2006 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. On January 1, 2006 DPSST assumed responsibility for the licensing of private investigators.

Deputy Director Eriks Gabliks serves 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. DPSST regularly provides 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 publications that is of potential interest to cluster group participants is provided. DPSST also provides information on training opportunities for tribal public safety including leadership training for managers and executives. DPSST hosted a training session for public safety executives and field training officers (including tribal agencies) at the new Oregon Public Safety Academy and provided tours of the facility.

An example of tribal participation in DPSST's mission can be seen in the ongoing curriculum update process. Tribal representatives have participated as members of workgroups formed to review and enhance several areas of the basic police curriculum, including domestic violence, elder abuse, and juvenile law. While current curriculum includes cultural diversity training, additional scenarios are been developed to incorporate awareness of Oregon tribal concerns and challenges, which will be implemented in the 16-week curriculum.

The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training 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

DPSST remains committed to the Government to Government process and looks forward to continuing its efforts in 2007.