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Central New York Association of Chiefs of Police

POLICE ACADEMY SEEKING INTEREST IN PURSUIT MANAGEMENT COURSE



Sgt. Mike Asmolik of CNY Police Academy talks about Pursuit Management Course

Sergeant Mike Asmolik of the Central New York Police Academy made a presentation at the December meeting of the Central New York Association of Chiefs of Police. The Academy hopes to bring the Police Pursuit Issues for Managers and Supervisors (PPIMS) Training Program to Central New York next year.

The three day course is designed to train managers and supervisors to better address issues involving vehicle pursuit, and to aid managers in evaluating, developing and revising policies dealing with pursuits. The program addresses manager and supervisor responsibilities during pursuit and the explosive issue of concluding the pursuit safely. The program also discusses the critical need for training that will ensure compliance with pursuit policies.

During Sgt. Asmolik's presentation, he mentioned some provoking questions which will be asked during the course such as:

- When you repair a police tire, is it plugged and patched?

- Do you have an SUV in police service? Do you have a policy for high center-of-gravity pursuit vehicles? If so, are employees trained in them? Can you document that training?
- Do pursuing police units call out actual speeds during the pursuit?
- Does your pursuit policy limit the number of pursuing police units? If so, what are the ramifications if a fleeing vehicle contains 4 armed bank robbers?

After the presentation, funding for the course was brought up for discussion. It was the general consensus of those represented (no quorum present) that Chiefs would be willing to pay a fee for this training. If the course comes together, the Academy would likely ask for commitments from agencies in advance of retaining the services of the PPIMS group from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia.



Winter Weather Interferes with December Meeting

Heavy snow and poor travel conditions resulted in a small turnout for the CNYACOP December meeting at the Fireside Inn in Baldwinsville. There were about a dozen voting members in attendance, just short of a quorum. Certain issues from the December agenda will be carried over

for action at the January meeting. Even though it was a small gathering, it was a very nice time for those who were able to make it to Baldwinsville.



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Membership News

The following items will be on the agenda for the January 2008 meeting:

- Nomination of Chief Tom Boyce, Cayuga Heights Police Department (unable to vote on this Old Business item due to lack of quorum at December meeting)
 - Nomination of John Pikus, FBI
 - Nomination of Mike Burg, Liverpool Police Department
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COPS Survivor & Response Training

You may recall that earlier this year, CNYACOP requested that the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS) consider bringing their Survivor and Response Training program to Central New York. Well... it will be here! Scheduled dates are March 5-7, 2008 at the East Syracuse Fire Station #2 on Sanders Creek Parkway. According to Erin Bishop, COPS Program Planner, some of the topics to be discussed at the training include:

- Police victimization.
- Research findings from agencies and survivors.
- Police suicide.
- Disabled officers.
- The stages of grieving.
- Male grief vs. female grief.
- The trauma of losing a co-worker.
- The role of CISD.
- Diffusing and debriefing.

- Support programs/ organizations.

Unfortunately, for the first time in twelve years, Department of Justice funding for this program has been cut. In an effort to find financial support for this program, CNY-ACOP President Mark Spawn is working with Assemblyman Will Barclay's office in an attempt to locate support for the program. The COPS office is also attempting to find support from another source as well. We'll keep you posted!



Syracuse News Station Plans New Resource

Our membership has long been aware of the cooperative support from local news media. The most proactive public awareness campaigns have come from Christie Casciano at 9WSYR in Syracuse. Christie's "On The Lookout" segments have profiled a number of crime and public safety issues—everything from fugitives wanted for murder, sex offenders, drug traffickers as well as traffic safety issues and crime prevention tips.

News Director Jim Tortora explained 9WSYR's latest concept: "NewsChannel 9/9wsyr.com is developing a special web page dedicated to catching Central New York's 'most wanted' criminals. We've been working with many of you to highlight specific cases and had great success. But those efforts have been scattered, and we'd like to put them under one web clearinghouse called *On the Lookout*. We've seen a great willingness from citizens to become involved in catching the bad guys. Together, we can create an invaluable resource."



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Christie Casciano hosts 9WSYR's "On The Lookout" crime segments

The NewsChannel 9 plan is to host, support and maintain the web site. But first. They want to get as many agencies on board as possible. Mr. Tortora said, "For now, we're proposing that police e-mail or deliver photos or video directly to us. We are also working on a password-protected interface that would allow police to post material directly. The database would be tied to 9wsyr.com, but could have a look and separate address so as not to limit interest to NewsChannel 9 viewers only. This site could easily expand beyond CNY if desired."

CNYACOP President Mark Spawn commented, "The partnership we have enjoyed with Christie and NewsChannel 9 has been remarkable. The ability to publicize wanted persons and crime information to a large population has enhanced public safety in Central New York and beyond. We look forward to this new initiative which will most certainly help police identify and locate more criminals and solve more crimes." Christie Casciano commented about the station's website, saying, "9wsyr.com already has 300,000 unique visitors each month, and combined with the power of CNY's #1 television station, we have a powerful platform from which to start!"

NewsChannel 9 is hoping to get this program up and ready early in 2008. Questions or comments? E-mail Jim Tortora at JimTortora@Clearchannel.com or Christie at ChristieCasciano@Clearchannel.com.

