

## **2011 Government to Government Agency Report**

**AGENCY NAME:** Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

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The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) is responsible for training and certifying police, corrections, firefighters, parole and probation, 9-1-1 telecommunicators, and emergency medical dispatchers. It is also responsible for licensing of private security officers and managers and private investigators.

Director Eriks Gabliks serves as the primary agency representative on the Government-to-Government Public Safety and Enforcement Cluster Group. Over the last year, DPSST regularly participated as a member of the Government-to-Government Public Safety and Enforcement Cluster Group and hosted three of the Cluster meetings at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. DPSST regularly provided information on its legislative concepts to members of the group in an effort to inform them of statutory changes that could impact members of the public safety community, including tribal law enforcement, corrections and fire service. In addition, information from national associations and federal public safety agencies that is of potential interest to cluster group participants is provided on an on-going basis.

The most significant project DPSST worked on with the Public Safety and Enforcement Cluster involved Senate Bill 412. SB 412 would give tribal law enforcement officers the same powers as city, county and state law enforcement officers. DPSST held a meeting with tribal police chiefs and tribal legal counsel as soon as the proposed language was released to discuss implementation challenges. DPSST also worked with the legislative work group, which included tribal police chiefs and legal counsel, to discuss the legislation and issues which arose during various hearings. DPSST was active in the legislative process providing testimony at each hearing of the bill. Upon passage of the bill, DPSST staff crafted proposed administrative rules and a process through which tribal law enforcement agencies could comply with SB 412. This process was sent out to tribal police chiefs in September with a follow-up conference call held two weeks later with both tribal police chiefs and legal counsel. The proposed administrative rules will be reviewed and approved by the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (BPSST) at its next quarterly meeting on October 27, 2011. This will allow DPSST staff time to develop and implement permanent administrative rules in partnership with the Board and its Police Policy Committee with anticipated adoption after the first of the year.

DPSST provides information on training opportunities for tribal public safety agencies including leadership training for managers and executives. DPSST hosted a variety of training sessions for public safety executives and field training officers (including tribal public safety agencies). DPSST also offered a number of National Incident Management System (NIMS) classes to help local, county, state and tribal public safety agencies meet the requirements of the United States Department of Homeland Security. These training opportunities were provided free of charge at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem and at locations through the state.

DPSST began delivery of the 16-week Basic Police Course on January 1, 2007. Local, county, tribal, and state law enforcement agencies have been very appreciative of the new course and pleased with the quality of the training. The course continues to be updated on an on-going basis

to meet the needs of all Oregonians including our tribal partners. Uncertainties in the 2011-2013 state budget may reduce training and certification services offered by DPSST.

DPSST is committed to providing the best training possible and will continue to search for innovative and progressive ways to carry out its mission. DPSST realizes that support from its constituents is critical to this endeavor and understands that only by working together can the ever-changing needs of Oregon's citizens be addressed. DPSST also is a member of the Indian Law Enforcement Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

DPSST remains committed to the Government to Government process and looks forward to continuing its efforts in 2012.