2009 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.

Deputy 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 two of the Cluster meetings at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. 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 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 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. The challenge faced by local, county, tribal and state law enforcement agencies in 2008-2009 has been a backlog of students needing to attend basic training at the Academy. This backlog has resulted in students waiting for as long as 90 days before they can attend a basic class at the academy. Uncertainties in the 2009-2011 state budget may exacerbate this time even further.

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 2010.