



TACOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Intra-Departmental Memorandum

TO: Department Supervisors
Homeland Security Committee Members

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FROM: Captain Charles Meinema
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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, RJC 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

Barnboo 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. [REDACTED] 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.

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