.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-040

**FROM:** Captain Tom Strickland  
Operations South Division Commander

**DATE:** April 3, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – March 29, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 29, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captains Strickland, Langford, and Meinema, Lts. Darlington and Feddersen, Sgts. Moore and R. Jepson, RIG Analysts Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Strickland

- The trials involving the protestors arrested during the Olympia protest were taking place in Olympia. There was a possibility of jury tampering, as a list of the jury members' names was posted on a website.
- Wanted to compliment everyone that worked in the EOC and MCU during the Milwaukee Way Protest. The personnel were "fantastic," and everyone worked together well.

### Captain Meinema

- Recommended that TPD DRT Commanders arrange a meeting with all the other DRT commanders from the outside law enforcement agencies that assisted us at the Milwaukee Way Protest. It would be beneficial to exchange information between departments.
- Believes that protestors at future demonstrations in Tacoma may change their tactics, since we were able to stop them from constructing tripods and chaining themselves together.
- Recommended that each school in Tacoma practice their "lock down" procedure yearly. Also, school officials need to realize that if the school is the scene of a crime, the "Police" will be in charge of the procedures at the school until the initial investigation is over.

### Lt. Feddersen

- While looking into an incident at Life Center School, there wasn't adequate information in the School Threat Response System in the Portal regarding floor maps and layout for this school. The portal system doesn't have adequate information on private schools in Tacoma. It was suggested that sector lieutenants assign a couple CLOs to track and fill in the "Details and Floor Map" on private schools in their sector. It may be best to train a couple CLOs so there is consistency in the work that is entered.
- Besides details on private schools in the Portal system, important buildings and critical infrastructures in each sector (to include nursing homes) should be included. It is also important to make sure the "details" page is updated each year and accurate. Information on some of the schools listed in the portal are now outdated (Stadium High, Mt. Tahoma).
- Recommended that all the outside agency supervisors that participated in the Milwaukee Way Protest also be invited to the critique/debriefing that still needs to be scheduled for the rest of the TPD personnel that haven't yet attended a debriefing. Lt. Abuan and Sgt. Moore are working on scheduling this.

### Lt. Darlington

- Wanted to thank Sgt. R. Jepson for all the planning he did, and the knowledge he provided sector personnel prior to the "Enough is Enough" Iraq War protest that took place on March 17, at People's Park.
- Wondered if there could be docking stations for laptops installed in the EOC, so personnel can check their Outlook accounts during slower periods. Supervisors should ask Ken Hall to set up their e-mail account on the computer already located in the EOC.



Sgt. R. Jepson

Upcoming events are listed below:

- March 30 – “Back to Baseball” event at Tollefson Plaza.
- March 31 – Education Celebration at the Tacoma Convention Center.
- April 14 – Jr. Daffodil Parade in the Proctor District
- April 14 – MS Walk at Pt. Defiance
- April 21 – Grand Floral Daffodil Parade and Y-Run for Kids – Forty-six officers will be working this event.
- April 21 – March of Dimes Walk America at Pt. Defiance
- May 13 – Mother’s Day – Tacoma Marathon

Gary Smith - RIG

- The trial involving members of the Hell’s Angels is still taking place at the Seattle federal courthouse. There have been more bikers seen in the area who have come out to support those on trial.
- The Tacoma Branch of the Outsiders’ Motorcycle Group will be hosting their 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary party at their clubhouse at So. 19<sup>th</sup> and “L” Street, on Saturday, March 31. Officers may see an increase in activity. Also, from March 31 through April 2, the Hells’ Angels’ organization is holding a private concert to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oakland, CA Chapter. OMG members could be passing through Seattle en route to the Bay Area for this event.
- There will be national boycotts and mass rallies around the country on May 1. There is a planned International Workers’ Day demonstration that will take place in Seattle. Last year, there was a small demonstration at Tacoma’s People’s Park.
- On May 30, the Pacific Northwest National Security Forum will host military commanders at the Tacoma Sheraton ballroom for one day only, from 1300-2200 hours.
- Recruiting stations around the country are getting vandalized. A pipe bomb was set off recently in another state which damaged some vehicles.
- Listed below are some significant dates in April to anti-government extremists. They are:
  - April 2-7 – Passover
  - April 6 – Good Friday
  - April 8 – Easter
  - April 18 – Bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Beirut (1983)
  - April 19 – Waco, Texas, Branch Davidian fire (1993)
  - April 19 – Bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City (1995)
  - April 20 – Adolf Hitler’s Birthday
  - April 20 – Columbine High School Shooting (1999)
  - April 22 – Earth Day
  - April 22-29 – World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week

Mike Kortjohn

- On 3/6/07, two males were contacted in a light blue [REDACTED], at Marysville Middle School, as they attempted to drive into the bus only entrance. On the same day, they were stopped in front of Centennial Middle School in Monroe. They claimed to be testing the signal strength for Cingular Wireless in both instances. They were observed to have a camera, a laptop computer, and other electronic equipment which was inconsistent with their stated reason for being in the area. The subjects were identified at [REDACTED]

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The meeting concluded at 1500 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, at 1400 hours, in the Operations’ Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-044

**FROM:** Acting Captain Fred Scruggs  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** April 6, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – April 5, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held April 5, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Lts. Abuan and Standifer, Sgts. Moore and Still, Detectives Wimmer and Calitis, RIG Analysts Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Gary Smith - RIG

- On Saturday, April 14, the Gypsy Jokers' Motorcycle group will hold their third annual Motorcycle Swap Meet at Gloria's Bar and Grill (8201 Pacific Avenue). The event starts at 0800 hours and lasts through 1700 hours.
- On Saturday, April 21, at 7:00 p.m., the Bandidos' OMG is holding their 7<sup>th</sup> annual Memorial Party for Mississippi Charlie, at the Royal Bear Tavern, in Algona. It is sponsored by the South Seattle Bandidos group.
- The FBI had a camera surveillance compromised because the suspects had a "wireless camera viewer," which allowed them to be aware of the FBI's surveillance. These Wireless Camera Viewers can be purchased for around \$500, and can let criminals know when there is an active video surveillance in the area. These camera viewers scan all commonly used video frequencies in seconds, and pick up video transmissions in the area. They can also display the video image of what law enforcement is viewing. For law enforcement personnel that use poll cams, they should be aware that criminals may have a camera viewer.
- On April 5, a homemade bomb exploded outside a Jewish community center in Montreal, Canada, in the middle of Passover week. No one was injured, and little damage was done. It has not yet been determined whether it was a hate crime, although it occurred two days before the third anniversary of the firebombing of Montreal's United Talmud Torahs' elementary school library.
- From April 20-22, there will be a Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) Northwest Convention in Olympia.
- Posted on the Tacoma SDS website was a notice for SDS members and/or protestors to show up at the Tacoma City Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 17, at 1730 hours. The notice said the city will consider changing the Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 11.15, Special Events Permitting Code. They want to ensure their right to free speech activity is not abridged.
- There is a planned outgoing shipment of military equipment for the 66<sup>th</sup> Aviation Unit to occur sometime in May, but it is tentatively scheduled to take place at the Gray's Harbor port.
- Sometime this summer, there will be an incoming shipment of military equipment from Iraq. It is unknown what the date will be, or which Port will be used.
- April 22-29 – World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week – Organizers anticipate a week of events at universities and other research facilities throughout the country. In past years, this organization has been associated with criminal activity against individuals and businesses associated with animal testing and research. In this area, the "Stop Animal Exploitation Now" (SAEN) organization posted the names of facilities in this area they believe are doing animal experimentation. They are Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma; Pierce College, Lakewood; Reproductive Assays Laboratory in Tacoma, and the Multicare Endosurgery Institute.
- Posted a bulletin on a suspect wanted in a Lakewood shooting that occurred on April 5, 2007. The shooting occurred at the Western Inn (9920 STW) in Lakewood. The suspect shot his girlfriend and fled the scene in an older Chevy Nova-type vehicle, yellow in color. The suspect is Johnathan Chase Poole, B/M, 11-25-85.

### Mike Kortjohn

- Officer Safety – David Glenn Harrison, W/M, 11/16/82, was just recently released from prison. He was convicted of attempting to discharge a homemade bomb at a pursuing police car. His brother and stepfather were killed by King County deputies. He is a self-admitted skinhead, is affiliated with the Aryan Nations, and has stated he wants to kill a deputy. He has extensive criminal history that includes drugs, firearms, and explosives. He has been staying in Renton.

- Officers should be aware of what the Little Shell Pembina Band is. Members of this group claim to belong to a “sovereign” Native American Tribe, and believe they are not subject to governmental laws and regulations. They are part of an anti-government “sovereign citizen” movement, and view the government as illegitimate, or under the control of corrupting powers. On March 27, 2007, Puyallup officers noticed a vehicle parked in a handicapped stall at the Puyallup YMCA. The license plate was red, white and blue, and read “Consular & Diplomatic Transport Services D5081, the People of the State of Washington United States, Washington Membership: February, 1889.” The driver, Kenneth Wayne Leaming, W/M, 12/20/55, claimed traffic laws didn’t apply to him, and he produced fraudulent documentation. A search of his car showed it was set up like a police car, to include small light strips on the visor similar to those in police cars, and a siren box. In the trunk of his car were jackets with the words “Tribal Police” and “Marshal” on them.
- There are comments on the “Myspace” website about the anniversary of the Columbine school shooting, so officers should be aware of the possibility of copycat activities, or bomb threats called into schools – especially as the school year draws to a close.
- Listed below are some significant dates in April to anti-government extremists.
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  - April 22-29 – World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week

#### Lt. Abuan

- There is a tugboat tied up behind the Silver Cloud Inn on Ruston Way. MSU is investigating whether it is involved in illegal activities/dumping.

#### Sgt. Moore

- Planning the final debriefings for the Milwaukee Way Protest. The one for TPD members is tentatively planned for April 20, and the one for outside agencies is planned for May 1.
- The federal government has approved the plans for one of the chemical plants on the Tideflats under the BZPP grant, so we will start ordering the equipment for site hardening. We are still waiting for approval of the equipment for the other two sites.

#### Sgt. Still

- There are two upcoming TEW Resource Committee Meetings in April. Hopefully, we will find out how much our region will receive in grant funding this year.

#### Detective Wimmer

- Recently, a legislative bill to create a regional CBRNE-type Response Team did not pass. The UASI Grant system would like a team that could respond within fifteen minutes to problems that come up. To fit into the homeland security component, this team would have to include a bomb squad. The Washington State Patrol and Fire Departments are pushing for this legislation. If this law is passed in the future, it would put pressure on police departments because of the extensive training involved in becoming a bomb tech. To qualify for a 15-response would require having numerous bomb techs working throughout the region around the clock. The next time this topic comes up for legislation, Det. Wimmer will notify police administrators so they can provide law enforcement input.
- Received the new Vanguard Robot that will be used for SWAT, EOD, and DRT applications. Still waiting to receive approval/grant funding to get the full-sized robot upgraded.

The meeting concluded at 1455 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, at 1400 hours, in the Operations Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-050

**FROM:** Acting Captain Fred Scruggs  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** April 19, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – April 19, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held April 19, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Acting Captain Scruggs, Sgt. Still, RIG Analyst Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Sergeant Still

Attended a Region 5 TEW Resources meeting on April 18. Prior to this meeting, representatives from Pierce County law enforcement agencies had met and prioritized the wish list of equipment and materials. The dollar amount of the grant for our region hasn't been decided yet, but once it is, the agencies have agreed as to the priority/ranking of the equipment that will be purchased. The next meeting is set for May 16.

### Mike Kortjohn

- April 22-28 – World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week (WWAIL) – Organizers anticipate a week of events at universities and other research facilities throughout the country. In past years, this organization has been associated with criminal activity against individuals and businesses associated with animal testing and research. In this area, the "Stop Animal Exploitation Now" (SAEN) organization posted the names of facilities in this area they believe are doing animal experimentation. They are Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma; Pierce College, Lakewood; Reproductive Assays Laboratory in Tacoma, and the Multicare Endosurgery Institute. There is a vigil for WWAIL at the University of WA Campus in Seattle on Sunday, April 22, from 1830-2030 hours.
- April is Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month nationwide. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals uses this month to promote awareness about animal cruelty. Some animal extremists may use the month to advocate for more radical measures, including acts of violence, harassment, and targeted property crimes.
- This is a pretty volatile week for anniversary dates. April 19<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the Waco, Texas, Branch Davidian fire, and the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City. April 20<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birthday, and the Columbine High School Shooting. The Seattle FBI Office published an alert that they were investigating an unsubstantiated bomb threat at a Seattle area school. The threat was posted on an internet site, and related it was planned for April 20. The threat involved detonating bombs in a school, and then the suspect would shoot students as they fled the school. There have been numerous other threats of violence at schools throughout our country this week. A fugitive in California is being sought because he stated he "would do something that would make Virginia Tech look like a minor event."
- Activists have unveiled a banner critical of the Weyerhaeuser Company, at the headquarters of the company's home building subsidiary in Bellevue. The banner said "Weyerhaeuser: Human Rights Abuser." The group Rainforest Action Network claims the lumber company has logging operations in the ancestral homeland of the grassy Narrows First Nation, a native community in northwestern Ontario. The owner of Weyerhaeuser lives in Lakewood, and some activists are aware of where he resides.
- The FBI reported that Bosnian and Russian immigrants are fraudulently obtaining commercial driver's licenses. Many have traveled throughout the country to the Spokane and Kennewick areas for CDL testing, and have paid between \$2500 and \$5000 in cash for assistance with both the written and skills portion of the CDL test. They were given the answers to the written test. Once the CDL's were obtained, many of the immigrants returned to their home state and converted the licenses to reflect their state of residency. A number of them also obtained Hazmat endorsements.

The meeting concluded at 1410 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for April 26, at 1400 hours, in the Operations Turnout Room. This meeting will be open to all command staff, and will cover upcoming events.

FS:jtb

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-058

**FROM:** Captain Mike Miller  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** May 8, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – April 26, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held April 26, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Meinema and Acting Captain Scruggs, Lts. Cribbin, Darlington, and Roberts, Sgts. Still and R. Jepson, Detective Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Meinema

- With a month left of school before summer break, there is potential for fake shooting calls, bomb threats, etc., at schools.
- Two gangs were recently formed, and members live on the same streets – 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup>, Pine and Oakes. One gang is called **The Family**, and the other is called the **Knockouts**. These members supposedly have lots of guns at their disposal. They are hanging out in the area of Edison School, and the 47<sup>th</sup> and Pine, Tacoma Mall Blvd. area.
- There was a fight at Madison School, around the area of a dumpster. Officers found a knife and body armor in the dumpster. When responding to school fights, officers should be aware that weapons may be hidden in the area.

### Lt. Darlington

Sector 1 CLO Officers toured the campus at Bates Voc-Tech school. They discussed their expectations of security and police response. Bates will provide the department with updated maps of the layout of the school. The updated information will be added to Pierce Responder.

### Lt. Roberts

Created two IDMs reference the summertime Ruston Way plans. Animal Control Officers will be available on Ruston Way on weekends for the first month.

### Lt. Cribbin

The SWAT Team held a week-long training class in April, with an emphasis on water boardings.

### Sergeant R. Jepson

Upcoming events are listed below:

- April 27 – 1100-1400 hours - Walk A Mile in her Shoes event – Sponsored by the Pierce County Sexual Assault Center. Participants will be using sidewalks in the downtown area and around the History Museum.
- April 27 – 1730-2030 hours – Frida Surprise Party – This will be a fundraiser for the Tacoma Art Museum. There will be bed races at Tollefson Plaza.
- April 28 through October 27 – Proctor Farmers' Market will be held on Saturdays at No. 27<sup>th</sup>, between Proctor and Madison Streets.
- Fridays in May and June – Free Concert Fridays – Every Friday in May and June – Held from noon to 1400 hours at Tollefson Plaza, depending on the weather.
- May 4-5 – Cinco De Mayo Party – In the parking lot of Masa Restaurant, at 6<sup>th</sup> and Pine Street. Will have music, food, and beverages.
- May 5 – Metalfest – At the 54 Club, located at 54<sup>th</sup> and South Tacoma Way. Wants to have Metal Bands perform. Lt. Ake will be researching whether this event should be approved.
- May 5 – Free Plant Exchange – Emmanuel Presbyterian Church parking lot at 900 No. "I" Street. The alley will be closed while this takes place.
- May 12 – Grand Opening of the Scott Pierson Trail Bike Ride – 1000 hours at Cheney Stadium - Will have a family bike ride from Gig Harbor to Tacoma, along Highway 16. The state will turn the trail over to the City of Tacoma at a celebration ceremony at Cheney Stadium.

- May 13 – UPS Graduation Ceremony – 1400-1700 hours – Will close No. 11<sup>th</sup> between Lawrence and Union.
- May 13 – Parker Paint City of Tacoma Marathon – There will be a 10K, a half marathon, and a full marathon. The sponsors hope to have 2000 participants. This is an off-duty job using 70 officers and 150 volunteer positions.
- May 17 through October 18 – Broadway Farmers' Market – Open on Thursdays from 0900-1400 hours, on Broadway between 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.
- May 21 – Seattle International Children's Festival – Taking place between 900-1100 blocks of Broadway and Market Street. There may be 5000 children/adults attending this function, and they will start assembling at 0800 hours. The event runs from 1000-1400 hours. There will be lots of buses parked on Broadway and Market.
- There will also be many miscellaneous proms and dances held each week at the Landmark and History Museum.
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival – There was a meeting on April 25, among command staff, as to how the department wants to plan for staffing at this event. More to come on this subject in the future.

#### Detective Wimmer

- Our department received the new Vanguard Robot. The State is still discussing funding concerning upgrades to our current old robot.

The meeting concluded at 1430 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, at 1400 hours, in the Operations Conference Room. This meeting will be open to all command staff, and will cover upcoming events.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-061

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** May 8, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – May 3, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held May 3, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Acting Captain Scruggs, Lt. Abuan, Sgt. Still, Detective Wimmer, Analyst Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

Sergeant Still

The next Region 5 TEW Resources meeting is scheduled for May 30.

Detective Wimmer

He is putting together a PowerPoint presentation on hazardous devices recognition/bomb devices, to be shown at turnout training.

Gary Smith - RIG

- From May 1-7, there will be a military load being shipped out from the Port of Aberdeen. The Tacoma SDS has posted information on their website asking protestors to show up at vigils in Grays Harbor. There are vigils scheduled for May 3 and May 4, with a major demonstration planned on May 6. WSP is on standby to assist at the Port, and TPD may be called to assist.
- The CEO of Weyerhaeuser (who lives in Lakewood) has been targeted by the Seattle Rainforest Action Group (SEARAG). Suspicious circumstances are happening around his residence – a hundred candles placed on his driveway. There is an active campaign on the Internet asking people to write letters/email to him reference environmental causes.
- SEARAG descended on the Quadrant Homes corporate headquarters in Bellevue and put up a banner “to raise awareness of Quadrant Homes’ use of wood stolen from the Grassy Narrows (Ontario First Nation Traditional Territory) in construction of their homes.
- The Students for a Democratic Society posted on their website the Motion Hearing for some of the protestors arrested at the Milwaukee Way protest. The hearing is on Thursday, May 10, at 1330 hours, in Tacoma Municipal Court Rm. 134. They are asking people to show up and provide support. A pre-trial hearing is also set for 0900 hours on May 23.
- A FBI national bulletin went out stating terrorist recruitment and exploitation of military personnel hasn’t been very successful. So far, the FBI has only discovered a handful of U.S. military personnel that have conspired with terrorists. Just recently, Paul Hall, a U.S. Navy sailor, was charged with conspiring to give classified information to some terrorists.
- The South King County Chapter of the Destralos OMG is planning a Poker Run on Saturday, May 5, at 1000 hours, starting at the Barrel Tavern in White Center.
- A one-day military symposium will be held at the Tacoma Sheraton Hotel on May 30. It will be similar to the event held last year, but will only last from the afternoon through the dinner hour. Admirals and generals will be in attendance. Last year, approximately 150 protestors showed up. TPD may be asked to do a “security sweep” of the area.

The meeting concluded at 1430 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for May 10, at 1400 hours, in the Operations Turnout Room.

MRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-066

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** May 14, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – May 10, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held May 10, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, Sgt. Moore, Detectives Wimmer and [REDACTED], Analysts Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske. A

### Detective J. Shipp

- Discussed the regional response venues that will be participating in homeland security exercises in our area this summer. TPD and PCSO will be involved in a Ferry Takeover exercise on July 20. Our department will also be involved in an exercise on July 24-25, regarding a terrorist attack at the Port of Tacoma. TPD SWAT had previously trained on boarding a ferry during a simulated takeover.
- The Port of Tacoma has been designated as a National Site Selection for the Intermodal Radiation Detection Test Bed, mandated by Congress. There will be a ceremony to announce this at the Port of Tacoma on Friday, May 11, at 1400 hours. There will be special guests and speakers, to include Senator Patty Murray. This Test Bed, which will be the only one of its kind in the nation, will help develop safe technologies that can be used in marine ports worldwide. They hope to have technology in place capable of detecting radiation in shipping containers loaded directly from ship to railcars. The Port's future goal is to check **every** container that comes into the Port.

### Sgt. J. Moore

Our department received a spotting scope from BZZP grant monies that will be used by EOD/SWAT. Once all the federal grant contracts are signed/approved, Sgt. Moore will be ordering the other items we requested.

### Gary Smith - RJG

- WAJAC put out an Intel Bulletin on a wanted fugitive/federal warrant for FTA-Luring a Child for Immoral Purposes – Mark Andrew Christensen, W/M, [REDACTED]. He is believed to be in the Redmond area. His vehicle is a Chevrolet truck, with Montana license of [REDACTED]. The truck may have a camper shell on it. A
- The Students for a Democratic Society posted on their website the Motion Hearing for some of the protestors arrested at the Milwaukee Way protest. A pre-trial hearing is set for 0900 hours on May 23, in the Tacoma Municipal Court. The group would like supporters to show up at this hearing.
- A one-day military symposium will be held at the Tacoma Sheraton Hotel on Wednesday, May 30. It will be similar to the event held last year, but will only last from noon until 2200 hours. Admirals and generals will be in attendance. Last year, approximately 150 protestors showed up. TPD may be asked to do a "security sweep" of the area.
- The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Wild Earth Rendezvous will be held on the southern end of Vancouver Island from June 1-7. This is a weeklong campout where they will be holding workshop/training classes on things like anarchist action, tree sitting and climbing, and non-violence training. After the camp-out, there is always a "Day of Action," in which members may take anarchist actions. This group mainly focuses on large companies like Weyerhaeuser, Quadrant Homes, Lowe's, and large housing developments.
- June 9, 2007, is the "Free Jeffrey Luers Day of Solidarity" for an eco-activist group. This marks the seventh year that Jeffrey Luers has been imprisoned for burning three SUVs at a Chevrolet dealership in Eugene, Oregon. The group is encouraging people to organize events for "political prisoners, uniting struggles for human, earth, and animal liberation."

The meeting concluded at 1440 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, at 1400 hours, in the Operations Conference Room.

MRM:jtb

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## 76Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-070

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** May 18, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – May 17, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held May 17, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Detective Wimmer, Analysts Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Miller

- Attended the ceremony at the Port of Tacoma on Friday, May 11, announcing that the site had been designated as a National Site Selection for the Intermodal Radiation Detection Test Bed. The Port was awarded \$11 million dollars for this Test Bed, which will be the only one of its kind in the nation. The Test Bed will help develop safe technologies that can be used in marine ports world-wide.
- The celebration for the opening of the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge is planned for either July 8 or July 15, 2007. WSP, PCSD, and TPD will have officers present during the ceremony, and then the bridge will be open for traffic.
- Is working on the Fireworks Emphasis Patrol schedule for June 28-July 6 of this year. The City Council may be asked to consider passing an ordinance allowing fireworks violations to be civil instead of criminal violations. Will also be asking the court whether confiscated fireworks need to be kept as evidence.
- Lt. Abuan attended the after-action debriefing of the protest at the Port of Aberdeen. Protestors were kept further back from the main action during this protest. Although some protestors were masked and taunted officers, there were no serious problems there. The next military off-loading this summer will also be taking place at the Port of Aberdeen.
- Sgt. Jepson, Det. J. Shipp, and Gary Smith are meeting with those responsible for putting on the one-day military symposium, which will be held at the Tacoma Sheraton Hotel on Wednesday, May 30.

### Detective Wimmer

- The EOD Unit is preparing for the homeland security exercise that our department will be participating in during July.

### Gary Smith - RIG

- On May 16, a TPD officer observed anarchist graffiti on a retaining wall on the east side of the Bartell's drug store near the University of Puget Sound. There was a circle with an "A" spray painted in red, which is an anarchist symbol. The location of this graffiti causes concern because the Tacoma Students for a Democratic Society group is based out of UPS, and the Tacoma SDS group recently became aligned with known anarchist groups from Olympia and Oregon.
- An Officer Safety bulletin was posted on [REDACTED] Rice has some mental health issues and is described as suicidal. He is angry with the U.S. Army and Veteran's Affairs Office, and claims to have been raped while serving as a Special Forces soldier in the Army. He was released from an Oregon jail on May 15, 2007, after serving a prison sentence for sex abuse convictions. He stated after his release, he planned to "take a bazooka and go to the local VA." He also wrote in a letter, "I fully intend to die on my 44<sup>th</sup> birthday." He expressed interest in living in Tillicum so he could live in close proximity to Fort Lewis and the VA Hospital in Lakewood.
- A second court-martial for Lt. Ehren Watada is set to begin the week of July 16. Pretrial motions have been set for May 20-21.
- The Students for a Democratic Society posted on their website the date of the Motion Hearing for some of the protestors arrested at the Milwaukee Way protest. A pre-trial hearing is set for 0900 hours on May 23, in Tacoma Municipal Court, Room 134. The group would like supporters to show up at this hearing.
- The Tacoma SDS has posted on their website a Tacoma Critical Mass Bike Ride, scheduled for the first Friday of each month. The next bike ride will be June 1, at 1730 hours, meeting near the bowling lawn at Wright Park. Critical Mass is a "community celebration of bicycles and a retaking of public space." The group is asking participants to bring noisemakers, flags, and signs opposing oil wars, etc.

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- The 9<sup>th</sup> annual Wild Earth Rendezvous will be held on the southern end of Vancouver Island from June 1-7. This is a weeklong campout where they will be holding workshop/training classes on things like anarchist action, tree sitting and climbing, and non-violence training. After the camp-out, there is always a "Day of Action," in which members may take anarchist actions. This group mainly focuses on large companies like Weyerhaeuser, Quadrant Homes, Lowe's, and large housing developments.
- June 9, 2007, is the "Free Jeffrey Luers Day of Solidarity" for an eco-activist group. This marks the seventh year that Jeffrey Luers has been imprisoned for burning three SUVs at a Chevrolet dealership in Eugene, Oregon. The group is encouraging people to organize events for "political prisoners, uniting struggles for human, earth, and animal liberation."

#### Mike Kortjohn - RIC

- Members of the Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas, put out a news release asking for members to picket the funeral for Army Officer Jerome Potter, to be held on Saturday, May 19, at Mt. View Funeral Home, at 11:15 hours. This is the controversial church in which its members express condemnation of homosexuals, Roman Catholics, Muslims, Jews, and is classified as a hate group. This group has achieved national notoriety due to its picketing of funeral processions for soldiers killed in combat. The Patriot Guard Riders, which is a motorcycle group composed of mostly military veterans who are against what the Westboro Church stands for, were invited to this funeral by the Potter family, to help with the memorial.
- A White Supremacist extremist group is planning on distributing fliers and leaflets concerning the murders of a young white couple, who were reportedly tortured by several Blacks in Tennessee, in January of 2007. This case received little or no news coverage. These fliers express anger about what these groups perceive as the media and law enforcement's unjust treatment of black suspects against white victims. They believe there should have been more media coverage of this murder, and thought this case was purposely covered up when comparing it to the Duke Lacrosse rape case, which received immediate news coverage 24/7 when it involved an alleged Black female victim and white suspects. Our department may receive reports of fliers being distributed in our area. Typical "leafleting" actions usually occur during late night or early morning hours.

The meeting concluded at 1440 hours. The meeting on May 24 has been canceled, so the next meeting is scheduled for May 31, at 1400 hours, in the Operations Turnout Room, and will be open to all command staff.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-088

**FROM:** Captain Mike Miller  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** June 15, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – May 31, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held May 31, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Asst. Chief Sheehan, Captains Strickland and Miller, Lts. Roberts, Ruiz, and Abuan, Sgts. Still, Moore, Barrett, G.T. Roberts, and R. Jepson, Mike Smith-Legal, PIO Fulghum, RIC Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, PCSD personnel Jim Jenkins, Bill Westfall, [REDACTED] and Peter Cropp, and Secretary Boneske.

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### Sergeant R. Jepson

Upcoming events are listed below:

- June 2 – Northwest Motorcycle and Tattoo Show – Jazz Bones (2803 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue) from 1100-1900 hours. There will be a street closure off Anderson, with a beer garden and music inside the club.
- June 9 – Sound to Narrows Run/Walk
- June 23 – Silent Auction at the Children's Museum, on Broadway between 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, from 1800-2300 hours.
- June 24 – Urban Art Festival – At Fireman's Park, from 1200-2000 hours. There will be vendors and dances there.
- June 30 – Block Party and BBQ on North 30<sup>th</sup> between Alder and Union.
- June 29 through July 1 – Taste of Tacoma – Pt. Defiance Park. The Gang Unit will be assigned to this event. It might be helpful if an ACCO could work this event.

### Special Ops West Symposium – Sgt. Jepson

- Taking place at the Tacoma Convention and Trade Center – Set-up will start on June 3, but the event doesn't start until June 4-6. The sponsor has hired two officers for security 24-hours a day, and two more officers will be located inside the ballroom. This is a private event, and credentials are needed. There will be TPD officers and private security at this event. A protest area has been planned for the southwest corner at 15<sup>th</sup> and Commerce Street. Traffic officers will also work this event.
- It was recommended that BRRT and DRT be placed on standby, in case protestors cause problems.
- SID will be setting up pole cams. There is also a good surveillance system inside the convention center.
- PCSO has indicated that if problems occur, their DRT Team could be called in to assist, and/or PCSO deputies could work the street if on-duty TPD officers are called to assist at the scene.

### Gary Smith - RIC

- The Tacoma Critical Mass bike ride is scheduled on June 1, starting at 5:30 p.m., meeting at the Wright Park bowling lawn area. This event is sponsored by Students for a Democratic Society, and they plan a bicycle ride the first Friday of every month during the summer.
- Operation Backfire Sentencing is occurring presently for the eco-activist arson suspects. June 9, 2007, is the "Free Jeffrey Luers Day of Solidarity" for an eco-activist group. This marks the seventh year that Jeffrey Luers has been imprisoned for burning three SUVs at a Chevrolet dealership in Eugene, Oregon. The group is encouraging people to organize events for "political prisoners, uniting struggles for human, earth, and animal liberation."
- June 4-6 - On a website, there is a planned protest to take place at the "Spec Ops West 2007 Expo Trade Show and Symposium" which will take place at the Tacoma Convention and Trade Center. This is a military tech show in which vendors will be demonstrating/selling equipment used by military specialty units.

### Mike Kortjohn – RIC

- David Lane, the founder of The Order (a White Supremacist group) died on May 30.

The meeting concluded at 1500 hours.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-091

**FROM:** Captain Mike Miller  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** June 25, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – June 21, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held June 21, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Acting Lt. L. Ellis, RIC Mike Kortjohn, Detectives Calitis and Wimmer, and Secretary Boneske.

### Mike Kortjohn – RIC

- David Lane, the founder of The Order (a White Supremacist group) died in prison on May 30. Brian Wright, who is the pastor in the Christian Identify Church of the Sons of YHVH, is sponsoring a "14 WORD" family picnic in the Tacoma/Puyallup area, and they will be honoring David Lane and all the "fallen heroes." It is unknown at this time what location this will be held at. In Spokane, this group has a gathering of 30 to 40 followers.
- There will be a Hell's Angels poker run on June 23, 2007, starting at 1000 hours, from Stellar Pizza in Seattle. Members may be riding through our area.
- On June 23, there will be a "March for America" anti-immigration rally in Seattle, at the Space Needle, at 1300 hours. This rally is sponsored by several legitimate groups. There is a lot of chatter on White Power websites regarding this rally. White Supremacists are in favor of keeping Hispanics out of this country.
- Discussed the Spec Ops West Symposium that took place at the Tacoma Convention Center on June 4-6. Members from a group of protestors called the Socialist Alternative (SA) appeared at this symposium. The Socialist Alternative is a freelance group that is more anarchy oriented, and takes more direct action.
- Ian Nicholas Minjiras was arrested at the Spec Ops West Symposium for spray painting anarchist type symbols on a nearby business. Minjiras has reportedly been involved in "acid etching," and had this type of material in his backpack when arrested. This is a new type of permanent graffiti or tagging, and can cost victim businesses thousands of dollars to replace window glass. Acid-etch graffiti uses a hydrofluoric acid solution that burns through and permanently tags windows with a milky white stain. Officers should be aware that these acid-etching products are very toxic, and they should prevent the product from touching their skin.
- Another Port of Tacoma military shipment will occur some time in July. This will consist of all the materials (like armored tanks) arriving into the Port by train. The equipment will be loaded on a commercial ship and sent to South Korea. There is no protest information yet appearing on websites.

### Detective Wimmer

- The EOD staff is preparing for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, and the duties they will perform with the new fireworks ordinance.

The meeting concluded at 1425 hours. The next meeting will be open to all Command Staff, and will occur on Thursday, June 28, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-095

**FROM:** Lieutenant Tony Abuan  
Admin. South Lieutenant

**DATE:** July 3, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – June 28, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held June 28, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Lieutenants Abuan, Darlington, and Acting Lt. L. Ellis, Sergeant R. Jepson, RIC Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Lt. Darlington

The last demonstration at the NW Detention Center on June 16, was attended by approximately 80 people, and there were no problems. The next demonstration is set for Saturday, July 14. Officers will be scheduled to monitor the event.

### Lt. Abuan

Bellarmino School is conducting Active Shooter training for their administrators.

### Sergeant R. Jepson – Upcoming Events

- Taste of Tacoma – June 29 through July 1 – at Point Defiance Park. Sergeant Jepson will be in the MCU located in the park. The Gang Unit will also be available, along with an ACCO. On Friday and Saturday night, the Puyallup Gang Unit will be working in Puyallup, and said they could assist TPD if problems occur.
- Bates Fire Department Fill the Boot – Friday, June 29 – taking place at 74<sup>th</sup> and South Tacoma Way. Fire Department academy recruits will be collecting money in the area, but are supposed to stay on the sidewalk.
- 2-Wheel Tuesday – July 3 – taking place at The Factory (5602 S. Washington). This is a motorcycle show, in which 100-150 people are expected to attend.
- Obon Odori – Sunday, July 15 – South 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> on Fawcett. This event will include dancing, and a crowd of 150 participants is expected.
- Narrows Bridge Grand Opening – Sunday, July 15. Washington State Patrol is in charge of this event. Dale Alexander of WSP will be the Incident Commander, and they will be providing Troopers for security. The State Patrol's Rapid Force Deployment Team will also be available. Sgt. Jepson will be the Ops Chief for TPD, and two TPD MSU officers and some TPD Traffic officers will be assisting. Buses will be running from Tacoma Community College and the Narrows Airport. There will be a Fun Run from War Memorial Park to the toll booth and back, starting at 0800 hours. Ferry tours are planned, and Governor Gregoire is expected. There may be 40,000 people in attendance.
- Freighthouse Square Birthday Party and Community Celebration – Saturday, July 21.
- Annual Block Party (Greg Hopkins') – July 4<sup>th</sup> – 2800 No. Carr Street.
- Howard Street Block Party – Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> – at 1023 Howard Street.
- Art on the Avenue – Sunday, July 8 – on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Cedar and Trafton. Detective Foster and the Explorers will be working this event. Attendance is estimated at 10,000 people.

### Gary Smith – RIC

- The Bandido's OMG is sponsoring a poker run on Saturday, June 30, 2007, starting at 1200 hours, from the Barrel Tavern in Seattle. Members may be riding through our area. Last week's poker run sponsored by the Hell's Angels was attended by 125-150 people.
- Another Port of Tacoma military shipment will occur some time in July. This will consist of all the materials (like armored tanks) arriving into the Port by train. The equipment will be loaded on a commercial ship and sent to South Korea. There is no protest information yet appearing on websites.

- There will be a pre-trial hearing in July, date unknown, at the Federal Building re: Lt. Watada.
- The Regional Response 07 Asymmetric exercise will involve local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies from July 19-24.
- Port of Olympia will be hosting the USS Ingraham Navy ship, as well as two Canadian naval vessels at Lakefair, from July 20-23. There may be activists showing up during this event.

Mike Kortjohn – RIC

- There will be an Air Mobility Command International Competition (Air Rodeo) that McChord AFB is hosting from July 22-28. There will be an extensive list of approximately 2000 foreign nationals and visitors to this area during that time. McChord will be hosting the event, and will be providing an escort for the foreign nationals.

The meeting concluded at 1450 hours. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 12, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room.

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-106

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** July 13, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – July 12, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held July 12 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lieutenants Abuan, Darlington, and A.D. Roberts, Sergeant Still, RIC Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Lt. Darlington

The next demonstration at the NW Detention Center will be a 24-hour vigil starting at 1800 hours, on Friday, July 13, through 1800 hours on Saturday, July 14. A couple officers will be scheduled in shifts to monitor the event, starting at 1700 hours on Friday.

### Gary Smith – RIC

- Around noon on Saturday, July 14, approximately 150 prisoners are being transferred from Alabama, and will be arriving at the Northwest Detention Center by bus.
- The alleged murder suspect of the Linnick girl is currently being held at the Northwest Detention Center.
- Another movement of approximately 75 pieces of military equipment is supposed to be arriving in the Port by rail between July 15-18. Although there has been no chatter mentioned on various websites, it's possible demonstrators at the NW Detention Center vigil may see this equipment arriving, or other protestors may show up in the area. Captain Miller mentioned there is supposed to be a second shipment of sensitive equipment by truck on July 18.
- The celebration of the new Narrows Bridge opening is Sunday, July 15. There is always the possibility of people calling in hoax bomb threat calls before/during this event. Prior to the start of this celebration, bomb dogs will do a search of the area, and then the bridge will be secured until the event starts. The large number of people attending this event could make this a target for terrorist activity.
- Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff made comments on the increased risk of terrorist actions by Al Qaeda this summer. Although there continues to be no credible, specific intelligence to suggest an imminent threat to our country at this time, Chertoff claims Al Qaeda's intent to attack us remains as strong as before 9-11-01. It appears that Al Qaeda has increased their activity in South Asia. Past terrorist patterns indicate we are in a period of increased risk that calls for heightened vigilance by authorities and the American public.
- There will be an Air Mobility Command International Competition (Air Rodeo) that McChord AFB is hosting from July 22-28. There will be approximately 2000 foreign nationals and visitors to this area. McChord will be hosting the event, and will be providing an escort for the foreign nationals to the events. These foreign nationals **do not** have diplomatic immunity while attending this event.
- The Hombres OMG have advertised a Strip Poker Run on July 14, 2007, starting at JJ's Pub and Grill (near 54<sup>th</sup> and Washington).

### Lt. Roberts

- The DRT Team has been placed on standby starting at 1800 hours on Friday, July 13, through mid-day Monday, July 16, in case this Northwest Detention Center vigil turns into a riotous crowd, or if protestors cause problems reference the military shipment arriving at the Port.

### Lt. Abuan

Already held one session of Preparedness Planning at a school. Still need to hold more sessions at area schools and colleges. Will work with the Fire Department on this also. Port officials need to report suspicious activity to our department immediately, rather than waiting a couple days.

Mike Kortjohn – RIC

Put out an Officer Safety bulletin on several Hell's Angels members regarding incidents that show an escalation of violence towards local law enforcement officers in WA State. **Jack Beryl Cottrill** is a longtime member of the Hell's Angels, and wears a "Filthy SS Few" patch. This patch is believed to be worn by members of the Hell's Angels who have committed an act of violence and/or killed for the group. In June, Cottrill intimidated a Seattle Police Officer and appeared to try and take his gun, when the officer struck him in the throat and pushed him back. Several Hell's Angels' members drug Cottrill into a tavern and formed a protective shield around him, preventing the officer from making an arrest. Once enough officers arrived as back-up, they searched the tavern, but Cottrill had escaped. Several other members then intimidated the officers, stating they were filming them.

Sgt. Still

The federal government has still not provided a dollar amount as to how large the 2007 Homeland Security Grant will be for our region.

The meeting concluded at 1435 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 19, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room.

MRM:jtb





# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-113

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** July 27, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – July 26, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held July 26, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Lieutenants Ruiz and Darlington, Sergeants R. Jepson and Still, RIC Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Lt. Darlington

The next demonstration at the NW Detention Center will be Saturday, August 11, from noon to approximately 1700 hours. During the 24-hour vigil that started on Friday, July 13, the largest crowd only numbered around 20 demonstrators on Saturday.

### Sgt. Still

- The federal government has still not provided a dollar amount as to how large the 2007 Homeland Security Grant will be for our region. There is another Resource meeting in August.
- The Air Mobility Command International Competition (Air Rodeo) that McChord AFB is hosting from July 22-28, is winding down, and the foreign nationals should be leaving by the end of the month.

### Sgt. R. Jepson – Upcoming Events

- July 24-29 Pacific NW Tennis Championship – Tacoma Lawn and Tennis Club
- July 28 Kiki McBride Memorial Court – 700 S. Anderson – Will educate the public on hidden heart conditions. Expect 200-300 people to attend.
- August 3-5 Hot-Rod-Arama Car Show – 1900 Jefferson/Market Street, around The Swiss. They expect 3000 people in attendance over the three days. Several officers will be working off-duty at this event.
- August 4 Proctor Art Fest – 1000-1800 hours. Streets will be closed around No. 25-28<sup>th</sup> and Proctor. They expect 5000-8000 people in attendance. A couple officers will be working off-duty.
- August 4 Goodtimes '07 Block Party – East Harrison between D and E Streets, from 1300-2100 hours.
- August 7 March for Peace on the Eastside – McKinley Playfield to the Portland Avenue Community Center Park – 1600-1900 hours, expect 150 people – sponsored by SafeStreets.
- August 7 National Night Out – taking place at various locations throughout the city.
- Aug. 10-11/24-25 - TFD Fill the Boot for Muscular Dystrophy – Locations are not finalized yet, but may be 38<sup>th</sup> and Steele Streets.
- August 10-12 Showcase Tacoma – Art Festival sponsored by Metro Parks, areas near Tollefson Plaza, U of W, and Commerce Street closed. Expect 20,000 people to attend. Officers and Explorers will be working this event.
- August 12 Alex's Birthday Party – Private birthday party near Pacific Lanes, 70<sup>th</sup> and "D" Street, to include dunk tanks and karaoke. Expect 60 people.
- August 11 Bolotin Block Party – For the neighborhood near No. 24<sup>th</sup>, between Puget Sound and Warner.
- August 12 Fern Hill Days – 8200-8400 block of Park Avenue - Community group festival with arts and crafts.
- August 18 So. Tacoma Business District Assoc. Car Show – So. Tacoma Way from 50<sup>th</sup> to 58<sup>th</sup> Street – officers will be working off-duty.
- August 18 South Tacoma Way Car Show – The Factory car show – on Washington Street near 54<sup>th</sup>. Will have a beer garden.
- August 18 St. John's Community Carnival – At St. John's Baptist Church, So. 21<sup>st</sup> and I/J – Carnival for the congregation and distribution of school supplies to the needy.

- August 18 Hilltop Block Party – MLK Jr. Way between 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> – will have food, games, 3 on 3 basketball, sponsored by the Hilltop Christian Coalition. Expect 1500 people.
- August 19 Glassroots Festival – Between 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> on Ct. “D” Street – Sponsored by Tacoma Arts – expect 500 people.
- August 25 Alzheimer’s Memory Walk – 0830-1300 hours – Using sidewalks in the downtown area.
- August 25-26 Ride Around Puget Sound – Tacoma Wheelman’s Club bike ride/tour around Ruston Way/North End. Expect 250-1000 participants.
- August 25 Convention Memory Walk – 1400-1600 hours - Downtown walk to earn money for Alzheimer’s.
- August 25-26 Amazing Tacoma – 900-1100 block of Broadway – 0900-1600 hours - Toy Rescue Mission/Art Show. Expect 1000 people.
- August 25 8th Street Block Party – On No. 8<sup>th</sup> between Alder and Lawrence, from 1600-2100 hours. This is an 8-residence house party.

#### Gary Smith – RIC

- The monthly Critical Mass bike ride is scheduled for Friday, July 27, around 1600 hours, and they usually meet at Wright Park. There is no mention as to where the bike route will be. Participants may create traffic problems as they draw attention to themselves. After the bike ride, from 1930-2200 hours, there is an Anarchist Networking Party scheduled at 617 So. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, which they are calling the Tacoma Info Shop Grand Opening Party.
- Per several websites, on August 18, there will be a protest against the Minutemen at an unknown location in Seattle.
- There was a suspicious diver reported on July 25, at the ferry dock in Steilacoom. The diver came up between some boats, and was around and under the dock where the Anderson Island Ferry/McNeil Island ferry docks. Although the diver left the area before police arrived, he was allegedly diving for crabs. The Metro Dive Team was called in and searched/cleared the area before the ferry was allowed to continue its runs.
- There was an illegal, suspicious helicopter landing on McNeil Island on July 25. A helicopter did a touch down landing on the island, and then took off again. It is unknown the reason for this landing.

#### Mike Kortjohn – RIC

WAJAC issued a bulletin requesting information from law enforcement personnel on any person they contact traveling on a foreign passport, especially if they are contacted under suspicious circumstances involving photography, surveillance, or trespass situations, to include traffic accidents or citations.

The meeting concluded at 1445 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 2, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.S. #:** 07- 82

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** August 2, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 2, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held August 2, 2007, at 1400 hours in the Operations Bureau Conference Room #125. Present were Captain Miller, Lieutenant Abuan, Sergeant Still, [REDACTED] RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Whitman.

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### Gary Smith – RIG

- National Intel is pointing toward Al-Qaeda operatives beefing up terrorist activities
- Concern that planning may be in the final stages for an event to occur within the next two months
- Suspicious activity in the region is escalating especially around ferries
  - Two unidentified middle eastern men taking pictures on several ferries of critical operational parts on several occasions over the past 8 to 10 weeks
    - Electrical boxes, fuse lines
    - Fuel tanks
    - Car deck access areas as well as elevators, stair locations, etc
    - Seen trying to enter unauthorized areas
    - Loading and unloading procedures

[REDACTED]

- Coast Guard and the State Patrol are in the process of putting together a plan to monitor the ferries
- All contact, *under any circumstances*, if the person is a foreign national, traveling with a passport or a VISA needs to be flagged and sent to Homeland Security personnel immediately
- There has been a lot of preparedness training regarding the ferries and the State Patrol is keeping everyone updated as to incidents that occur

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### Sgt. Still

- The Resource Committee meeting, scheduled for August 22 has been canceled. No new meeting date is scheduled yet.

### Captain Miller

- All school preparedness plans are being updated – this includes colleges, vocational schools, high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools
- Threat Response System(TRS) needs to be updated
- Schools are now planning to update procedures for *all* hazards

The meeting concluded at 1440 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 9, at 1400 hours in the Operations Bureau Conference Room #125.

MRM:paw

*To create a safe and secure environment in which to live, work, and visit by working together with the community,  
enforcing the law in a fair and impartial manner, preserving the peace and order in our neighborhoods,  
and safeguarding our constitutional guarantees.*



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-122

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** August 16, 2007

**SUBJECT:** **HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – August 9, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held August 9, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lieutenant Abuan, Acting Lts. Larkin and Stringer, Sergeant Still and PCSD [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Detective Calitis, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske. A

### Captain Miller

- On August 16, the regional Resource Meeting will be held, and hopefully our department will find out how much money our region/state will get in homeland security grant money. It is possible that a large share of the money will go to radio interoperability instead of Police/Fire equipment and needs.
- Lt. Abuan attended a tabletop exercise at the Post Office on August 8. Although the Postmaster is on board with emergency procedures, the postal employees still need to be trained. Our department also needs to continue working on training all the school administrators. We need to push for a "continuity of business plans." DEM is sending our department a template on "Continuity Planning."

### Lt. Abuan

Adam Gadan, an American al-Qaeda, has a website that proclaimed a possible terrorist attack to our nation. Homeland Security is looking at our department preparation procedures.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- The next demonstration at the NW Detention Center will be Saturday, August 11, from 1100-1600 hours. Normal websites are quiet on this subject.
- Tacoma's Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) is calling for the public's support at the next pretrial motions regarding the Port of Tacoma protestors that were arrested. The website listed the date of these hearings as August 18, at 1330 hours, at Tacoma Muni Court. (Note: August 18<sup>th</sup> is a Saturday, so the website incorrectly listed the wrong date. The correct date is probably Friday, August 17.)
- On Saturday, August 18, there will be a big anti-immigration rally in Seattle, in which the Minutemen will be marching against illegal aliens in the country. There will also be a counterprotest against the Minutemen. Since Minutemen sometimes show up at our Immigration Detention Center on the Tideflats, it is possible that a protest could occur there.
- There have recently been at least five citizen-reported incidents since May 2007, of suspicious people conducting surveillance/taking photos on ferries in our area. (See related info from PCSD [REDACTED]) A

### RIG – [REDACTED]

- Reported that if terrorists choose to disable/bomb a ferry or two in our area, it would severely cripple ferry transportation, as citizens would be hesitant to ride a ferry again for a long time. Some ferries carry from 2000 to 5000 people, so the loss of life could be severe if a bomb caused a ferry to sink. Two years ago, there were several reports of suspicious people doing surveillance on ferries, and that activity has picked up again. It could be that terrorists are just updating their "target portfolio" for planning attacks in years to come, or this could be their "final targeting phase." If it is their "final targeting phase," it is believed they would target the ferries they have conducted surveillance on.
- Seeing Skinhead activity in the area. There was a recent assault in the County, and there have been reports of members of the United Skinheads in Tacoma. If officers come across members congregating, they should let the Regional Intelligence Group know.
- Hammerfest, a White Supremacist festival, will be taking place in Portland, Oregon, from October 5-7.

- Violence among the Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs is taking place. Recently, four Hell's Angels' members were stabbed, supposedly by Bandidos' members, in Oklahoma. Another Hell's Angels' member was stabbed and killed in Wenatchee.
- There appears to be a new OMG probationary chapter called Guerrero's that are showing up in the area wearing gold and red patches, similar to the Bandidos' colors, with a picture of what looks like a wolf.

RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- With the approaching anniversary of 9-11, Dept. of Homeland Security and the FBI remind law enforcement of the need for continued vigilance in light of recent threats made by al-Qaeda, and the attacks in Britain. WAJAC issued a bulletin which reported that "according to an uncorroborated report, al-Qaeda was contemplating attacking the White House and a U.S. Senate building with two suicide operatives before September 11, 2007." DHS and the FBI have no further information on this threat, and doubt the credibility of the reporting.
- On August 4, 2007, South Carolina police officers arrested two Egyptian Muslim nationals for possessing pipe bombs which contained potassium nitrate, sugar, gasoline, PVC pipe, rocket launchers, and hobby store fuses. The subjects claimed to be engineering students from Florida.

The meeting concluded at 1445 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 16, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. We will be move up the date of the "all command staff" homeland security meeting to Thursday, August 23, in the Ops Turnout Room.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-123

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** August 17, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – August 16, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held August 16, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lieutenant Abuan, Acting Lt. Larkin, Sergeants Still and Habib, Detectives Calitis and Wimmer, RIG Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Miller

- On August 16, the regional Resource Meeting was held. The Equipment Committee was told to go back over their wish lists and prioritize items by department, as there will only be enough grant money to cover approximately half of the items designated. The amount of grant money designated to our region is \$586,000, which is about \$200,000 less than last year. It is unknown how much of this amount will be spent on radio interoperability needs for other agencies.
- Heard about a possible protest that may take place at Bates Vocational School South Campus, on Friday, August 17, at 1030 hours. Senator Patty Murray is supposed to conduct a hearing there at that time.

### Lt. Abuan

- Is working on a MRP to describe what Homeland Security is.
- Working on a multi-layered plan to have all officers prepared with "Go Kits" in their cars and at their homes, in case of an emergency. The plan is to then work with all city employees and, finally, Tacoma residents.
- Working on Mutual Aid agreements with other departments that would cover our employees so, in case of an emergency, if our officers weren't able to come into the city, they could report to duty for another agency, and vice versa (i.e., if one can't get across the Narrows Bridge eastbound, may help Gig Harbor P.D.).

### Sgt. Still

There were only 12-15 protestors gathered at the NW Detention Center on Saturday, August 11, and there were no problems.

### Detective Wimmer

The older EOD/SWAT robot will be getting modernized with funding that was obtained from a Homeland Security Grant. It should be completed by November.

### Detective Calitis

The U.S. Federal Marshals are conducting a large operation next week, trying to serve approximately 3500 warrants on individuals in the area. TPD Detectives will be assisting in this operation.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- On Saturday, August 18, there will be an anti-immigration rally in Seattle, in which the Minutemen will be marching against illegal aliens in the country. There will also be a counterprotest against the Minutemen. Since Minutemen sometimes show up at our Immigration Detention Center on the Tideflats, it is possible that a protest could occur there.
- The Dept. of Homeland Security is still issuing bulletins advising law enforcement agencies that the terrorists are sending threats that American cities may be the target of an attack in the next couple weeks/months.
- On August 13, a homemade bomb derailed a Russian passenger train traveling to St. Petersburg from Moscow. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack yet.

- There was a report that four Mid-Eastern male individuals were acting suspiciously on the Mukilteo Ferry on August 14. One subject was possibly a decoy, two subjects were seen photographing inside the ferry, and the fourth subject was waiting by a vehicle. One subject was dressed in a heavy coat (temperature was 81 degrees) and wearing a backpack. He had his finger wrapped around a cord attached to the backpack, and would also reach under his coat and make adjustments to something he kept under there. It appeared they may have been conducting counter-surveillance, trying to identify undercover agents riding on the ferry. Three of the subjects got into a vehicle and left together after the ferry docked, and the fourth subject rode off on a bicycle. There will be further follow-up.
- The Seattle branch of the Hombres OMG is hosting their 18<sup>th</sup> annual "Roadkill BBQ" campout over the Labor Day weekend. It will be held at the Royal Arch Park, at 20821 Maple Valley Hwy SE, from August 31 through September 5.
- The Hempfest will take place this weekend in Seattle.
- If TPD officers are ever called to an incident at the NW Detention Center in reference to a crime committed by a detainee, they should write a police report. Recently, a detainee committed an assault on another individual, but a report wasn't written, assuming the detainee would be deported. The suspect wasn't deported because of a technicality, and was released without being charged with the assault, as no report was written or charges filed.

The meeting concluded at 1435 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 23 at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. All command staff will be invited to that meeting, as Sgt. Jepson will discuss upcoming events.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-126

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Operations Commander

**DATE:** August 24, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 23, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held August 23, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lieutenant Abuan, Sergeants R. Jepson and Still, PPO Beals, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Sgt. R. Jepson – Upcoming Events

- Aug. 24-25 TFD Fill the Boot for Muscular Dystrophy – 38<sup>th</sup> and Steele Streets.
- August 25 Alzheimer's Memory Walk – 0830-1300 hours – Using sidewalks in the downtown area.
- August 25-26 Ride Around Puget Sound – Tacoma Wheelman's Club bike ride/tour around Ruston Way/North End. Expect 250-1000 participants.
- August 25 Convention Memory Walk – 1400-1600 hours - Downtown walk to earn money for Alzheimer's.
- August 25-26 Amazing Tacoma – 900-1100 block of Broadway – 0900-1600 hours - Toy Rescue Mission/Art Show. Expect 1000 people.
- August 25 8th Street Block Party – On No. 8<sup>th</sup> between Alder and Lawrence, from 1600-2100 hours. This is an 8-residence house party.
- August 25 Buccaneer Bash – Tall Ships fundraiser. 535 Dock Street – Paying customers can have dinner and go out on the Puget Sound on a Class B Tall Ship. Cannon battles will take place on the water.
- August 25 Gospel Fest – Occurs in People's Park, from 1100-1900 hours, sponsored by World Vision.
- August 26 BBQ with Richard Karn (Al from Home Improvement) – The Chehalis Indian Tribe will be sponsoring a BBQ at the Tollefson Plaza. There will also be a Texas Hold-em poker tournament at the Emerald Queen Casino off I-5.
- August 31 Washington Street Block Party – Neighborhood block party on N. Washington between 35<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup>.
- Sept. 1 Back to School Block Party – On Jefferson Street between So. 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Sept. 1 Carnival on the Block – On So. 23<sup>rd</sup> between Cushman and Ainsworth – A block party that will provide food and clothes to the poor and homeless, sponsored by Victory Outreach Church.
- Sept. 8 No. 29<sup>th</sup> Street Block Party – On No. 29<sup>th</sup> between Warner and Puget Sound Avenue.
- Sept. 8 Pierce County Aids Walk – 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk, which will occur on the sidewalks in the downtown area.
- Sept. 9 Bank to Bay Run – Will close Pacific Avenue between 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> the night before, and the run/activities should end by the afternoon on Sept. 9.
- Sept. 21 Tacoma Sings – On the Chihuly Bridge – A group of people will sing from 1830-2000 hours.
- Sept. 22 Ride 4 Us – This will be a bike ride on Ruston Way, Vashon Island, and out to Steilacoom, along with a walk in Pt. Defiance Park.
- Sept 24-29 Pole Top Rescue – Will take place at the Tacoma Convention Center. Public Utilities is sponsoring this event, which will have several practice power pole rescues each day.



There will also be a Peace Event, sponsored by Metro Parks, on Sunday, August 26, at People's Park, from 1300-1600 hours. This event is sponsored by United for Peace of Pierce County and other organizations. There will be music, election information booths, and the large puppets. Our department does not anticipate a problem.

#### Officer Wayne Beals

Last week, females were going door-to-door selling items. Per Tax and License, if the person selling items is only taking orders for the product and **not** collecting money of any kind at that time, they **do not** need a business license.

#### Gary Smith – RIC

- Wanted to advise officers of new tactics protestors used against Seattle police officers last week at the Immigration March and Minutemen counter-protest. Approximately fifteen protestors wore black hoods and bandanas over their faces. They held banners over some shields they constructed. On these shields, they attached handles with sharp screws that protruded through the shield. They threw balloons filled with an undetermined liquid at the Seattle police officers, and when the officers confronted them, they used the shields with the protruding screws to create puncture and tearing injuries on the officers they struggled with.
- Officers might be dispatched on calls concerning Israeli students going door-to-door selling/asking for donations for art and paintings. This has been occurring in Lakewood and other areas in this country. It is possible they are using this as a front to conduct surveillance of buildings, military installations, and government facilities. Officers should ask to see their VISA if contacted. Officers should also advise our homeland security officers if this occurs.

#### Mike Kortjohn RIC

There was a report of Nazi-type graffiti found in Puyallup last week. This graffiti was found in the same area where street gang graffiti was found. It is possible that these groups are "dueling with graffiti." In 2004, Tacoma had some significant Nazi graffiti. There is talk of a new skinhead movement in our area, in which the group might be going by one of the three following names: Tacoma Skinheads United, White Alliance Skinheads, or Skinheads of Tacoma.

The meeting concluded at 1445 hours. There will not be a meeting on August 30. The next tentative meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-137

**FROM:** Lieutenant Tony Abuan  
Homeland Security Lieutenant

**DATE:** September 7, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – September 6, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held September 6, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Lieutenant Abuan, Sergeants Still and Habib, Detective Calitis, RIG Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Sgt. Still

The Equipment Committee needed to pare down their federal grant wish list from \$949,000 to \$539,000. Each department had to cut the quantity of items asked for, or drop items to whittle the list down to the lesser amount. This list will then be presented to the Regional Coordinating Council to see if they accept the items our region asked for. It is still possible that the RCC wants the list further pared down so monies can be appropriated to interoperability/communication needs.

### RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- The next court hearings for the defendants arrested at the Port protest will take place at the County-City Building on Wednesday, September 19, at 1330 hours. Activist websites are trying to draw attention and supporters to these hearings.
- A Puyallup 17-year-old (Nathan Watts) was arrested in August for possession of pipe bombs. He admitted to exploding some mailboxes, and purchasing the gunpowder from Joe's (G.I. Joe's).
- There has been an increase in e-mailed bomb threats to universities in Tennessee, Illinois, New Hampshire, Iowa, and Alaska. A generic e-mail message indicates where a bomb has been left, and that other booby-trapped pipe bombs are located elsewhere on the campus. There are indications that a couple of the e-mails are from the same individual or group claiming to be the "Army of God." It is unknown if this is the same "Army of God" group which targeted abortion clinics in the '90's, and is an underground network of terrorist who believe the use of violence is an appropriate tool for fighting against abortion. Local colleges and universities, as well as abortion clinics, should remain vigilant and report any threats they receive.
- On September 5, 2007, three men were arrested in Germany while planning to carry out imminent and massive attacks against targets in Germany, most notable at Ramstein Air Base, a U.S. military facility. Two of these suspects were of white, German descent, who converted to Islam. They were allegedly members of Islamic Jihad Union (IJU), an al-Qaeda affiliated terror group based out of Uzbekistan, which is an offshoot of the ultra-violent Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan. This cell had accumulated 1500 pounds of hydrogen peroxide, the same ingredient used in the London transit bombings in 2005, and the Madrid train bombings of 2004.

The meeting concluded at 1425 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 13, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room.

TA:jtb

Meeting for Sept. 13, 2007 was cancelled



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-144

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** September 21, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – September 20, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held September 20, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lieutenant Abuan, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Miller

- The Equipment Committee needed to pare down their federal grant wish list to \$560,000 for our Pierce County region. The Regional Coordinating Council approved the list of equipment items submitted. This list now must be approved by the state and federal government before the grant money is awarded.
- Contacted Pat Pitt, who is responsible for contracting bus services for the Tacoma School District. Captain Miller and Lt. Abuan will be contacting him next week to review their training program, and see if any additional training needs to be added.

### Lt. Abuan

Attended a Terrorism Seminar in Yakima in which the speaker was a Police Detective from Long Beach, California, assigned to counter-terrorism. His belief was that suicide bombings will eventually occur in this country.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- There were no problems at the court hearings that took place on Wednesday, September 19, at the County-City Building, for the defendants arrested at the Port protest. Activists announced these hearings on websites, trying to draw attention and supporters to these hearings.
- Another protest is planned at the NW Detention Center this Saturday, September 22. A website posted a notice for a "Call-Out: Manifestation at Tacoma ICE Detention" at 1700 hours on this date. Lt. Darlington has plans in place for officers to monitor it. (If protestors show up with banners and shields, officers should be aware of the new tactics protestors used against Seattle police officers last month at the Immigration March and Minutemen counter-protest. Approximately fifteen protestors wore black hoods and bandanas over their faces. They held banners over some shields they constructed. On these shields, they attached handles with sharp screws that protruded through the shield. They threw balloons filled with an unknown liquid at the Seattle police officers, and when the officers confronted them, they used the shields with the protruding screws to create puncture and tearing injuries on the officers they struggled with.)
- On September 18, there was a derogatory article published on the Seattle Indymedia website that summarized some of the complaint findings against TPD personnel stemming from the Port of Tacoma protests. The article mentions that in each case, the police were exonerated. The article listed the phone number to TPD Internal Affairs, and the e-mail address to City Manager Eric Anderson, so citizens can *"let them know how happy you are that we have a rubber stamp committee to oversee the police and approve of everything they do!"* *"...tell [Eric Anderson] how proud you are to live in a city where the police can get away with anything."*
- Now that the majority of military officers from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade have returned from Iraq, it is possible some of the military equipment they used may be shipped back to our state. There is no information yet on whether it will be returning to our local ports. If so, there is a chance this will draw protestors.
- After the publication of the photos and information of the two suspicious individuals taking photographs on Washington ferries, there have been over 300 leads called in on the suspects. No positive identification has been made yet on the individuals.

- A bulletin was released on Kentucky Fried Chicken establishments receiving threats they may be blown up. The threat was submitted via KFC's web-based customer hotline. These restaurants are common targets for animal rights' activists.
- On September 19, 2007, Rod Coronado, a longtime environmental activist known for helping sink whaling ships and destroying mink farms and animal research labs, was acquitted of charges federal authorities brought against him for distributing information on explosives and weapons of mass destruction, following a speech he made in San Diego explaining to the public how to build Molotov cocktails.
- There were nine postcards sent to different schools in Marion County, Florida, that had threatening hand-drawn cartoons on them indicating a building being blown up while occupied by people. Each postcard had the words "jihad - BOOM" on them.
- The Seattle Police Department has advised that someone was selling fake Seattle Police Department badges.

RIG – Mike Kortjohn

Wanted to remind officers of the Jewish holidays and Muslim month of Ramadan during September and October. Houses of worship and religious institutions and facilities remain prominent in terrorist target planning.

The meeting concluded at 1425 hours. The next meeting will be open to all command staff, and is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-146

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** September 28, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – September 27, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held September 27, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller and A/Capt. Feddersen, Lieutenants Abuan and Darlington, Sgts. Still and R. Jepson, Detective Wimmer, RIG Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Miller

- There will be a large event for the homeless taking place at the Tacoma Dome on October 10. It will run from 0900-1500 hours, and VIP speeches will start at 0730 hours. This is a county-wide event that will bring many social services for the homeless together in one building. There will be dental, medical, and social services available, and a free lunch will be provided. Vans will be available to transport the homeless to the Dome. They are expecting 500 people.
- Attended a DEM Meeting on September 26, where the relationship between civilian responders and the military was discussed. If terrorist action occurs in our area, would the military be available to assist us under posse comitatus? Attorneys are looking into how this term can be interpreted.
- The regional exercise planned for next year is called "Sound Shake '08," and will take place on March 5, 2008. This exercise will involve a major earthquake on the Seattle fault line, which will have region-wide impact. Each agency can decide how much they want to be involved.
- Northwest Kinetics, located at 3600 Pacific Avenue, believes there may be a protest at their business this weekend. A neighbor learned that a sex offender frequents this business, so she's trying to rally people together to picket outside the business in protest of his presence in their neighborhood.

### Acting Captain Feddersen

- Has been working with Lt. Abuan to get our department NIMS-compliant. This makes us eligible for grant funding.
- We have obtained a new software program called Web EOC. This program can help our department function in an emergency situation. It will not take the place of the Pierce County DEM Portal, but will be an additional tool we can use. After incidents have taken place, the information in the database can be shared with other departments that have this program, which can make a great learning tool. We want to make sure we're interoperable with TFD and DEM.

### Lt. Abuan

Working with the Accreditation Unit on creating a policy and procedure for Homeland Security. The policy needs to be NIMS compliant.

### Lt. Darlington

- The last vigil held at the NW Detention Center on Saturday, September 22, was without incident. Although it was supposed to start at 1700 hours, about fifteen supporters didn't show up until 1900 hours. The next vigil is planned for Saturday, October 13. May scale back on coverage of officers for future events here.

### Detective Wimmer

Finally received the LETPP grant money to modernize our main robot. The robot is packed up and ready to be shipped. Also received a fiber-optic camera and x-ray machine through the Buffer Zone Protection Plan grant.

Sergeant R. Jepson – Upcoming Events:

- September 27 Neighbor to Neighbor Block Party On South 70<sup>th</sup>, between Park and Yakima. Sponsored by Living Word Ministry Church.
- October 6 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk, Wheel, Run Distance for Dystonia. Will take place on sidewalks along the Ruston Way waterfront.
- October 13 Pennies of Hope Walk. A charity event walk that starts from Lowe's at 76<sup>th</sup> and Hosmer, proceeds to Fred Meyer's at 72<sup>nd</sup> and Pacific Avenue, then returns to Lowe's.
- October 26 Harvest Festival. An Oktoberfest at First Presbyterian Church at 20 Tacoma Avenue South. There will be pony rides and other carnival attractions.
- October 31 Proctor Treats. Trick or Treat event that will take place in the Proctor District, with officers closing off streets in the area.
- November 2-4 Franklin Graham Crusade. Will take place at the Tacoma Dome, with crowds of 20,000 expected each day. May need DRT to be placed on standby, as there are usually protestors at these crusades.

Tall Ships will be coming to Tacoma from July 2-7. The Department of Transportation has approved leaving the Murray Morgan Bridge in the open position during this event.

The Department of Transportation will need to close down the Pacific Avenue and "D" Street bridges over the freeway during the I-5 widening project. This will have huge impacts on Dome events, and if this construction takes place during Tall Ships.

RIG – Gary Smith

- The Seattle Socialist Alternative is calling for a day of anti-war action, and is planning a protest at the military recruitment center near the Tacoma Mall. It is planned for November 15, from 1500-1800 hours.
- The FBI is looking into an incident that occurred at the Eugene, Oregon airport on Sept. 27, which they think could have been a "potential dry run" for terrorist activity. An individual tried to pass security screening of the airport with a pipe bomb. The device was removed from the passenger's carry-on luggage prior to the passenger boarding the plane. The plane was detained on a runway in Denver, and the luggage of the passenger was booked through to Paris, France.
- The FBI is also looking into an incident where an Iranian subject was contacted at the Port, after he was observed in the area watching the loading and unloading of containers. He did not speak English.
- With the return of the majority of military officers from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, some military equipment will be shipped back to our state the first week of November, through the Port of Olympia. Our department might be asked to assist Olympia if there are a large number of protestors.
- Wants to remind officers of the Jewish holidays and Muslim month of Ramadan during September and October. There was an incident of a suspicious person visiting a Jewish temple in Spokane recently, which was similar to what occurred in our area. Houses of worship and religious institutions and facilities remain prominent in terrorist target planning.

The meeting concluded at 1455 hours. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 4, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-152

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** October 9, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – October 4, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held October 4, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Lieutenant Abuan, Sgt. Still, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Sgt. Still

The Equipment Committee will meet soon to plan a wish list for grant-purchased items for our region for 2008. Our region is waiting for the 2007 wish list budget to be approved by the federal government.

### RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- Advised of a wanted person, **Robert Ray Mattson**, 7/17/70, W/M, with a last known address in Tukwila. Mattson has criminal history in King County as a 16-year-old for reckless burning and forgery. In 1995, he was arrested by DEA in Seattle for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, and was sentenced to federal prison for five years. He has made death threats to DEA agents. He is a member of the "Peckerwoods" and an affiliate of the "Nazi Lowriders," both which are racist gangs with connections to the Aryan Brotherhood. He is a suspect in numerous thefts of trucks and motorcycles. Information indicates that Mattson's group was providing stolen guns to a Mexican criminal group in exchange for drugs. He is known as an "enforcer" among his criminal associates, and should be considered a dangerous person.
- Hammerfest, which is a white power concert, is taking place October 5-7, in Portland, Oregon. There is also supposed to be a counter-protest there against the skinheads.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- The court martial for 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Watada is supposed to start October 9. (At this time, the court martial has been delayed.)
- On Tuesday, October 16, there is a Recruit Military Career Fair at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center, from 1100-1500 hours. This recruitment fair could possibly become a target for protestors.
- October 13-21, 2007, has been declared National Primate Liberation Week, by the Stop Animal Exploitation NOW! (SAEN) group. Officers should be aware that there are a couple animal research labs located in Tacoma that are listed on the website [www.saenonline.org](http://www.saenonline.org). These labs could be a potential target for this group.
- Protestors and anarchists of the Immigration and Customs enforcement detention center will be meeting at a couple places in Tacoma. On Friday, Oct. 5, the meeting will be at the Guadalupe House at 1417 S. "G" Street, from 1430-1730, and then at the Pitch Pipe Infoshop at 617 So. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, at 1900 hours. On Saturday, October 6, the meeting will be at the Guadalupe House from 1300-1500 hours. There is always a potential problem depending on how many anarchists get involved.
- There will be several large anti-war demonstrations nationwide on October 27, 2007. One will be held at Judkins Park in Seattle, starting at noon. There has been no information on any Tacoma demonstration planned.
- The Outsiders Motorcycle Gang will be hosting an Open House/Memorial Service for Harry Tomlin on October 6, at the Tacoma Clubhouse at South 19<sup>th</sup> and "L" Street.
- WAJAC sent out a bulletin requesting information from any department or agency involved in litigation as a result of officers contacting persons displaying suspicious behavior around sensitive infrastructure that otherwise may not constitute criminal behavior. They want to see if they can discover a pattern in lawsuits of this type.

The meeting concluded at 1420 hours. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 11, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room.

MRM:jtb





# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-155

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** October 12, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – October 11, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held October 11, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lieutenants Abuan and A.D. Roberts, Detective Wimmer, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Miller

- Attended a Tall Ships meeting in Seattle on October 11. The Marine Event of National Significance (MENS) designation is expected to come out in January, which will assist with knowing what the Coast Guard's orders will be, and how much security will be needed when the Tall Ships come to Tacoma in July of 2008.
- There have been some recent shootings and threats of shootings at schools in other states. Our department will continue working with training officers and school administration to prepare for incidents that may occur at Tacoma schools.

### Lt. Abuan

Attended an ATF-sponsored EOD training session in Yakima on October 10. A training video will be made for TPD officers of the explosions that were created there. In one explosion, 750 pounds of TNT was put in a vehicle, which was completely destroyed, along with a bus it was parked next to. Shock waves could be felt for quite a distance. It will be a good training aid to let officers know they need to be more than several hundred feet away to prevent injury in a situation like this.

### Detective Wimmer

On October 11, EOD responded to Fife to handle what looked like a suspicious package/bomb. The Department of Homeland Security was notified. TPD was pleased with how our new robot handled this package. It ended up being just a sparkler bomb, possibly constructed by a juvenile.

### RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- Advised of a wanted person, **Emrah Bulatci**, W/M, 7-1-84, who is a suspect in the murder of a Canadian RCMP. The suspect may try to leave Canada. His vehicle is a 2004 beige/copper Ford Explorer, with an Alberta license plate of LEC010.
- There were two 3000-gallon propane trucks stolen from Alberta, Canada, on October 3, but they were recovered the next day. There is no additional information on the suspects at this time.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- The anti-abortion group **40 Days for Life** is conducting a nationwide pro-life campaign from September 26 through November 4, 2007, at locations providing abortion services. Olympia will be one of 89 cities in 33 states joining together for this campaign. On the [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) website, it mentions there will be a "peaceful prayer vigil" at the Planned Parenthood building in Tacoma (813 Martin Luther King Jr. Way), from 1000-1400 hours, seven days a week through November 4, 2007.
- On Tuesday, October 16, there is a Recruit Military Career Fair at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center, from 1100-1500 hours. This recruitment fair could possibly become a target for protestors.
- October 13-21, 2007, has been declared National Primate Liberation Week, by the Stop Animal Exploitation NOW! (SAEN) group. Officers should be aware that four locations in this area are listed on the website [www.saenonline.org](http://www.saenonline.org) that the group believes is doing animal experimentation. These facilities are the Reproductive Assays Laboratory (3582 Pacific Avenue #3), Multicare Endosurgery Institute/Jones Animal Hospital (3322 S. Union Avenue), Pierce College (9401 Farwest Drive SW, Lakewood), and Madigan Army Medical Center in Fort Lewis. These labs could be a potential target for this group.

- There will be several large anti-war demonstrations nationwide on October 27, 2007, as a "National Mobilization to End the War in Iraq." One will be held at Judkins Park in Seattle, starting at noon. There has been no information on any Tacoma demonstrations planned.
- A White House report mentioned that Al Qaeda is still the "most serious and dangerous" terror threat to the United States. They are recruiting people on websites, and are pushing for more homegrown "terrorists" that can be trained close to where they live.
- There will be a pro-military assembly this weekend on the Freedom Bridge near Madigan, to welcome back the 3<sup>rd</sup> Stryker Brigade Unit from Iraq.
- Will work with Sgt. Jepson on information regarding a 414 that has been sending death threats to Franklin Graham, who will be holding a crusade at the Tacoma Dome from November 2-4.

The meeting concluded at 1430 hours. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 18, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-163

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** October 19, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – October 18, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held October 18, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Sgt. Habib, Detective Wimmer, RJG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Miller

- Reported that Lt. Abuan was involved in school preparedness planning, and was working with the four colleges in our area.
- Lt. Abuan is putting together a grant proposal for some of our EOD officers to visit several countries to obtain more in-depth bomb training.

### RJG – Gary Smith

- The "National Day of Protest Against Police Brutality" will be held on Monday, October 22. There will be a march in Seattle, near the Pike Place Market, starting at 1630 hours, followed by a rally and march to the King County Jail. The Seattle announcement states, "*Refuse to watch our brothers' and sisters' families be ripped apart and deported by ICE and the brutal system they are a part of!*" There has been no information on any Tacoma demonstrations planned.
- The Pacific Northwest Regional "END THE WAR NOW" march and rally, part of a nationwide day of protest, will be held Saturday, October 27, 2007, at Judkins Park in Seattle, starting at noon. Information on a website mentions that those wanting to carpool to the Seattle event are to meet at the Tacoma Dome Station at 0930 hrs. There has been no information on any Tacoma demonstrations planned.
- Keith McHenry, cofounder of the group "Food Not Bombs," will be speaking at the Tacoma University of Puget Sound Campus on Sunday, October 28, from 1700-1900 hours. "Food Not Bombs" is not a charity, but a fast growing revolutionary movement gaining momentum throughout the world. This group is working to end world hunger, and is organizing for peace and an end to the occupations of Iraq, Afghanistan and Palestine.
- A website posting announced a demonstration called "Smash Tacoma ICE" on November 9-10. The article mentioned that "*Downtown Will NOT have business as usual!*" Protestors plan on shutting down the downtown Tacoma area, to send a message that this detention center should not be located anywhere near this city. Protestors are to meet at S. 17<sup>th</sup> and Pacific Avenue at 1100 hrs. on Friday, November 9, and Saturday, November 10. Protestors may target the Federal courthouse and the ICE Detention Center. Hopefully, there will be no violence like there was in Seattle several months ago, when officers were injured by sharp protruding screws from shields the protestors carried.

The meeting concluded at 1415 hours. All Command Staff is invited to the next scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 25, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Information on upcoming events will be discussed at this meeting.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-191

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** November 23, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 8, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held November 8, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, T/Lt. Stringer, Sgt. Still, Detectives Wimmer and Calitis, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

RIG – Gary Smith

- Protestors showed up last night (November 7) at the Olympia Port as they were offloading military equipment. Approximately 100-150 demonstrators were there, but only 25-30 people caused problems. A couple people were arrested. Hopefully, the protestors will stay at the Olympia Port the next couple days, rather than attend the "Smash Tacoma ICE" protest scheduled for November 9-10, in downtown Tacoma.
- There were approximately 50 protestors that showed up at the APM Terminal on Milwaukee Avenue last night (Nov. 7). This protest was organized by a group called "Jobs With Justice." Protestors were called together using a phone tree, and the event was not posted on the usual websites. A W/F by the name of Leah Coakley, 1/20/84, with a Tacoma address, was videotaping the protest. She is a known protestor, and may be linked to the Pipe Info Shop.
- The department has a planned response for the "Smash Tacoma ICE" demonstration planned for November 9-10. Protestors are to meet both days at S. 17<sup>th</sup> and Pacific Avenue, at 1100 hours. Protestors may target the Federal courthouse and the ICE Detention Center.
- Although Friday, November 16, is the National Student Walkout against the war, a local protest is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 1500 hours, at the Recruiting Office near the Tacoma Mall. It is organized by "Youth Against War and Racism."
- The Fall 2007 Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) Northwest Convention is scheduled for Friday, November 30, through Sunday, December 2, 2007. It will be held at the Tacoma University of Puget Sound campus. There will be workshops, discussions, protests, and speakers with a range of topics concerning the radical and left community.

RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- Officers should be aware of two individuals who are considered Western Washington Militiamen [REDACTED] s; and [REDACTED] are believed responsible for producing videos expressing their belief that a conflict with the government is inevitable and will occur soon. They are part of the Constitutionalist Common Law Court, which has posted audio files to their website in which a discussion can be heard regarding the issuance of arrest warrants for government officers, to be served by the militia. B
- Officers should be aware of a hardcore Skinhead by the name of [REDACTED] W/M, with a last known address of [REDACTED]. He has just been released from prison, is a violent offender, and hangs out in the Tacoma and Puyallup areas. B

The meeting concluded at 1420 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, at 1400 hours.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-192

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** Nov. 23, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 15, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held November 15, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Sgt. Still, Detective Wimmer, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

RIG – Gary Smith

- There is a National Student Walkout Protest against the war scheduled for November 15, 2007, at 1500 hours, at the Recruiting Office near the Tacoma Mall. It is organized by "Youth Against War and Racism."
- The Fall 2007 Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) Northwest Convention is scheduled from Friday, November 30, through Sunday, December 2, 2007. It will be held at the Tacoma University of Puget Sound campus. There will be workshops, discussions, protests, and speakers with a range of topics concerning the radical and left community.
- There was an earthquake in Chile on 11-14-07, with aftershocks continuing the next day. News of this earthquake has pushed up copper prices, which may lead to more thefts of copper wire in our area.

RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- A couple local White Power suspects have been added into the OCSAR System. One is [REDACTED] Both were arrested on 10-28-07 for an unprovoked and racially motivated assault on a B/M at Tacoma Bell on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Oldenburg has also been accused of spray painting Nazi swastikas on the garage of former group members.

The meeting concluded at 1425 hours. All Command Staff are invited to the next scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 29, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Information on upcoming events will be discussed at this meeting.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-205

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** November 29, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 29, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held November 29, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Lt. Abuan, T/Lt. F. Krause, Sgt. R. Jepson, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- Three people were recently arrested in Slovakia for possessing and trying to sell radioactive material, which turned out to be weapons grade uranium. This could have been used to make a dirty bomb.
- A Homeland Security Advisory was issued so officers are aware of an increase in violent truck hijackings and cargo thefts worldwide. Port cities and highway rest stops have been targeted. The cargo typically consists of high-tech electronics, pharmaceuticals, cigarettes, seafood, or sporting equipment. If TPD handles any cases like this, make sure the Regional Intelligence Group is notified.
- The Fall 2007 Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) Northwest Convention is scheduled from Friday, November 30, through Sunday, December 2, 2007. It will be held at the Tacoma University of Puget Sound campus. There will be workshops, discussions, protests, and speakers with a range of topics concerning the radical and left community.
- Posted on the Students for a Democratic Society website is information on a Starbucks Workers' Solidarity Information Picketing March that will be held Saturday, December 8, starting at 1530 hours. They will meet at the Starbucks in Tacoma at 6<sup>th</sup> and Pine, and will march to the Starbucks at 6<sup>th</sup> and Sprague. Since SDS members showed up recently at the Maersk Terminal on another gathering, it appears that the SDS is starting to get involved in International Workers of the World (IWW) union activity.
- There will be a Police Brutality March on Sunday, December 2, at 1430 hours, starting at the UPS Campus in Tacoma.

### Sgt. R. Jepson – Upcoming Events

- November 30 Proctor Holiday Tree Lighting - from 1830-1945, will occur in the Proctor District.
- December 6-7 Bates Toy Drive - Toy drive at Bates Voc-Tech School, located at 11<sup>th</sup> and Yakima Avenue.
- December 8 Dickens Fest - An open house of the businesses in the Stadium District.
- December 31 First Night - A non-alcoholic New Year's Eve celebration in downtown Tacoma.

The meeting concluded at 1420 hours. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2007.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-210

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** December 6, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 6, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held December 6, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Sgt. Still, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Mike Miller

- Although the Port will be receiving a shipment of military supplies returning from Iraq this weekend, nothing is showing up on websites indicating there is a planned protest. The shipment is supposed to be arriving at the Port of Tacoma around 1000 hrs. on Saturday, December 8, and be off-loaded on unmarked trucks and rail. They hope to be finished by midnight Sunday night, December 9. There will be a supervisor and four off-duty officers working inside the Port, along with the normal on-duty units working that area of town, and Port Security. With the information gleaned at this time, DRT will not be placed on standby. There will be another meeting on Friday afternoon to finalize the contingency plan, in case protestors show up and cause serious problems.

### RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- Fife Police Department is looking for two Tacoma gangsters who were responsible for firebombing an apartment building in Fife. They used a Molotov cocktail, and it burnt down the apartment complex. The suspects still at large are **Chan Sophan Phal**, A/M, 4-25-88, and **Charlie Ruem**, A/M, 12-5-84.
- Longview Police received information that there will be a White Power memorial gathering on Saturday, December 8, in the general area of Portland/Vancouver, to "honor the martyred Robert Mathews," who was the founder of The Order. Mathews died in a fire during a shootout with federal agents on Whidbey Island on December 8, 1984.
- The Church of Jesus Christ Christian is an Aryan Nations' church. They have requested a permit to hold a celebration/rally (recruitment drive) in a building in Longview that is across the street for a park frequented by Blacks.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- Experts are seeing a rise in Western-looking recruits training in terrorist camps. Prisons recruit a lot of whites, but the Internet is the biggest recruiting tool. These Western-looking individuals blend in well, and don't raise as much suspicion.
- Posted on the Students for a Democratic Society website is information on a Starbucks Workers' Solidarity Information Picketing March that will be held Saturday, December 8, starting at 1530 hours. They will meet at the Starbucks in Tacoma at 6<sup>th</sup> and Pine, and will march to the Starbucks at 6<sup>th</sup> and Sprague.
- A secretary was killed and five others injured by a letter bomb mailed to a law firm in Paris, France. The law firm had some sort of link to the French president. A second letter bomb at the scene was defused. Both bombs were in the form of booby-trapped packages and addressed to the law firm.
- The shooting on 12-5-07 at the shopping mall in Omaha, Nebraska, should remind officers of the possibility of copycat shootings or terrorist actions taking place where large crowds are gathered during the holiday season.

The meeting concluded at 1430 hours. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2007.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-216

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** December 14, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 13, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held December 13, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, T/Lt. Stringer, Sgt. Still, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- There have been a couple incidents in South Pierce County where vandalisms have occurred at new construction sites. In Graham, graffiti that said "Stop the Destruction" was found at a new construction site. This term is usually used by eco-terrorists. In Roy, all the wiring was cut at a new construction site, but not stolen, which indicates it was probably an eco-terrorist action. This week, the words "Plant Trees, Not Buildings" was found painted on a dumpster located in Tacoma.
- Pacific Lutheran University has recently had two incidents of Ku Klux Klan propaganda: one was a posted Christmas carol over the e-mail, the second was a letter with KKK wording slid under one of the office doors.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- WAJAC put out a Wanted Fugitive bulletin on **Arthur Charles Carnes**, W/M, 2/2/71. Carnes is wanted on an identity theft warrant in connection with a missing person's case in Sacramento. Carnes should be considered armed and dangerous, and may be in possession of a large caliber assault rifle. He is reported to be a survivalist who is familiar with explosives.
- Olympia Police put out a wanted bulletin for Assault 1<sup>st</sup> on **Keith Edward Brakes**, I/M, 9/7/88. He is the suspect in an attempted murder, and is also wanted on an outstanding felony UPCS warrant. He has ties to gangs in the Tacoma area.
- A terrorist bombing occurred in Algeria around December 9<sup>th</sup> that killed at least sixty-two people, including 10 United Nations officials. It is believed that al-Qaida is behind the attack.
- One of the five men charged with plotting the attack of a U.S. Army base in New Jersey (Fort Dix 6) circulated an al-Qaida recruiting video from prison. He has been in a New Jersey prison promoting Jihad.
- On December 6, in the Portland, Oregon area, activists affiliated with the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) supposedly targeted the home of an employee who works at a clinic conducting research with animals. The employee's vehicles were vandalized and spray painted with the words "Alf" and "Sadist."
- On an SDS website, it discussed the Trident Seafood Company, and the oil spill at the Port of Tacoma. It is possible that SDS supporters may decide to target the Port or Trident Seafood for not cleaning up the oil spill quicker.

The meeting concluded at 1430 hours. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 20, 2007.

MRM:jtb





# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 07-224

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** December 26, 2007

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 20, 2007**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held December 20, 2007, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lt. Abuan, Detectives Wimmer and Calitis, RIG Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Miller

Lt. Abuan will be putting together a Strategic Plan for our department's Homeland Security team. This should give the team an idea of what these meetings should accomplish, and keep us on track with our expectations and goals.

### Lieutenant. Abuan

Detective Wimmer and Lieutenant Abuan attended a Bomb School in Las Vegas recently.

### Detective Wimmer

Modernization of the large robot has been completed. One improvement was a camera installed on the arm that was capable of rotating 360 degrees.

### RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- An Idaho couple contacted Seattle FBI to report a suspicious letter they received on their fax that included a jumble of ramblings and drawings, the word "explosives," the term "Wolf Family Militia," and various sites and locations listed in Washington. The FBI traced this letter back to author Marc Ramsey, who lives in a downtown Seattle shelter, and has mental health issues. There is nothing to confirm that the "Wolf Family Militia" is a group that exists.
- On December 5, a letter was delivered to the University of California, along with two phone calls, claiming that the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) would detonate explosive devices at the research buildings on the campus. A couple hours later, a suspicious package was found at the research building that contained a fake device made to look like a bomb.
- A member of the Washington Nomads chapter of the Hells Angels (Joshua Binder) has been sentenced to fifteen years in prison for racketeering. Smilin' Rick Fabel, the president of the Nomads' chapter, was sentenced to more than seven years, and former club member Rodney Rollness was sentenced to life in prison.
- In Lakewood, WA, nine utility boxes and several street signs were tagged recently. There have been "Latin Kings" symbols and colors, along with words new to this area of "Killa Boyz." "Latin Kings" originated out of Chicago.

The meeting concluded at 1425 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 27, 2007.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-001

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** January 4, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 3, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held January 3, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lts. Abuan and A.D. Roberts, Sgt. Still, RIG Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- The Pitchpipe Infoshop is temporarily closed during the process of moving to another unknown location in Tacoma. It has been located at South 17<sup>th</sup> and "G" Street.
- A posting on the SDS website is asking for supporters of the Port of Tacoma/Milwaukee Way Protests to attend two upcoming hearings in Tacoma. On Friday, January 4, at 1330 hours, in Rm. 304 of the Pierce County Superior Court, there is an appeal by prosecutors of the dismissal of thirteen activists' cases. On Tuesday, January 8, at 1330 hrs., in Tacoma Municipal Court #2, there will be a pre-trial hearing and motion to dismiss charged against eight more activists.
- A website posting announced an organizing meeting to discuss plans for the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Iraq War (which is Wednesday, March 29, 2008). The initial organizing meeting will be held Tuesday, January 8, at 1900 hours, at the Wheelock Student Center Lounge at UPS.
- The Leonard Peltier March will be occurring in February. Unknown what date at this time.
- There will be a Martin Luther King Jr. rally in Seattle – unknown what date or time. In past years, a rally has also been held in People's Park in Tacoma.
- With governor and presidential races occurring this year, it is possible that 414's may start sending letters or issuing threats to candidates in these races.

The meeting concluded at 1420 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2008. There will be no meeting on January 10.

MRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-022

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** January 31, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 17, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held January 17, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Sgt. Still, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Miller

The only large scale homeland security exercise in our region for 2008 will occur on March 5, and will be called "Sound Shake," which will be an earthquake exercise.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- On the SDS website, the following appeared: "*Tacoma Anti-Gentrification is a collection of individuals who wish to halt the shameless takeover of our city. Gentrification is an act of war on the part of the government and corporations against the population of the U.S.*" This group claims that the City of Tacoma is helping the rich more than the poor and needy. They feel the homeless are threatened by the new growth of condos in Tacoma, and are protesting gentrification. If officers receive information on vandalism and/or graffiti damage to condos or construction sites, this information should be forwarded to Homeland Security personnel.
- A group of twelve volunteers protesting abortion are going to participate in a Hike4Life, which will take place on January 19-22, 2008, near many abortion clinics in western Washington. This group will be in the Tacoma area on January 21, between 0900-1430 hours, walking around and praying at several clinics in the area.
- On January 15, 2008, there was a pipe bomb found near a Qwest cross box at 313 S. 112<sup>th</sup> Street. The pipe bomb had both ends capped, but no fuse or powder attached. Whoever made this bomb knew what they were doing.
- On January 16, 2008, there were a couple small noise explosions at Ballou Jr. High in Puyallup. The suspects used two liter bottles, dry ice, Drano and aluminum foil to create these. One of them was placed in the boys' restroom. There was no real physical damage done.
- There will be a Martin Luther King Jr. rally in Seattle – unknown what date or time. In past years, a rally has also been held in People's Park in Tacoma.
- The next movement of military supplies through the Port of Tacoma will start on January 23, when the ship will arrive with battle damaged equipment from Iraq. The equipment will be there approx. four to eight weeks, waiting for hooks to be welded to the equipment so it can be removed by rail. The equipment should be out of sight, and hopefully will not draw any protest action.
- There have been tampering incidents on railroad tracks throughout the country. In September 2007, spikes were removed from tracks in Chicago. In October 2007, clips were removed from a track in Los Angeles. Both of these incidents could have caused a train derailment if they had not been discovered. Officers should be aware of any suspicious activity around railroad tracks.
- There was an ATF bulletin put out regarding vandalisms and arsons to Dollar Stores near the Portland area.
- The pretrial conference hearing for Briana Waters, W/F, 32 years old, is set for January 25, 2008, at the Federal Courthouse in Tacoma. Her trial is scheduled for February 11, at 0900 hrs., at the courthouse. She is accused of working with an ELF cell to torch the Center for Urban Horticulture at the University of WA in 2001.

Sgt. Still

There was still no word from DEM on the 2008 grant budget amounts.

The meeting concluded at 1425 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 31, 2008. There will be no meeting on January 24.

MRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-023

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** February 1, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 31, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held January 31, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lt. Abuan, Sgts. Still and R. Jepson, RIG Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Miller

At some point in the future, the position for a Homeland Security Sergeant will be filled. This position would assist in keeping track of homeland security grants and inventory received from grants. This position would also supervise the five School Resource Officer positions that should be starting in September 2008.

### Lieutenant Abuan

- Met with an EOD officer from the 319<sup>th</sup> National Guard Unit. This EOD unit wants to assist TPD at the Tall Ships event. Sergeant R. Jepson will be given the contact information for this Unit. The National Guard also wants to assist in the future, augmenting our department if the need arises.
- Is still putting together goals for our department's Homeland Security issues for 2008.

### Sergeant R. Jepson

February 9 is the TET Celebration, which will run from 0800-1500 hours. This will involve a road closure at 38<sup>th</sup> and Yakima Avenue. Sergeant Morris will be the supervisor, and will have a couple officers with him. The Fire Department will have two to four fire marshals present this year, as the fireworks presented problems last year.

### Sgt. Still

DEM still doesn't have a dollar amount that our region would receive from 2008 federal grant monies. Shields and helmets that were purchased with past grant monies have arrived. DEM is trying to divide the equipment up among the agencies that requested it.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- No permit has been received for a Leonard Peltier protest march or vigil this year. On the SDS website, there was a notice of a meeting on behalf of Leonard Peltier at Kings Books in Tacoma (218 St. Helens Avenue), on Friday, February 15, at 1900 hours.
- On Thursday, February 21, from 1900-2300 hours, there will be a "Soldier, You Are Not Alone" Concert at Hell's Kitchen (3829 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue) to benefit the Iraq veterans against the war. Several bands will be playing.
- On Thursday, January 31, there was a "World Can't Wait" national protest. Supporters were asked to hang banners at recruiting stations and federal buildings.
- The next vigil at the ICE Detention Center is scheduled for Saturday, February 9, from 1100 to 1600 hours. Recently, no more than twenty-five supporters show up at these vigils, and there has been no aggressive action.
- On Saturday, March 22, to recognize the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Iraq war, there will be a coalition of organizations, including veterans and peace activists, calling for a demonstration supporting GI Rights at the gates to Ft. Lewis.

- The new location of the Pitch Pipe Info Shop is still unknown, but a group is trying to open a GI coffeehouse near Ft. Lewis. The Seattle and Tacoma chapters of Iraq Veterans Against the War are raising money to open this coffeehouse, which could serve as an anti-war headquarters.

The meeting concluded at 1435 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7.

MRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-032

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** February 8, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 7, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held February 7, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lt. Abuan, Sgt. Still, Detective Calitis, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Miller

Hillary Clinton will be making a campaign speech at the UPS Field House on Friday, February 8. TPD Traffic Officers will assist in the motorcade from Seattle, and designated TPD officers will report to the UPS area at 0800 hours to provide security. Mrs. Clinton's speech is scheduled to start around 1000 hours. The Secret Service will be providing personal protection for Mrs. Clinton.

### Detective Calitis

Across the country, there have been many hoax calls of hostage situations reported to 911, involving hundreds of victims. Authorities are noticing a pattern where the caller reports to 911 that someone is armed and has taken hostages at a certain address. Police and SWAT Teams show up at this address, but the innocent occupants inside have no idea what is going on, as they did not make the call. The possibility is that an innocent homeowner or business owner may arm him/herself when they see people with guns outside the location, and then get injured when the SWAT officers believe they truly are an armed suspect in a hostage situation. It is hard for the police to tell the difference between real and hoax calls.

### RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- Wanted to add to the information on the bulletin that was recently posted of **Andrew Dahlquist**, a homicide suspect in a 2006 Pierce County case. Dahlquist is also known to be a White Supremacist. He was also involved in a case last year where he beat up someone at a Tacoma Jack in the Box.
- Oscar Armando Escobar, Male, 11-24-76, is the first known MS-13 gang member found to be living at a Tacoma address (3728 N. Villard Street). He was arrested on February 4, 2008, on an Assault 1<sup>st</sup> incident in Lakewood. He had a "100% Salvatracho" tattoo on his right forearm.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- On the SDS website, there was a notice of a meeting on behalf of Leonard Peltier at Kings Books in Tacoma (218 St. Helens Avenue), on Friday, February 15, at 1900 hours. There is no planned protest march this year.
- On Thursday, February 21, from 1900-2300 hours, there will be a "Soldier, You Are Not Alone" Concert at Hell's Kitchen (3829 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue), to benefit the Iraq veterans against the war. Several bands will be playing.
- Olympia SDS presents the Northwest Democratic National Convention (DNC) and Republican National Convention (RNC) Resistance Conference on Saturday, February 9, from 1000-1700 hours, at Olympia's Evergreen State College. Activists from around the Northwest are invited to participate in workshops focusing on topics ranging from street tactics to supporting protests. Officers are asked to notify TPD Homeland Security if they obtain any information on DNC/RNC Resistance.
- To recognize the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Iraq war, on March 15, there will be a counter-recruitment rally and march at the Tacoma Mall. There was some information received that protestors may be planning to cause problems inside the Mall.

- On March 16, in Olympia, supporters are planning a gathering to remember Rachel Corrie, the female who was run over and killed by a bulldozer in Israel several years ago.
- There will be a grand reopening of the Pitch Pipe Info Shop at its new location of 621 MLK Jr. Way. This reopening will occur at 1800 hours, on Saturday, February 16. At the same time, there will also be a benefit for Briana Waters, who is on trial for her involvement in the arson of the UW Center for Urban Horticulture in 2001. Her trial will be held at the Tacoma Federal Courthouse beginning Monday, February 11.
- The Seattle and Tacoma chapters of Iraq Veterans Against the War are raising money to open a GI Coffeehouse, which could serve as an anti-war headquarters. It is unknown if this coffeehouse will be located in the Lakewood or Tacoma area.
- Has heard rumor that there may be some military shipments out of a Port in the Puget Sound area some time in May, but he doesn't have any other specifics.

The meeting concluded at 1425 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-047

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** February 29, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 21, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held February 21, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Detective Calitis, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- Officer Safety - Advised that [REDACTED] was arrested in Puyallup for assaulting a Black male store clerk at a gas station. O'Donnell called the clerk a racial slur, and later told the officers that he was a member of the KKK. Pacific Lutheran University has reported some incidents involving members of the KKK. B
- Officer Safety – PCSD FIR'ed a subject by the name of [REDACTED] who has a scanner and has been following deputies around on calls. [REDACTED] was driving a black Kia Rondo, temporary license Tag [REDACTED] was formerly a Central Pierce Firefighter. B

### RIG – Gary Smith

- On Thursday, February 21, from 1900-2300 hours, there will be a "Soldier, You Are Not Alone" Concert at Hell's Kitchen (3829 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue), to benefit the Iraq veterans against the war. Several bands will be playing.
- To recognize the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Iraq war, on March 15, there will be a counter-recruitment rally and march at the Tacoma Mall recruiting center. WAJAC is requesting any information on the distribution and origin of a poster that is announcing a plan to "Shut Down the Tacoma Mall" at the same time this protest is planned at the recruiting center. There was some information received that protestors may use this recruiting center protest as a diversion, so others can cause problems inside the Tacoma Mall.
- Asked if the sergeants at turnout could request officers to notify RIG/Homeland Security when they come across reports of graffiti or vandalism to new condominiums or construction projects. There are articles on websites that mention this is occurring, in support of a movement to "Stop Gentrification."
- In mid-February, a Molotov cocktail was thrown at a Jewish center in Los Angeles, California. It is being investigated as a hate crime. This action could possibly be in retaliation for the death of Hezbollah commander Imad Mughniyeh. Captain Miller asked Lt. F. Krause to make contact with the Rabbi at Temple Beth El.
- A flier posted on a Myspace website announced that the Pantages was hosting some Hip Hop bands on March 14.

### Detective Calitis

Stated that on February 20, 2008, several banks in Bremerton were vandalized when bricks were thrown through the windows. A note was attached to each brick, and was signed by "Social Youth Chaos." The message could be related to gentrification.

The meeting concluded at 1425 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 28.

MRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-050

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** March 3, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held February 28, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the CID Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Sgts. R. Jepson and D. Still, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Miller

Mentioned that TPD needs to be informed of all possible Port protests, demonstrations, and other events prior to their occurrence. RIG personnel need to stay in contact with intelligence personnel that are aware of Port activities, so we aren't caught off guard when protests occur.

### Sergeant R. Jepson – Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, March 8 – Spring Forward Run & Walk** to benefit autism research. Will occur between 0700-0900 hours. Starts near the Stadium Bowl. Sgt. R. Jepson, Detective Foster, and some Explorers will assist with the event.
- **Friday, March 21 – Running of the Green** – This is a run that Stewart Middle School students hold each year. The kids will run on the track and on sidewalks in the area of their school. Teachers will be present at this event.
- **Friday, March 14 – Hip Hop Concert** – It is possible that some Hip Hop bands, including E-40 and AOB, will be holding a concert at the Pantages Theater. This event hasn't been confirmed yet, as the promoters still have to secure an insurance policy rider to be able to hold this event. If this event does occur, TPD will be providing some security.
- **Tall Ships** – The Coast Guard has determined the Marine Event of National Significance (MENS) permit doesn't need to go through Washington D.C., and the Seattle branch can approve it. Public Works and DOT will not allow the TPD command post to be stationed on the bridge like last time. Sgt. Jepson is waiting to hear from Public Works where our command post can be situated, as it needs to have a power source.
- The Tacoma Dome has moved the Jehovah Witnesses' Conference to a week that doesn't overlap the Tall Ships' event. This will allow the Dome's parking lot to be used for Tall Ships. The Tacoma Dome is looking at booking the group "Kid Rock" on Saturday, July 5, at the Dome. If that occurs, there would be a need for at least nineteen TPD officers to provide security off-duty at this event.

### RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- KOMO 4 news recently aired a special regarding mistreatment of research monkeys. KIRO TV also aired a similar article a couple weeks ago regarding animal abuse to research animals. These specials, along with the recent newspaper articles concerning puppy mills and starving horses, may trigger action by supporters of animal rights extremists groups. The World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week (WWALL) is approaching on April 20-26. The Stop Animal Exploitation NOW! Organization wants to wipe out animal experimentation, and they claim the following four facilities in Pierce County are doing animal experimentation and research: Madigan Army Medical Center, Lakewood Pierce College, Reproductive Assays Lab in Tacoma, and Multicare Endosurgery Institute in Tacoma. Officers should be aware of any suspicious activity targeting these locations.

#### RIG – Gary Smith

- On Saturday, March 15, to recognize the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Iraq war, there will be a counter-recruitment rally and march at the Tacoma Mall recruiting center. There is a flier circulating that indicates individuals want to “Shut Down the Tacoma Mall” at the same time this protest is planned at the recruiting center. Information was received that protestors may use this recruiting center protest as a diversion, so others can cause problems inside the Tacoma Mall. RIG will keep Lt. Stringer and Lt. Abuan informed as information comes in.
- March 17-21 is the “National Days of Student Action to Protest the Iraq War,” with March 20<sup>th</sup> set as the focal point. SDS *“is urging all students to voice opposition to the war in Iraq. We are calling on our fellow students and youth to take the lead and do whatever it takes—from rallies, marches, walk-outs, civil disobedience, and direct action—to send a clear message to the U.S. government: Get out of Iraq Now!”*
- On Friday, March 21, a local website posted that a “Twelve Stations of the Cross” demonstration will take place in the Tacoma area. This is usually a ritual the Catholic Church conducts on Good Friday, and isn’t expected to create problems.
- On Saturday, March 22, in support of GI Rights, several organizations will hold a demonstration at the gates of Ft. Lewis, and possibly at Harry Todd Park in Tillicum.
- On February 25, two people were arrested for spray painting the building under construction at 505 Broadway. One person arrested is a student at Evergreen State College. These individuals may be a part of the “Stop Gentrification Campaign” that has been posting announcements on various activist websites.
- Posted on the Seattleindymedia website on February 27, was an article by Joe La Sac, regarding his noticing and filming several dozen large military tanks that appeared to be bound for departure at the Port of Tacoma.
- On Sunday, March 2, there will be a “Demand Human Rights” protest at the NW Detention Center. This protest is sponsored by Community 2 Community.
- On Saturday, March 8, from 1300-1600 hours, a vigil/demonstration is scheduled to occur at the NW Detention Center, sponsored by the International Women’s Day.
- With gas prices increasing, there is a potential for increased crimes of fuel theft and fuel profiteering. .

#### Sergeant Still

The next Terrorist Early Warning System Resource Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 26. It is unknown the amount of grant monies our region will receive this year. The grant does indicate at least 25% of monies funded must be directed to law enforcement needs.

The meeting concluded at 1455 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 6.

MRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-056

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** March 7, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 6, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 6, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Sgt. D. Still, RIG Gary Smith, [REDACTED], and Secretary Boneske. A

### RIG – Gary Smith

- On Saturday, March 15, to recognize the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Iraq war, there will be a counter-recruitment rally and march at the Tacoma Mall recruiting center. There is a flier circulating that indicates individuals want to "Shut Down the Tacoma Mall" at the same time this protest is planned at the recruiting center. Information was received that protestors may use this recruiting center protest as a diversion, so others can cause problems inside the Tacoma Mall. The military put out a flier advising their Fort Lewis personnel to avoid this area on this date. RIG will keep Lt. Stringer informed as information comes in, and Sgt. Chris Adamson wants to be involved with any planning meetings Lt. Stringer may hold.
- On Saturday, March 22, in support of GI Rights, several organizations will hold a rally at the gates of Ft. Lewis/Berkeley Street. The organizers are not calling for protestors to be violent.
- There is a "National Day of Student Action to Protest the Iraq War" on Thursday, March 20. The Students for a Democratic Society are urging students to take whatever action is necessary on their campuses to send a clear message to the U.S. government to get out of Iraq.
- With gas prices increasing, there is a potential for increased crimes of fuel theft and fuel profiteering. Recently, in Seattle, four Shell gas stations were the victim of gasoline thefts of over 800 gallons.
- Briana Waters was found guilty on two counts of Arson for being the lookout in the 2001 eco-terrorist burning of the U of W Center for Urban Horticulture.
- At 0345 hours on 3-6-08, an explosion caused damage to the door of an armed forces recruiting center at Times Square in New York City. Video cameras showed the suspect riding by on a bicycle, and tossing a rectangular military ammo canister filled with a low order explosive (like black powder) to cause the explosion. The center was unoccupied and there were no injuries. This incident is similar to other explosions that have occurred at the British and Mexican consulates in New York City in 2000 and 2005.
- The Spec Ops West Warfighter Symposium & Expo (Defense Trade Show) plans on returning to this area in June.
- Sometime between March 3-4, 2008, suspect(s) unknown stole a Burlington Northern high rail railway truck that was parked at the King Oscar Hotel on Hosmer Street. The vehicle is a white, 2006 Ford F250 crew cab, WA license B32025B, and can be driven on railroad tracks.

The meeting concluded at 1440 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 13.

MRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-057

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** March 17, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 13, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 13, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lt. A.D. Roberts, RIG Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- On Saturday, March 15, to recognize the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Iraq war, there will be a counter-recruitment rally and march at the Tacoma Mall recruiting center. Kirby Wilbur, of KBI Radio, has been urging supporters to go to the Tacoma Mall and provide support on behalf of the military.
- March 17-21 is the "National Days of Student Action to Protest the Iraq War," with March 20<sup>th</sup> set as the focal point. SDS *"is urging all students to voice opposition to the war in Iraq. We are calling on our fellow students and youth to take the lead and do whatever it takes—from rallies, marches, walk-outs, civil disobedience, and direct action—to send a clear message to the U.S. government: Get out of Iraq Now!"* There is a large protest occurring in San Francisco on March 20, so the hard core anarchists are expected to attend that protest.
- On the Tacoma Smash I.C.E. myspace.com account, it mentioned that from April 21-26, 2008, there will be a week of teach-ins that will lead to a demonstration against the N.W. Detention Center. On Saturday, April 26, there will be a protest march starting at People's Park, proceeding down to Wells Fargo Bank. They are encouraging supporters to play musical instruments (drums, whistles, etc.) while marching and at that bank. They will then continue the march to the N.W. Detention Center, where they will congregate in silence.

### Lt. A.D. Roberts

- On Saturday, March 22, in support of GI Rights, several organizations will hold a rally at the gates of Ft. Lewis/Berkeley Street. The organizers are not calling for protestors to be violent. If the military needs outside law enforcement to assist, WSP would be called before TPD.

The meeting concluded at 1410 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20.

MRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-064

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** March 25, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 20, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 20, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lt. Abuan, Sgt. Travis, RIG Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- The Jordan Circus is going to be at the Puyallup Fairgrounds on March 21-22. There was nothing found on websites indicating that this will create a problem among animal activists.
- On the Tacoma Smash I.C.E. myspace.com account, it mentioned that from April 21-26, 2008, there will be "A Week of Action in Tacoma," which will include teach-ins, bake sales, a benefit dinner, etc. Several of these events are being held at the Pitchpipe Infoshop, located at their new Tacoma address at 621 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. On Saturday, April 26, there will be a rally at People's Park from 1200-1300 hours, and then a protest march from the park down to Wells Fargo Bank, and then back to the park. Lt. Abuan will contact Sgt. R. Jepson to obtain further information on this protest.
- On Saturday, March 22, there is a planned anti-war protest at Larry Todd Park in Lakewood. A Special Order was put out placing the TPD DRT CUT Team on standby pay in case they are called in to assist Lakewood PD.
- There is a Port Militarization Resistance (PMR) Regional Meeting at Tacoma Community College on Saturday, March 29, from 1400-1700 hours.
- Intelligence indicates that there are rumors of a military shipment coming in April, but no further details are available at this time.
- Washington State University was named one of the top sixteen universities on PETA's (Protection of Ethical Treatment of Animals) "mad scientist" list. In the past, WSU campuses statewide have been targeted, along with the Puyallup research facility. The University of Washington is also on this list.
- The Regional Intelligence Group may have posters made announcing their existence, so other law enforcement agencies and citizens are aware there is a local group they can report homeland security issues to.
- There was a liquid explosive thrown at the Chinese embassy in San Francisco last week. With the recent clashes between Tibet and China, it is possible that supporters for Tibet may have carried this out, or may plan other disturbances. Our department should be aware that the Evergreen Terminal, located at the Port of Tacoma, is a Chinese company. The Dalai Lama is supposed to visit the Seattle area soon.
- The anniversary dates of the Columbine shooting (April 19) and Hitler's Birthday (April 20) are approaching.

### Captain Miller

The suspect driving the red truck related to the gas thefts was arrested in Lakewood.

### Lt. Abuan

- Ramon Ortiz is no longer the director of Port Security at the Port of Tacoma. The interim director is Louis Cooper, head of maintenance.
- Have been meeting with Tacoma Public Schools to arrange ICS training. Will meet with Marcy Scott in order to arrange training for the rest of the schools. The target training date is August 11. Colleges and universities in Tacoma also need to be included in this training.
- Trying to work on obtaining grant money to provide IED training for our department.

- Met with someone in Graphics about creating posters to be put out in public. These posters would ask citizens to report suspicious behavior that could be terrorist-related.
- EOD will participate in the Raven's Challenge at Fort Lewis on March 28-30. There will be different scenarios for the EOD Unit to take part in.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, and is open to all supervisors. Sgt. R. Jepson will discuss upcoming events.

MRM:jtb

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# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-068

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** March 28, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 27, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held March 27, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captains Miller and Meinema, Lt. Stringer, Sergeants Still, Jagodinski, and R. Jepson, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Sergeant R. Jepson – Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, April 5 – Jr. Daffodil Parade** – Parade in the Proctor District from 1000 to noon, with Officers and Explorers present from 0700-1300 hours.
- **Saturday, April 12 – Grand Floral Daffodil Parade** – In the downtown area. Parade start time at 1015 hours, but Officers will be assisting at various times ranging from 0500-1500 hours. There will also be a 5-K Y Run for Kids, and a Diaper Dash prior to the parade starting.
- **Saturdays, from April 16 through November 1 – Proctor District Farmers' Market** – Will take place each Saturday from 0900-1400 hours.
- **Saturday, April 19 – March for Babies Walkathon** – Taking place at Pt. Defiance Park. Officers will be working traffic control and security from 0600-1300 hours.
- **Saturday, April 19 – Tabletop Exercise for Tall Ships** – Will be held at TPD headquarters from 0800-1600 hours.
- **Thursday, April 24 – KUBE 93 Gas Run** – Will take place from 1600-1800 hours, at the Hosmer Shell Gas/Food Mart. They will sell gas to the first 93 people for \$.93 a gallon.
- **Friday, April 25 – Walk a Mile In Her Shoes** – sponsored by the Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County. Will take place in the downtown area, starting at the Tacoma History Museum from 1200-1300 hours.
- **Saturday, April 26 – Community Info and Wellness Day** – sponsored by the New Beginnings Church of God in Christ. Will offer health information and allow businesses to introduce themselves to the community. Takes place at 3900 Yakima Avenue from 1200-1700 hours.
- **May 3-4, 6, 10-11, 13 – Barefoot Studies will sponsor "The Train"** – At various times and locations on the dates listed, a group will give a dance, music and art presentation of biblical references in "The Spoken Word."

### RIG – Gary Smith

- Earth First is calling for protests against the Fossil Fuel Industry on April 1, 2008. Organizations associated with these protests are calling for "*direct action against facilities which have a nexus to the Fossil Fuel Industry.*" The International Rising Tide network has declared April 1, 2008, to be Fossil Fools Day, and suggests supporters "*pull a prank that packs a punch.*" They mention blockading entrances to gas stations, locking down the gas pumps, hanging banners, or letting air out of tires.
- On Saturday, April 5, there is a "Support Our Troops" group meeting on the Freedom Bridge over I-5.
- The World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week takes place from April 20-26.
- On the TacomaSmashIce website, it mentioned a "Week of Action in Tacoma," from April 21-26, 2008, which will include teach-ins, bake sales, a benefit dinner, etc. Several of these events are being held at the Pitchpipe Infoshop, located at their new Tacoma address at 621 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. On Saturday, April 26, there will be a rally at People's Park from 1200-1300 hours, and then a protest march from the park down to Wells Fargo Bank, and then back to the park. One website asked that Northwest Street Medics attend the rally and march on April 26, and stated, "*If y'all remember last time, you know TPD will be ready to rock just as much as we are.*"



- The anniversary dates of the following are approaching:
  - April 15 – Tax Day
  - April 16 – Patriot's Day – a civic holiday that commemorates the opening battles of the American Revolutionary War.
  - April 16 – 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Virginia Tech shooting
  - April 19 – 1993 assault on the Branch Davidian cult in Waco, Texas.
  - April 19 – 1995 bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City
  - April 20 – Columbine Shooting – 1999 Columbine school shooting
  - April 20 – Adolf Hitler's birthday
  - April 19-27 – Passover
  - April 22 – Earth Day

#### RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- There have been numerous racial incidents of escalating violence at Bethel High School. The FBI is showing interest in what is occurring. There have been two recent events of students making nooses. Attendance is declining as students are scared to come to school. Some incidents may be related to hate group involvement.
- The Edgewood Water Company reported a male by the name of **Michael T. James**, 4-20-66, came in to the business to pay his water bill. He was wearing a gun that was displayed in the open, and claimed he was a CIA agent. He mentioned that his wife died, the victim of a DUI accident. Investigation revealed that this subject is not a CIA agent.

#### Sgt. Still

The Resource Committee Meeting changed the date of the next meeting to April 9. Members still do not know how much grant money will be designated to our region.

The meeting ended at 1430 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 3.

MRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-073

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** April 4, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 3, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held April 3, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Sergeant Still, RIG Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Sgt. Still

The Resource Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 9. Members still do not know how much grant money will be designated to our region.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- There didn't appear to be any problems in Tacoma on April 3, during the National "Trucker Shutdown" day. Truckers were supposed to band together and strike to protest fuel prices, disrupting the nation's marine freight.
- April 15 is Tax Day, and posted on the Seattleactivism.org website is an announcement that there will be a protest outside a post office in Seattle that day. Officers should be aware there may be gatherings around the federal courthouse and post offices in Tacoma that day, as people may revolt against paying taxes. There have been threats made against the government by individuals not wanting to pay their taxes. One threat mentioned that if authorities (police) came out to make them pay, the officers would be dealt with.
- Saturday, April 12, is the second Saturday of the month, when the normal gathering of individuals shows up to protest the Immigration Center on the Tideflats. Usually, there are about 15-20 people that show up for this. No problems are expected.
- From April 21-26, 2008, there will be a Smash ICE "Week of Action in Tacoma," which will include teach-ins, bake sales, a benefit dinner, etc. Several of these events are being held at the Pitchpipe Infoshop, located at 621 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. On Saturday, April 26, there will be a rally at People's Park from 1200-1300 hours, and then a protest march from the park down to Wells Fargo Bank, and then back to the park. One website asked that Northwest Street Medics attend the rally and march on April 26, and stated, "If y'all remember last time, you know TPD will be ready to rock just as much as we are."
- On April 16, to coincide with the first anniversary of the Virginia Tech shooting, there will be a nationwide "Lie-In" protesting current U.S. gun laws. Participants are supposed to lie on the ground for three minutes, representing the perceived amount of time it takes to purchase a firearm. This event is being organized by "Protest Easy Guns," who refer to themselves as a grassroots social movement. Although these protests are centered in Virginia, officers should be aware in case this occurs at Tacoma campuses.
- April 19 is the anniversary of the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma. There have been tips called in to our TPD tip-line of someone threatening to cause damage to our federal courthouse.
- With the weather getting nicer, officers should be aware that the Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs will be more active. The Amigos and Bandidos are planning a benefit at the Royal Bear Tavern, in Algonia, on Saturday, April 12, at 1300 hours.

The meeting ended at 1425 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10.

MRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-097

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** May 6, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – May 1, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held May 1, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lts. Abuan and Gustason, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Lt. Abuan

- On May 4, Temple Beth-El will hold a party celebrating Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. They have hired a couple off-duty officers for security purposes.
- Lt. Abuan attended two days of DEM Training. He has been assigned to work together with the Tacoma Fire Department on creating a security plan for the city's Emergency Operations Center on Fawcett Street.
- The grand opening of the new Department of Emergency Management building (2501 So. 35<sup>th</sup> Street) will occur on Friday, May 9, from 1330-1630 hours. Senator Murray is supposed to be in attendance.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- On May 1, the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) had planned to support the "South Sound Solidarity Against the War on May Day" protest. In Tacoma, there is a planned demonstration at 1700 hours at Pacific Avenue and the I-5 overpass, and a March to the Federal Courthouse at 1830 hours. There may be traffic problems created by a work stoppage at the Port.
- On May 6, activists calling themselves the Hilltop People's Council, are planning to attend the Tacoma City Council Meeting at 1700 hours, at the Municipal Building. Individuals may discuss gentrification and ICE. Officers will provide security during this meeting.
- There was a warrant for [REDACTED], W/M, [REDACTED]. Mr. Hill attended a Tacoma City Council meeting while possessing plastic guns, and a Human Rights Services' meeting wearing several pistol holders on his person. Officers had planned to provide security at the next Tacoma City Council Meetings in case Mr. Hill showed up. (Apparently, Mr. Hill has since been arrested for a forgery charge, while attempting to purchase a "real" weapon.)
- On May 24, there will be a "Tacoma Wobblyfest 2008: A Poor and Working People's Gathering," with events being held at the Tacoma Campus of Evergreen State College from 0900-1700 hours, and then at the Pitchpipe Infoshop at 621 MLK Jr. Way, from 1800-2100 hours.
- With the recent death of a seal (under anesthesia) that was being moved to another body of water, animal rights groups may become more vocal.
- Officer Safety – [REDACTED] was arrested by Roy Police on April 29, for a violation of a DV order of protection for possessing 5 pistols, 20 rifles and shotguns, and 400 pounds of ammunition he had hidden in a false wall in his closet. These weapons were located at what looked like an abandoned house that he claimed was his residence at [REDACTED]. Officers should be aware of this address and the hiding spot that was used. There was a tip he may also have a grenade.
- [REDACTED], [REDACTED] who was a member of the National Socialist Movement (NSM) that disbanded in Washington in 2006, may be forming a new chapter of the NSM again in Washington. Nemeth's address is [REDACTED].

The meeting ended at 1435 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2008.

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-100

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** May 9, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – May 8, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held May 8, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lt. Abuan, Sergeant Travis, Detective Calitis, RIG Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Lt. Abuan

- Received word that our Region 5 was awarded two Terrorist Early Warning grants we applied for. The grant money will be applied towards teaching certain classes. One grant is for \$18,000 to teach about Jihads and IEDs; the second grant is for \$20,000 to cover the topics First Responder and Blast Trauma.

### Detective Calitis

- Obtained information on a "middle eastern-looking" male taking pictures of the railroad tracks at Ruston and McCarver. Got a description of the subject and license plate, and forwarded the information to Homeland Security.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- On May 24, there will be a "Tacoma Wobblyfest 2008: A Poor and Working People's Gathering," with events being held at the Tacoma Campus of Evergreen State College from 0900-1700 hours, and then at the Pitchpipe Infoshop at 621 MLK Jr. Way, from 1800-2100 hours. This event is organized by the Industrial Workers of the World.
- The FBI cleared the actions of the two suspicious persons that were seen last year taking photographs on ferries. The subjects were Europeans that were here on business, and saw that their pictures were broadcast all over. Since they didn't want to get in trouble if they came back to the U.S. on future business assignments, they contacted the FBI and explained their actions.
- Numerous sea lions recently died in cages, and their deaths are being investigated. PETA is pressuring the Puyallup Fair to cancel the circus that is scheduled there soon. Animal activists groups may become more vocal with all the recent publicity of animal deaths.
- The sentencing for Brianna Waters is scheduled for May 30. This event may bring eco-activists into the area.
- On May 17, the IWW Starbucks Workers' Union and supporters are commemorating the fourth anniversary of Starbucks' union founding, and to honor Dr. Martin Luther King. They are calling for a Day of Action, to "*ensure Starbucks stops disrespecting Dr. King's holiday, and stops demeaning his selfless final act of solidarity with workers seeking to vindicate the right to form a labor union.*"

The meeting ended at 1435 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2008, and will be open to all supervisors.

MRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-119

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** June 2, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – May 29, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held May 29, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lts. Cribbin and F. Krause, Sergeants Rob Jepson, Still, and Habib, PCSO [REDACTED] RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

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### Captain Miller

- Discussed TPD's late notice of the death threat of the school president at the PLU graduation ceremony at the Tacoma Dome. PCSO SWAT members were in plainclothes at the ceremony because of this death threat, but TPD was not given any advanced notice.

### Sergeant R. Jepson – Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, May 31 – Stand Up for Darfur (Sudan)** – 208 St. Helens – 1400-2300 hours. The sidewalk will be closed for a benefit that will include local bands and an auction.
- **Sunday, June 1 – The Kilted Walk** – Will take place on the downtown sidewalks from 1230-1500 hours.
- **June 2-5 – Spec Ops West “War Fighter Symposium and Expo”** – Will take place at the Convention Center. Last year, there were approx. fifty protestors during this event. Two officers have been hired to provide off-duty security. TPD will provide on-duty officers for security also.
- **Saturday, June 7 – Stadium Wine and Art Walk** – Will take place in the Stadium business district from 1600-2000 hours. There will be wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres served. They are expecting 600-800 people to attend.
- **Saturday, June 14 – Roman Meal Sound To Narrows Run** – Occurs in the Vassault/Pt. Defiance Park area between 0530-1300 hours. They expect 7500 people to participate in these 12K, 5K and 2K runs.
- **Sunday, June 15 – Harley Davidson Group Photo Shoot** – Will occur in Tollefson Plaza from 1130-1230 hours.
- **Saturday, June 21 – Place to Play/Dinner and Playhouses Under the Stars** – Fundraiser for the Children's Museum. Will take place on Broadway between So. 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, from 1700-2300 hours. Dinner will be served outside.
- **Wednesday, June 25 – Ceremony groundbreaking for the Goodwill “Opportunity Center”** – will take place at Goodwill (714 So. 27<sup>th</sup> Street) from 1130-1400 hours.
- **Saturday, June 28 – Private Summer Block Party/Potluck** – Will occur at No. 35<sup>th</sup> and Washington Street from 1700-2100 hours. There will be a road closure, and sixty people are expected.
- **June 28-30 – Taste of Tacoma** – Will occur in the Pt. Defiance area. The Gang Unit will be working the event. Sergeant Rob Jepson will be the Incident Commander each day, and have eight off-duty officers working the event.
- **Sunday, June 29 – Urban Art Festival** – Occurs at Fireman's Park at 8<sup>th</sup> and “A” Street, from 1200 to 2100 hours. There will be a wine/beer garden, and 1500 people are expected.

### PCSO [REDACTED]

There will be a Hells Angels Blind Poker Run Ride on Saturday, June 21. The ride will start at the Masa Restaurant, at 6<sup>th</sup> and Pine Street, at 1400 hours. The route is unknown at this time. Last year, approx. 100 bikers and thirty “patches” took part in this. Seattle P.D. ended up making several effective traffic

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stops on the road guards (members in vans and cars that follow the pack). After the ride ended in Seattle, a Seattle Police Officer ended up in a fight with one of the bikers, and the biker tried to disarm the officer.

RIG – Gary Smith

- On Friday, May 30, from 1900-2200 hours, there is a benefit show at the Pitch Pipe Infoshop (621 MLK Jr. Way, Tacoma). This is to raise money for the legal defense of the people arrested by the Olympia Police Department on May 1.
- The sentencing for Brianna Waters was changed to June 2, at the Tacoma Federal Courthouse. This event may bring eco-activists into the area, but they are not expected to create problems at the hearing.
- Officer Safety Issue – While TPD and Tribal officers responded to a fight at 3702 E. “T” on May 25, Dispatch advised officers of an email received by Puyallup Tribal Officers regarding an uncorroborated report that indicated Native Gangster Bloods are planning to kill a Tribal Police Officer this summer, possibly by ambushing officers before they get out of their vehicles after arriving at a phony 911 dispatched call.

RIG – Mike Kortjohn

Members of the American National Socialist Workers' Party (ANSWP) appeared on the Mall in Olympia on Memorial Day. Members were in full dress Nazi uniforms, and were distributing literature on the USS Liberty attack. Gary Nemeth was present.

The meeting ended at 1440 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2008, in the Ops Conference Room.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-127

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** June 5, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 5, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held June 5, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lt. Abuan, RIG Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Miller

Mentioned that there were no problems at the Spec Ops West Symposium. Only about a half dozen protestors showed up on Wednesday.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- Officer Safety – **Robert Hill**, W/M, is still showing up at City Council meetings, financial budget meetings, and at the Pierce County Auditor's Office, seeking government information. He has started to show up at Lakewood council meetings. He is somewhat 414, and has been found to be wearing gun holsters or plastic guns to some of these meetings. He was recently arrested for forging a Judge's name while trying to buy a gun in the area. Earlier this year in Nevada, he was arrested with a real gun at a City Council meeting. He wears fake beards and moustaches to change his appearance, and has been using words/speech to indicate he may have converted to being Muslim.
- Officer Safety – **Steven Vincent Stotler** was arrested after he snuck in to the "locked" area of the police headquarters this week. He was arrested for trespassing and resisting. He also slipped out of his handcuffs while in the holding facility here. He may be an anarchist, as he possessed a black wallet that had a red "A" and circle on it. Personnel should be aware of citizens trying to gain access to restricted areas in our building.
- Anarchists were claiming that damage was done to the Triangle Townhouses at 6<sup>th</sup> and Fawcett (just a couple blocks from the Pitch Pipe InfoShop). Officers did find paint ball damage done to these townhouses.

The meeting ended at 1420 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2008, in the Ops Conference Room.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-135

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** June 12, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 12, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held June 12, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Lt. Abuan, Sgt. Still, [REDACTED] and Calitis, RIG Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske. Two members from the National Guard 319<sup>th</sup> EOD also attended the meeting – Sergeant 1<sup>st</sup> Class Matuska, and Sergeant 1<sup>st</sup> Class Young. A

### RIG – Gary Smith

- There was some vandalism reported at the Wells Fargo Bank at 3607 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which occurred sometime between the evening hours of June 10 to the morning hours of June 11. Numerous windows were broken by rocks that were found inside the building. There was also graffiti left that said "Stop Prisons" and an anarchist symbol. On June 4, 2008, at a Wells Fargo Bank in Portland, OR, a window pane was smashed with a rock. Posted on an anarchist website after the Portland vandalism, a person wrote that "*this action is in solidarity with all those imprisoned in the ICE detention centers in the U.S., and all those imprisoned and oppressed by the industrial capitalist economy. Wells Fargo funds the GEO group, which runs the Guantanamo Bay detention center, as well as the ICE immigration detention center in Tacoma.*"
- In a WAJAC bulletin, it was reported that at a recent conference in Salt Lake City, Dr. Jerry Vlasak (a trauma surgeon in Southern California) had some startling words about methods used for the cause of animal liberation. He felt that it was morally acceptable to take human lives, if it saves the lives of many animals. Years ago, Dr. Vlasak was quoted as saying, "*I don't think you'd have to kill – assassinate – too many. I think for five lives, ten lives, fifteen human lives, we could save one million, two million - maybe ten million nonhuman lives.*" Hopefully, animal rights activists won't use this doctor's statements to justify violent acts against animal researchers, scientists, or facilities that conduct or support animal research.

The meeting ended at 1420 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2008, in the Ops Turnout Room, and all supervisors are invited to attend.

MRM:jtb





# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-154

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** July 8, 2008

**SUBJECT:** **HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 19, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held June 19, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, T/Captain Feddersen, T/Lt. B. Hayes, Sgts. R. Jepson, Habib and Still, RIG Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- Brianna Waters was sentenced on June 19, 2008, and received a prison sentence of six years.
- On June 17, a rock was thrown through the window of a downtown Bank of America in Olympia, possibly to protest the actions of the police on May Day.
- On Saturday, June 21, the Hells Angels are planning a poker run, which starts at the Masa Restaurant, 2811 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, at 1400 hours.
- On June 28, the Pitch Pipe Infoshop will be hosting a "Zine Release" party at 1700 hours, at 621 MLK Way. This event will include readings and a literature project. Anarchists from around the Puget Sound area will possibly attend this event.
- On Saturday, July 5, there will be a Global Day of Action Against Starbucks, to stand up for workers' rights and against globalization.
- On Friday, July 11, the second and final "Northwest No RNC! Consulta" will take place at the Pitch Pipe Infoshop at 621 MLK Way. They plan to "*analyze, strategize, and network in preparation to disrupt and ultimately crash the Republican National Convention on September 1-4.*"
- On July 12-13, there will be a Tacoma Anarchist Book Fair held at King's Books, 218 St. Helen's Avenue, from 1100-1700 hours each day.

### Sergeant R. Jepson – Upcoming Events

- **Friday, June 20 – Mormon Church Singles BBQ** at Franklin Park.
- **Saturday, June 21 – Andrew Mosely Benefit.** There will be a BBQ and other activities at People's Park.
- **Saturday, June 21 – Kayak Demonstration** – taking place at Owens Beach.
- **Saturday, June 21 – Trail Days** at Point Defiance Park.
- **Monday, June 23 – Community Prayer Outreach** Taking place at People's Park.
- **Saturday, June 21 – Place to Play/Dinner and Playhouses Under the Stars** – Fundraiser for the Children's Museum. Will take place on Broadway between So. 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, from 1700-2300 hours. Dinner will be served outside.
- **Wednesday, June 25 – Ceremony groundbreaking for the Goodwill "Opportunity Center"** – will take place at Goodwill (714 So. 27<sup>th</sup> Street) from 1130-1400 hours.
- **Saturday, June 28 – Private Summer Block Party/Potluck** – Will occur at No. 35<sup>th</sup> and Washington Street from 1700-2100 hours. There will be a road closure, and sixty people are expected.
- **June 28-30 – Taste of Tacoma** – Will occur in the Pt. Defiance area. The Gang Unit will be working the event. Sergeant Rob Jepson will be the Incident Commander each day, and have eight off-duty officers working the event.
- **Sunday, June 29 – Urban Art Festival** – Occurs at Fireman's Park at 8<sup>th</sup> and "A" Street, from 1200 to 2100 hours. There will be a wine/beer garden, and 1500 people are expected.
- **Wednesday, July 2 – Tall Ships enter Quartermaster Harbor.** TPD Command Post will be set up at 11<sup>th</sup> and "A" Street.

- **July 3-7 – Tall Ships** events occur. The last boat leaves on July 8.
- **Thursday, July 3 – Shore Leave** – The Downtown Business Association is sponsoring the event in Tollefson Plaza for the crew of the Tall Ships. Food will be served.
- **July 3-7 – Tacoma Summer and Maritime Art Show** – Occurs at 1551 Broadway Plaza.
- **Friday, July 4 – Block Party** – Private block party on Starr Street
- **Friday, July 4 – Block Party** – Private block party at No. 19<sup>th</sup> and Mason
- **Friday, July 4 – Block Party** – Private block party at 47<sup>th</sup> and East “K” Street
- **Friday, July 4 – Block Party** – Private block party at No. 28<sup>th</sup> and Carr Street
- **Friday, July 4 – Pier at Silver Cloud Hotel** – The hotel will be providing their own security, as this is the first year the pier will be used for their own private function.
- **Friday, July 4 – Freedom Fair.** WSP and other agencies will be assisting TPD with this event.
- **Saturday, July 12 – Out in the Park.** The GLBTQ event will take place from 0700-1800 hours at Lincoln Park.
- **Sunday, July 13 – Tacoma Buddhist Temple O Bon**
- **Sunday, July 13 – Art on the Ave.** Occurs on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Trafton to Oakes, from 0900-1800 hours. They expect up to 15,000 people to attend.
- **July 24-25/August 21-22 – Tacoma Fire Dept. “Fill the Boot.”** Annual charity drive at 38<sup>th</sup> and Steele Street.

Sergeant Rob Jepson is now on a committee that will revamp the planning of events at Metro Parks. The Police Department can be more involved in what functions will take place at park sites.

The meeting ended at 1440 hours.

MRM:jtb

# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum



**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-179

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** August 18, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 14, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held August 14, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, [REDACTED] RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- A Seattle Police Officer observed a motorcyclist from the "Rough Riders" wearing a WSP patch on his vest as he was flying colors, riding a motorcycle with a WA plate of [REDACTED]. The motorcyclist is **not a law enforcement officer**. His name is Jeremy Lynn, with the street name of "Irish Thug." He was seen hanging out with the Hells Angels. If officers come across any information on this Rough Riders' motorcycle group, they should forward the info to the Homeland Security Detail.
- The next big OMG motorcycle event is the Oyster Ride, which runs through Aberdeen to Ocean Shores, sometime in September.
- On August 9, off-duty officers from Seattle PD were involved in a disturbance in Sturgis, South Dakota, and a Seattle officer shot and wounded a Hells Angels' member. Officers should be cautious and vigilant during any contacts with outlaw motorcycle members and their associates, in case they retaliate against law enforcement officers.
- Seattle PD put out an Officer Safety bulletin on a Hells Angels' member by the name of **Anthony J. [REDACTED]**. He has a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest out of Seattle, and carries firearms. He has been involved in several felony and misdemeanor assaults over the last few years. He has obstructed law enforcement on prior contacts, and made veiled threats over the phone to a Seattle PD detective. There is information that claims he associates with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Hells Angel member who lives at [REDACTED].
- Received information that a subject by the name of **Peter Chong** is in custody at the I.C.E. Northwest Detention Center. Chong was convicted of racketeering and extortion in the late 1980's and early 1990s. He is serving 11.5 years in prison, and is described by prosecutors as the former leader of an Asian crime syndicate. It is unknown how long he may be at this facility.

The meeting ended at 1420 hours. The next meeting is planned for Thursday, August 21.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-181

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** August 22, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 21, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held August 21, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, [REDACTED] RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske. A

RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- Officers should be aware of a "Suspicious Person" bulletin on [REDACTED], [REDACTED] B  
Although [REDACTED] is not currently wanted, since being released from prison after serving 12 years for an arson bombing of an abortion clinic in Everett, he was again arrested for Arson in Snohomish, and twice for Trespassing in Everett at a church where he was disruptive and acting strange. He was recently contacted outside the Trinity Lutheran Church Daycare Center (12115 Park Avenue at PLU) after acting strangely. He is listed as homeless. If he is contacted, officers should check the Homeland Security Box on their report.
- There is still potential for retaliation by Hells Angels' members against law enforcement personnel in the aftermath of the Sturgis disturbance. [REDACTED] was identified wearing full Hells Angels colors at the Engine House 9 (611 N. Pine) on August 17. Seattle PD and WSP have received calls from citizens about the presence of HA members in the area. B

RIG – Gary Smith

- A wanted bulletin from Lakewood PD was posted on [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is wanted for PSP 2nd, Identity Theft, and Forgery for purchases he made at Lakewood's Target, Verizon Wireless, and Burlington Coat Factory stores. He is identified as a 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Hilltop Crip, and may be armed. B
- Employees of the Maritime Spill Response Corporation (MSRC) have been having a labor dispute/demonstration regarding union issues. Some Longshoremen have been sympathetic to their cause, and have joined their protest.

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[REDACTED], H/M, who was arrested for having fertilizer and supposed "explosive devices" in his work locker at his job at 1200 Alexander, had the charges NCF'ed. He was sent to Western State for an evaluation for his Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. It is believed that the ingredients he had were used to make "smoke bombs."

The meeting ended at 1425 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28, and is open to all supervisors.

MRM:jtb



# **TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **Intra-Departmental Memorandum**

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-185

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** August 28, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 28, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held August 28, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lt. Abuan, Sgt. Still, Detective Wimmer, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, September 6 – Pierce County AIDS Walk** – from 0900-1300 hours. Held on the sidewalks downtown around UW and So. 11<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **Saturday, September 6 – Music and Murals** – from 1100-1730 hours, at People's Park, sponsored by MLKHDA.
- **Saturday, September 6 – Block Party** – from 1300-2200 hours, on Mason Street, between No. 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Sunday, September 7 – Bank to Bay Run** – from 0800-1200 hours, from South 17<sup>th</sup> and Pacific Avenue to Shenanigans.
- **Saturday, September 13 – Block Party** – from 1200 to 2100 hours, on No. 29<sup>th</sup> Street between Puget Sound and Warner.
- **Saturday/Sunday – September 13-14 – Commencement Bay Maritime Fest**, from 1000-1800 hours, at Thea's Park.
- **Thursday, September 18 – Puget Sound Revels/Tacoma Sings** – from 1830-2000 hours, on the Chihuly Bridge of Glass.
- **Friday, September 19 – Muscular Dystrophy Association/Bates Fill The Boot** – from 0900-1800 hours, at 74<sup>th</sup> and STW.
- **Saturday, September 20 – Ride4Us Bicycle Ride** – from 0730-1600 hours, starting in Pt. Defiance and then on various roads in the Puget Sound region.
- **Saturday, September 20 – Neighborhood Watch Block Party** – from 1200-1400 hours, at East 60<sup>th</sup> and "M" Street.
- **Saturday, September 27 – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk/Wheel/Run Distance for Dystonia** – from 1000-1300 hours, held on Ruston Way sidewalks.

### Captain Miller :

- Attended the preliminary meeting at DEM regarding the Homeland Security Grant Funds for 2008. The total grant was for almost \$1.2 million, but that amount was reduced to purchase certain previously agreed upon items (ventilators in case a pandemic occurs, interoperability issues, etc.). There is approximately \$650,000 to \$700,000 left that is available for Region 5 to spend on terrorism-related purchases. Of this amount, at least 25% will go towards law enforcement. Once all the members of the region come to an agreement on what items should be purchased, then the Regional Coordinating Council and the State have to approve the items before the list is sent to the federal government for their approval.
- The Puyallup Fair will be starting next week. There is no indication of a terrorist threat to the Fair at this time, but there is always the potential.

RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- The Seattle Police Officer and several others involved in the incident with Hells Angels members at Sturgis were indicted on charges. There is still potential for retaliation by Hells Angels' members against law enforcement personnel in the aftermath.
- Two times in the last week, full semi-trailers were stolen. One was from Bekins' Storage in Tacoma that contained copper wiring. The second trailer was stolen from Lakewood Moving and contained furniture. There may be a pattern developing in the theft of semi-trailers.

RIG – Gary Smith

- The annual Gypsy Joker Labor Day Ride and camp-out at 18504 SR 70, in Elbe, will take place from August 29-September 1. This is a mandatory ride, so it is expected that 65+ members and their families will be attending. Other OMG's that may attend include the Outsiders and Hells Angels.
- The Hombres OMG have a Road Kill BBQ and camp-out at Royal Arch Park (20821 Maple Valley SE) from August 29-September 1. If any officer contacts are made on members of this group, please forward the information to Homeland Security.
- The Amigo OMG will be sponsoring a motorcycle run and camp-out called "The Run to the Crosses," located at Money Creek Campground, U.S. Hwy 2 and the Old Cascade Highway in Skykomish, from August 29-September 1.
- Schools start next week, and there is always a potential for violence the first couple days of school starting. Last Thursday, a student was shot and killed in his Tennessee high school.
- The Pitchpipe Info Shop at 621 Martin Luther King Jr. Way is closing. They may move to a different location in the city.
- The Islamic observance of Ramadan begins Tuesday, September 2, and continues for 30 days.
- The Jewish holy day of Rosh Hashanah runs from September 29 to October 1.

The meeting ended at 1435 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-200

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** September 12, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held September 11, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, Sgt. Still, Detective Wimmer, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Captain Miller

- Discussed the Homeland Security equipment grant for 2008. Although not yet approved, the top item on the list submitted is for a wireless control for the TPD EOD robot. If approved by all groups, it could still take a year or more to receive.

### RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- An ATL bulletin was circulated/posted on [REDACTED], [REDACTED], who is the suspect in a vehicular homicide investigation that resulted in the death of a bicyclist in Puyallup.
- An Officer Safety bulletin was circulated/posted on [REDACTED]. Melillo was arrested at the Calico Cat Motel (8821 Pacific Avenue) for possession of a handgun and UPCS. Melillo possessed a large amount of "torture porn" items and photographs.

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### RIG – Gary Smith

- Senior U.S. intelligence officials have raised concerns about al-Qaeda's renewed capacity to carry out major terrorist attacks anywhere in the world. Now, there are possibly many smaller 3-4 person cells throughout the world that plan and can carry out terrorist attacks, all in the name of "al-Qaeda." Some officials think the single greatest threat to our nation would be a nuclear, chemical, or biological weapon in the hands of terrorists. In the past, terrorists have made major attention-getting moves just prior to and soon after U.S. elections.
- On September 11, 2008, there was a large fire in the Britain/France tunnel, with several injuries occurring. There is no evidence at this time to indicate it was a terrorist act.
- A shipment of military vehicles, helicopter parts, and cargo containers will tentatively arrive at the Port of Tacoma on October 3. It is unknown how long the shipment will remain there before being transported to Fort Lewis.
- The World Can't Wait campaign is usually held in October, but there is no information on the date/location of the event at this time.
- **Benjamin Goodman** was stopped by Puyallup Police after making some worrisome statements about "being on a mission." He was transported to the Crisis Triage Center in Tacoma for a mental health evaluation. Goodman has a long history of run-ins with law enforcement.

### Detective Wimmer

Pipe bombs have been placed in the yard of 6423 So. "I" Street. It is believed this is domestic related, with the ex-husband as the suspect ([REDACTED] [REDACTED] with a LKA of [REDACTED] [REDACTED]).

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The meeting ended at 1425 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18.

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*To create a safe and secure environment in which to live, work, and visit by working together with the community, enforcing the law in a fair and impartial manner, preserving the peace and order in our neighborhoods, and safeguarding our constitutional guarantees.*



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-201

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** September 19, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 18, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held September 18, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, Sergeant Still, RIG Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

### Sergeant Still

The Equipment Committee of the Regional Coordinating Council met this week to finalize the equipment request for the 2008 Homeland Security Grant Program. The law enforcement items came in under budget, and were approved county-wide. The equipment request list now needs to be approved by the Regional Coordinating Council, before it is sent to the state and federal government for final approval.

### RIG – Mike Kortjohn

- There is still potential for retaliation by Hells Angels' members against law enforcement personnel in the aftermath of the Sturgis disturbance. Most of the charges were dropped against the Seattle officer involved in the shooting, and he is back in Washington. On 9-16-08, WSP stopped [REDACTED] traveling northbound on I-5 from Portland in a rented Toyota 4-Runner. Lerz appears to be associated with the Hells Angels (HA), and his brother is an office holder in the Cleveland Chapter of the HA. Lerz is from the Ohio area, but he flew into Portland and then drove to Seattle. Due to the recent shooting in Sturgis, Lerz is a person of interest because of the unusual route he took to come to Seattle. B
- A traffic stop was made by TPD on 9-18-08, on a subject by the name of [REDACTED] Hadeed was flying the Hells Angels' colors, works in Seattle, and was visiting a "friend" in Tacoma. Officers should be aware of the increased activity of Hells Angels' members in our area. B
- There is a nationwide "40 Days for Life Pro-Life Campaign" to be held from September 24, through November 2, 2008. The campaign intends to hold activities at numerous locations throughout the state, to include the Planned Parenthood office at 813 MLK Jr. Way, in Tacoma. Officers should be aware of the recently posted "Suspicious Person" bulletin on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] served time for the arson bombing of an abortion clinic in Everett. He was recently contacted outside the Trinity Lutheran Church Daycare Center (12115 Park Avenue at PLU) after acting strangely. He is listed as homeless. If he is contacted, officers should check the Homeland Security Box on their report. B
- There are known anarchists living at [REDACTED] There is a possibility that this is the new address for the Pitchpipe Info Shop.
- On the morning of 9-17-08, an employee of the U.S. Oil Refinery (3001 Marshall Avenue) observed a brown PT Cruiser drive onto the property there through the open truck gate. When he approached the vehicle, the car turned around and left the lot. The driver of the vehicle was observed taking pictures of the U.S. Oil Refinery property. The vehicle license ([REDACTED] came back registered to [REDACTED] [REDACTED], with an Orting address. B
- On September 17, a TPD officer found a homemade anarchist shield laying against an exterior wall at 536 Broadway. The shield was made of plywood, with nylon strip handles.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, in the CID Conference Room. All supervisors are invited to this month-end meeting, as upcoming events will be discussed.





# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-205

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** September 26, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 25, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held September 25, 2008, at 1500 hours, in the CID Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Sergeants Rob Jepson and Still, [REDACTED], RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske. A

### Captain Miller

Has received feedback that officers have been checking the "homeland security" block on police reports for no explainable reason. Officers should only check the "homeland security" block on the report if they believe the information is relative to these concerns.

### Upcoming Events – Sergeant R. Jepson

- **Saturday, October 4 – Heart Walk** – from 0800-1200 hours. Held in downtown Tacoma.
- **Saturday, October 11 – Making Strides for Breast Cancer** – 0600-1300 hrs. They will be walking from Stadium High School to Wright Park.
- **Friday, October 31 – Proctor Treats** – 1500-1800 hours. Held in the Proctor District.
- A shipment of military vehicles, helicopter parts, and cargo containers will tentatively arrive at the Port of Tacoma on October 9. When the ship arrives, there will be six officers a day working security. From October 14-18, security staffing will increase up to fourteen officers a day, if needed.

- [REDACTED]
- Asked that officers coming in contact with anyone from a supremacy extremist group (White Power, Neo-Nazi, Skinhead), to do an FIR on them and check the Homeland Security block. A subject by the name of **Matthew Ramsey**, who lives in Portland, Oregon, has been communicating with extremists in this area. It is possible he is trying to organize a white supremacist group in our area. A
  - [REDACTED] a white supremacist who lives near Temple Beth El, was listed as the victim in a report, when two Black males threw rocks at his residence.
  - The Tacoma Students for a Democratic Society held their first meeting this school year on September 9, at the UPS campus in Tacoma.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- There is a nationwide "40 Days for Life Pro-Life Campaign" to be held from September 24, through November 2, 2008. The campaign intends to hold activities at numerous locations throughout the state, to include the Planned Parenthood office at 813 MLK Jr. Way, in Tacoma. Officers should be aware of the recently posted "Suspicious Person" bulletin on [REDACTED], [REDACTED] served time for the arson bombing of an abortion clinic in Everett. He was recently contacted outside the Trinity Lutheran Church Daycare Center (12115 Park Avenue at PLU) after acting strangely. He is listed as homeless. If he is contacted, officers should check the Homeland Security Box on their report. B
- With the current banking/financial crisis, anarchist websites are encouraging local activists to target banks with graffiti and breaking windows. If officers take reports on damage done to banks, the "homeland security" box should be checked.
- The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) website announced an upcoming "So'Just 2008 Festival for Social Justice," which will take place on Saturday, October 4, at 1400 hours, at the Evergreen State College campus (1210 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Tacoma).

### RIG – Mike Kortjohn

The Gf Coffeehouse is expected to open in Tillicum in November.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-209

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** October 3, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 2, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held October 2, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captains Miller and Strickland, RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

Captain Miller

Would like the RIG analysts to start attending the security meetings at the Port of Tacoma regarding the arrival of the upcoming military shipment.

RIG – Gary Smith

Discussed the current concerns about graffiti/vandalism possibly targeting the Point Ruston project. There have been postings on anarchist websites that report graffiti damage done to billboards around the area announcing this project. They are asking supporters to "stop spectating – join in," and that "all condos are subject to attack." It is believed that minor vandalisms have occurred to condos in the Tacoma area, but may appear to be so minor that the owners are not reporting it to the police. If officers become aware of damage related to condos or the Point Ruston project, they should let Homeland Security know.

National Primate Liberation Week takes place from October 11-19. It is possible that supporters may try to vandalize/target research centers where they believe lab animals are confined.

Researchers at the Universities of WA and California have created a LoJack-type program for laptop computers. This free software called "Adeona" reports the laptop's location when it connects to the Internet.

The Jewish Holiday, Yom Kippur, is October 9.

RIG – Mike Kortjohn

A report was taken on 9/28/08, of a graffiti vandalism at 7645 So. "D" Street. Swastikas, a racial slur, and the numbers "14/88" were spray painted in black paint on the garage door. It is unknown if the family was targeted because of their race, or if this was in retaliation for telling some unwanted people to leave the residence.

The meeting ended at 1435 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for October 9, at 1400 hours.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-218

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** October 14, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 9, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held October 9, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captains Miller and Strickland, Lt. Abuan, Sgt. Still, Detective Wimmer, RIG Mike Kortjohn, and Secretary Boneske.

Captain Miller

The Dept. of Emergency Management came to the department on 10/9/08, to inspect equipment we received from homeland security grants.

Lieutenant Abuan

The Millennium protective APR gas masks have arrived in Seattle for delivery.

Sergeant Still

The 2008 Homeland Security Budget for our region has been approved by the RCC, and has now been forwarded to the State for their approval of the items proposed for purchase.

RIG – Mike Kortjohn

Four newspaper delivery vans belonging to The Olympian were vandalized when six tires were slashed. Anarchists are claiming responsibility for this on activist websites. The Nihilist Assault Group (NAG) may have been involved in this activity. Activists are targeting this newspaper business, claiming they "...*print nothing but the crudest form of patriotic hysteria...The Olympian has always been a willing mouthpiece of this fascist government....*" Websites claim the Olympia Police Department and The Olympian newspaper are supporting the Iraq war, and want to gentrify downtown Olympia.

The National Day of Anti-war Action is on October 11. There will be a demonstration in Seattle at Pratt Park at noon.

A full patch member of the "Sons of Silence" motorcycle gang was observed in the Bonney Lake area. This OMG is one of the most violent in the country, and is based out of Colorado. They have ties to white supremacy, and supposedly allied recently with the Mongols MC, which may have established a chapter in Washington State. The Mongols have been feuding with the Hells Angels for thirty years, and tensions are high after a Hells Angels' member was killed in California recently. With the recent sightings of these OMG members, there might be some sort of retaliation in the works. Officers should report any sightings/contacts with these members to Homeland Security.

The Regional Intelligence Group will start to create a separate bulletin each week that will include county-wide information on street gangs, motorcycle gangs, hate groups, and new trends. This will be separate from the usual weekly Homeland Security Bulletin.

The meeting ended at 1420 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, at 1400 hours.

MRM:jtb

*To create a safe and secure environment in which to live, work, and visit by working together with the community, enforcing the law in a fair and impartial manner, preserving the peace and order in our neighborhoods, and safeguarding our constitutional guarantees.*



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-224

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** October 21, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 16, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held October 16, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, RIG Gary Smith, and Secretary Boneske.

### RIG – Gary Smith

The FBI put out a bulletin regarding the increase in missing/stolen Transportation Security Administration (TSA) uniforms, equipment, and badges, along with other types of official uniforms during the last couple of months. Some disappearances may be contributed to employee theft, but others have been taken through vehicle prowls and burglaries. In Iraq and other areas overseas, there have been terrorist attacks carried out by suspects wearing unauthorized uniforms.

Vice Presidential Candidate Senator Joe Biden is planning on speaking at Cheney Stadium in the afternoon on Sunday, October 19. TPD Officers will be assisting with security.

“National Night Out Against Police Brutality” is being held Wednesday, October 22. There are demonstrations scheduled in Seattle and Olympia, but nothing in Pierce County at this time.

October 18 through November 5, 2008, is the fourth annual International Earth Nights’ call to action “*in defense of the earth and all its inhabitants.*” This group is in support of the arsons that occurred to five buildings and four ski lifts in Colorado over the last ten years. The group is asking supporters to demonstrate “*through the spirit of mischievous mayhem and a diversity of tactics...to Give Capitalism the Creeps.*” An online blog suggested that anarchists throughout the Great Lakes and Midwest gather on Halloween and take part in illegal activities.

The UCLA Police are investigating claims that unfired shotgun shells were placed in the tailpipes of vehicles and vans belonging to animal research facilities/personnel.

Canadian RCMP are investigating two explosions targeting a gas pipeline near Dawson Creek, on the B.C.-Alberta border. Both explosions appear to be a deliberate act. These explosions caused damage that left a crater in the ground under the pipeline, but did not rupture the pipeline. One explosion took place a day after a suspicious letter was sent to local media outlets, demanding that local oil and gas companies leave town.

Britain is under an intensely high threat level, and British security forces are monitoring “another great plot” they believe terrorists are involved with.

Several tire slashing incidents have occurred in Olympia recently to vehicles that had military license plates or military stickers displayed.

The meeting ended at 1440 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, at 1400 hours.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-238

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** November 18, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 6, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held November 6, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lt. Abuan, Sgts. Still, Travis, and R. Jepson, RIG Gary Smith, and secretaries Boneske and Bostain.

### Upcoming Events – Sergeant R. Jepson

- **Tuesday, November 11 – Veterans' Day Celebration** – from 1400-1600 hours, held at War Memorial Park.
- **Saturday, November 15 – Centennial Gala** – from 1700-1900 hours, at the Wright Park Observatory.
- **Friday, November 21 – Whitman Elementary Turkey Trot** – from 0915-1100 hours.
- **Thursday, November 27 – Northeast Tacoma Turkey Trot** – Start time at 0930 hours, sponsored by Metro Parks.

### Captain Miller

A military shipment will be arriving by ship into the Port of Tacoma on November 21. There will be 236 pieces of retrograde equipment being unloaded and transported by truck and rail. Officers will be providing 24-hour security to guard the sensitive equipment inside the fenced area of the Port. At the present time, they are not asking for police support for the protest zone, as they hope there will be no problems.

A pandemic flu exercise is being conducted by the Health Department from November 11-18, 2008. There will be minimal participation by TPD officers.

### Detective Wimmer

The TPD EOD Team will be training with the Army EOD Team in a couple weeks.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- In October, while serving a narcotics search warrant, a PCSO Deputy found a round cylinder with a digital timer and some cables in the trunk of a vehicle. When one of the cables was moved, the digital counter started counting backwards, and the deputy thought it was an explosive device and timer. It turned out to be a Car Stereo Capacitor, which is used to boost amplification in car stereos. Officers should be aware that this device can cause shock hazards if an officer were to disassemble it and touch the wires.
- Activists are still targeting and vandalizing Wells Fargo banks around the country. On 10-25-08, a group of people smashed several windows at a Wells Fargo home mortgage office in the Old Town area of Tacoma.
- A military recruiting office in Lacey was vandalized by a cinder block thrown through the window, along with graffiti anarchist symbols painted on the building.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Student Walkout Against U.S. Militarism and the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan" takes place on Friday, November 14. Students and supporters are to meet at South Puget Sound College (in Olympia) at 1000 hours.
- On November 22, 2008, there are planned protests called "END THE FED" at Federal Reserve banks and offices around the country. Activists are trying to demand an end to private banker control over the nation's money supply, and return to a commodity backed monetary system. The nearest protests taking place are in Seattle and Portland, Oregon.

- There have been sixty-four letters containing white powder sent to bank institutes around the country. In Tacoma, a law office received a letter containing white powder and the message "*Death in 2009*." The powder was tested and found to not be a dangerous substance. It is unknown how many of these may be copycat letters.
- The Mongols OMG activity has increased in our area/state. It appears they are recruiting Hispanics. The Mongols are enemies of the Hells Angels. In October, a Mongol member was killed in Glendale, California. This may have been in retaliation for the murder of a Hells Angel member earlier this year.
- Activity by white extremists seems to be increasing. Recently, two Neo-Nazi skinheads were arrested in Tennessee for being involved in a plot to assassinate Barack Obama and kill dozens of African Americans. They had planned to shoot 88 Black people, and decapitate an additional 14 people. (The numbers 88 and 14 are symbolic in the white supremacist community.)

The meeting ended at 1435 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, at 1400 hours.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-242

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** November 19, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 13, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held November 13, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lt. Abuan, Sgt. Still, [REDACTED] RIG Gary Smith and Mike Kortjohn, and secretary Boneske. A

### Captain Miller

A new procedure has been instituted for notifying jurisdictions when the state releases violent offenders from prison into our county. When this occurs, the state sends a "County of Origin" letter to the law enforcement agency of the county where the person is being released to. The RIG personnel will be using this information to create and send out officer safety updates on released offenders into our community.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- The shipment of military equipment should be arriving at the Port of Tacoma on November 21, at 0530 hours. There will be 236 pieces of retrograde equipment being unloaded and transported by truck and rail. It is expected that the ship will be gone by November 23, but the unloaded items may not be completely moved until December 3. The equipment will be sent to numerous locations around the country. Officers will be providing 24-hour security to guard the sensitive equipment inside the fenced area of the Port.
- Another commercial ship will be coming into the Port of Tacoma on December 15, with sixty Strykers onboard. They will be transported to Fort Lewis.
- The second annual "Student Walkout Against U.S. Militarism and the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan" takes place on Friday, November 14. Students and supporters are to meet at South Puget Sound College (in Olympia) at 1000 hours.
- On November 15, there is a Solidarity Rally in Sylvester Park (Olympia) to support the twenty-six people that were arrested for protesting in Olympia earlier in the year. These twenty-six people are now going through criminal trials.
- The Earth Liberation Front (ELF) threatened the incoming Obama administration to take immediate action to reverse the trend of global warming and environmental destruction; otherwise ELF might take action. One of the new press officers for the ELF organization stated, "*The incoming Obama Administration's plan for the environment, or lack thereof, may very well influence the activities of the Earth Liberation Front throughout the next four years.*"
- Britain is on a very intense terrorism alert. Security officials are convinced al-Qaeda cells will attempt another terrorist attack in Britain, possibly involving major transport centers such as airports or train stations as the most likely targets.
- The Tacoma Mall has been receiving numerous fake bomb threats being called in. The calls can't be traced because they are being made from an older style cell phone that had the account closed, and is probably only able to make free 911 calls now. Recently, someone has been calling the Tacoma Mall management complaining that he was ejected from the Mall for wearing a Juggalo costume. Maybe it is coincidental that both of these things happened recently, or they could be related.

The meeting ended at 1425 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, at 1400 hours.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-244

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** November 20, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 20, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held November 20, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, Lt. Abuan, Sgt. Still, [REDACTED] RIG Gary Smith, and secretary Boneske. A

[REDACTED]  
The last false bomb threat called into the Tacoma Mall was on Saturday, November 15. The calls can't be traced because they are being made from an older style cell phone that had the account closed, and is probably only able to make free 911 calls. The voice of the caller sounds like he is a male in his 30's to 50's.

### Lieutenant Abuan

- An UASI grant application for a new EOD bomb response vehicle was recently submitted to Tom Symonds of DEM.
- A grant application was also submitted to Judy Harmon of DEM, seeking approval for twenty people from the Tacoma/Pierce County area to visit Thailand for training on terrorism topics.
- Is trying to obtain grant money from DEM to teach hazard preparedness training to Tacoma Mall employees.

### RIG – Gary Smith

- The shipment of military equipment will be arriving at the Port of Tacoma on Friday, November 21, at 0530 hours. There will be 236 pieces of retrograde equipment being unloaded and transported by truck and rail. RIG hasn't seen anything posted on activist websites regarding this shipment.
- Another commercial ship will be coming into the Port of Tacoma on December 15, with sixty Strykers onboard. They will be transported to Fort Lewis.
- Jesse Hill was arrested by PCSD this week, for a DWLS warrant, when he visited the County-City Building.
- "Fur Free Friday" will be November 28 (the day after Thanksgiving), when animal activists throughout the country are encouraging supporters to hold demonstrations in front of Nordstrom stores. The local animal activist groups supporting this are Northwest Animal Rights Network (NARN), Action for Animals (AFA), and In Defense of Animals (IDA).
- "Black Friday" is November 28 (the day after Thanksgiving), and usually one of the largest shopping days of the year. There is the likely potential for officers to be called out to stores and the Mall for fights, shoplifting and car prowls.
- The Olympia Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was recently vandalized by someone squirting glue into the door locks. Protestors around the country have been targeting Mormon churches because of their stance on California's Proposition 8 – the prohibition of gay marriage. No problems have been reported in this area at Mormon churches.

The meeting ended at 1425 hours. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 4, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. All supervisors will be invited to this meeting.

MRM:jtb





# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.N. #:** 08-255

**FROM:** Captain Michael Miller  
Homeland Security Division Commander

**DATE:** December 12, 2008

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 11, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held December 11, 2008, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Conference Room. Present were Captain Miller, RIG Gary Smith, and secretaries Boneske and Whitman.

RIG – Gary Smith

- Another commercial ship will be coming into the Port of Tacoma with sixty Stryker vehicles onboard, tentatively on December 21. They plan on downloading the equipment on December 22-23. The Strykers will be transported to Fort Lewis.
- There was a protest at Tollefson Plaza on Thursday, December 11, from 1100-1300 hours. The protest was to show solidarity with the rioters in Greece, after a teen protestor carrying a Molotov cocktail was shot and killed by police in Greece recently.
- On Saturday, December 13, there will be an "ICE Action" gathering at 9<sup>th</sup> and Pacific Avenue, from 1300-1400 hours. Supporters will be distributing leaflets and talking to people about their objections of having the Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) facility in our city. This assembly is **not** calling for people to cause vandalism or take aggressive action.
- The U.S. Coast Guard has received information that the Trident Seafoods' companies may be targeted for direct action. Activists believe Trident Seafoods is responsible for endangering the sea lion and humpback whale population by catching too many pollock fish in Alaska. Officers should be alert for any suspicious activity by water or land around the Trident Seafoods' business at 401 E. Alexander Avenue.
- Recently, several windows were smashed at a condominium in Olympia, and graffiti and paint bomb damage was also done to the building. Unknown suspects are claiming that gentrification is the reason for the damage. Activists are angry that the Olympia City Council approved the building permit for these buildings.
- Letters filled with white powder have been mailed to at least eight governors around the country, to include the states of Alabama, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Maine, and Rhode Island. Tests have shown that the powder is not dangerous, but they are still trying to determine what the substance is.

The meeting ended at 1425 hours. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 18, at 1400 hours, in the Ops Turnout Room. Sergeant Rob Jepson will be providing information on upcoming events, and all supervisors are invited to attend this meeting.

MRM:jtb



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.B. #:** 09 - 13

**FROM:** Captain Mike Miller  
Homeland Security Commander

**DATE:** January 9, 2009

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 18, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held at 1400 hours in the Operations Bureau Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, RIG Gary Smith, Lieutenant Tony Abuan, and Scribe Whitman.

### Gary Smith - RIG

- Ship will be coming to the Blair Waterway Terminal where it is more secure. The equipment will be moved on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and if not complete, will finish on December 27<sup>th</sup>.
- An arrest has been made in the Oregon bombing of a bank. It seems the responsible party is a member of the "Right Wing Constitutionalist" Group.

### Lieutenant Tony Abuan

- Envelopes with white powder in them are being mailed to the Governor of Texas and seventeen (17) were mailed to Embassies.
- A second person was shot and killed by someone using a laser light. These individuals use them to temporarily blind the victim.
- One arrest made during the protest at 9<sup>th</sup> and Commerce last week-end.

The meeting concluded at 1424 hours. Due to holiday schedules, the next meeting will be January 8, 2009.

MRM:paw



# TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Intra-Departmental Memorandum

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.B. #:** 09 - 14

**FROM:** Lieutenant Tony Abuan  
Homeland Security Admin

**DATE:** January 9, 2009

**SUBJECT: HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – January 8, 2008**

The Homeland Security Meeting was held at 1400 hours. Present were RIG Gary Smith, Lieutenant Tony Abuan, [REDACTED] Detective Todd Wimmer, Sergeant Dan Still, and Scribe Pat Whitman. A

Sergeant Dan Still:

- Nothing to report regarding equipment

Detective Todd Wimmer:

- Nothing to report

Gary Smith - RIG

- Hells Angels are now using pens, which allow 100 to 200 hours of recording time, during encounters with law enforcement. These pens are marketed on line as "Livescribe" pen. Apparently they are using these pens when they encounter law enforcement personnel.
- Hamas protesters continue holding vigils in downtown Tacoma. Usually they gather during busy times of the day to try to impact traffic as much as possible.
- **KUDOS** to School Patrol Officer Terry Girard and Curt Grindley for their excellent work in identifying and documenting an incident that occurred in the early morning hours on the football field at Giaudrone Middle School. These subjects were dressed in civilian clothes and appeared to be in some sort of squad formation. It appears they are Para-military type participants who gather before school starts to practice military formation and marching. When the subjects were contacted, they stated their business there was "a secret." They then got into their cars and drove off. The School Patrol Officers did get the license plates and descriptions of the vehicles. Officer Girard stated that this incident had the appearance of some type of militant or militaristic activity. If this type of activity is found other places please contact RIG Gary Smith.

[REDACTED]  
Nothing to report

Lieutenant Tony Abuan

- On January 15, Lieutenant Abuan, [REDACTED] and Sergeant Still are taking a tour of the NW Detention Center.

The meeting adjourned at 1420 hours. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 15 at 1400 hours.

TA:paw



# **TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **Intra-Departmental Memorandum**

**TO:** Department Supervisors  
Homeland Security Committee Members

**O.B. #:** 09 - 30

**FROM:** Captain Mike Miller  
Homeland Security Commander

**DATE:** January 15, 2009

**SUBJECT:** HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING MINUTES – January 15, 2008

The Homeland Security Meeting was held at 1400 hours in the Operations Bureau Turnout Room. Present were Captain Miller, Detective Al Calitis, Mike Kortjohn, and Scribe Whitman.

Mike Kortjohn:

- Anarchist activity picking up – Chris and Gary are working with the FBI on this
- No threats regarding the election yet – still monitoring web activity
- Vandalism at Catholic church in Olympia – windows broken, toothpicks in the door locks and glue squirted inside
- Call in threat at Temple Beth El by private cell phone – handled by Jack Nasworthy – will continue to monitor activity on Middle Eastern web sites
- Canadian musical group called “Leper” is coming to Tacoma on April 11 – watching activity associated with this band – while in Los Angeles, one of the roadies vandalized several animal research facilities in cities where they performed.

The meeting concluded at 1412 hours. The next meeting will be January 29, 2009.

MRM:paw