



Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police (PICP) Secretariat

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PACIFIC ISLANDS CHIEFS OF POLICE
CC: PIFS, PIDC, OCO, PRPI, PILON
FROM: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TONY ANNANDALE
DATE: 9 JUNE 2008
SUBJECT: SECRETARIAT UPDATE

The intention of this memo is to provide you with a brief update concerning the recent activities of your Secretariat. I hope that regular communication in this form will reduce the time needed to cover routine matters and to report on project activity during the annual PICP Conference.

37th PICP Conference

Planning is underway for the 37th conference to be held in Samoa 1 - 4 September 2008. Invitations from Samoa will be sent soon. All participants will be accommodated at Aggie Greys, Apia. The Secretariat is busy organising the conference and need your assistance in agenda items. If you have an agenda item to be considered please send it to the Executive Director Superintendent Tony Annandale or the Secretariat officer Inspector Dave Potaka

New Staff

Ms Janine Monahan has recently commenced with the team as the Project Manager for the Human Rights - HIV/AIDS position. She has a very strong background in project management and has previously worked for the New Zealand Police (Policy), Corrections and in the Health Sector.

2008 Project Work

The assistance you and your staff provide during the visits of the secretariat staff is greatly appreciated. We understand how busy everyone is but without your valued input we would not be able to progress these projects.

Update on Future Directions in Pacific Policing (FDIPP) Project

The review into the capability and capacity of the PICP Secretariat to develop and deliver the Future directions programme work to meet the needs of the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police is well underway. The review team consisting of the Acting Director of the Palau Bureau of Public Safety and Fire Norvet Yano, Australian Federal Police Superintendent Tim Dahlstrom and New Zealand Police Superintendent Gary Smith met in Cairns in March and have been conducting wider consultations with key stakeholders. Another meeting is scheduled in Wellington on 18 - 20 June 2008 where it is hoped a draft paper will be provided to the chair and the working group.

HIV/AIDS and Human Rights

It has been almost a year since there has been a Project Manager in this position. During that time some momentum has been lost but the PICP Secretariat is now working to get the training manuals into final draft and ready to go out and commence training on HIV/AIDS. The training will be very specific to Police and will educate staff on how to professionally deal

with those who have HIV and to counteract myths around HIV/AIDS. The training will also focus on police staff taking personal responsibility in both their professional and personal lives to further reduce the likelihood of contracting sexually transmitted infections as well as HIV.

The training will also be able to be completed in a day; this allows the maximum amount of staff to attend training. All training will be in the Country where the officer's work, this allows for the training to look at the attendees culture and beliefs and how these interact with the topic.

Peacekeeping - selection and re-integration processes

The project team is currently undertaking research into selection criterion and post-mission strategies. They have commenced conducting interviews with relevant members in relation to this project. Once best practice has been identified and further interviews have been conducted, a model for Pacific Island Countries will be formulated for presentation at the annual PICP Conference. Earlier surveys submitted have now been replaced by newer versions, if you have not received these yet, please contact the secretariat. The input provided in relation to these surveys will form the basis of the projects resolution in order to provide a product that is relevant to member countries.

Use of force - policies and practices

Again, the project team is currently undertaking research in the policy and guidelines surrounding the use of force within Pacific Island Countries. Your assistance in providing the requested information will assist the project team to develop use of force models relevant to your country.

Police armouries - safety and security

The response to the surveys was very encouraging with only a small number that did not put one in. The team has currently compiled a priority list of those that have responded and will shortly send out letters to those countries requesting further information. The secretariat will then approach donor agencies to provide assistance where needed.

Pacific Patrol Boats - Year 2

The project team has conducted meetings with key stakeholders in PNG, Solomon Islands, and Samoa to progress this project. Specific country manuals have been requested and in some cases obtained. A member of the project team has also attended at the Forum Fisheries Agency and has requested copies of relevant manuals for patrol boats. This information is currently being examined.

Enforcement guides relating to trans-national crime are being progressed in conjunction with ADF, PTCCC and some PB countries for their input. The enforcement guides should be completed to be added to the printing of the new PB manuals due out later this year.

Of particular note during travels, is the success of the multi-agency approaches PNG is taking to their patrols. This is allowing for greater information sharing and greater use of resources. It also widens the focus of the patrols to areas such as trans-national crime types, Immigration and Customs type offences.

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The secretariat is also taking every opportunity to enhance relationships between the PB's and the Transnational Crime Units (TCU's) and the Pacific Trans-national Crime Coordination Centre (PTCCC).

Data collection & information management - led by the PIFS Secretariat

You will recall that Tim Fisher from the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) Law Enforcement Unit gave a presentation on this issue at our last conference. The issue was discussed at the recent Forum Region Security Committee meeting in Fiji. The committee reiterated its support for the general concept of national and regional information management and data collection models and encouraged the Regional Law Enforcement Secretariats to support PIFS in introducing information management and data collection practices aligned with the national and regional models or other Forum sanctioned initiatives. It also welcomed PIFS scoping studies to examine national and regional information sharing capabilities and noted that following analysis of these studies' outcomes the information management and data collection models may require further enhancement not in a timely manner.

A new Transnational Crime Unit (TCU)

I recently represented you all at the opening of the Transnational Crime Unit in Federated States of Micronesia. This modern and well appointed facility that will enhance the capability of Law Enforcement organisations to combat Transnational Crime is a joint venture between the FSM, the AFP and the United States - Joint Inter Agency Task Force West. I am sure you all join with me in congratulating Chief Pius Chotailug and his team and wishing them well for the future.

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