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Here is my blog on the NSA Conference for Sunday's activities:

Day 2 – Sunday, June 21, 2009

Started the day meeting several sheriffs and deputies in the registration area discussing why they were there, what they were looking to get out of the conference, and if they were aware of BJA and the services provided. Many of those I spoke to were well aware of BJA, more from the funding aspect, but were unaware of some of the services and support BJA provided. I shared my contact information and advised them to visit the BJA website.

Attended the Homeland Security Committee Meeting chaired by [REDACTED] NC, and listened to a number of presentations from committee members and federal agencies. There was a very interesting presentation by [REDACTED] Hennepin County, MN, on the collapse of the I-35 Bridge and the coordination needed to deal with this type of catastrophe. The presentation was on DVD and I requested a copy from the Sheriff.

As a sidebar to this meeting a quick meeting was done with [REDACTED] Assistant Secretary for DHS (Sheriff AL), to discuss RISSafe and it's possible utilization for the LE of DHS. I reached out to AS [REDACTED] based on the recommendation of [REDACTED] LE Liaison USDOJ for the need to meet with [REDACTED] to discuss the use of RISSafe as a federal solution to deconfliction. Secretary [REDACTED] stated he would welcome a meeting to discuss this once back in DC.

Attended the Crime Prevention/Private Security Committee Meeting, chaired by Sheriff [REDACTED] OH, and listened to presentations on the following; Neighborhood Watch, Scrap/Metal Theft Prevention, and emerging concerns for deputies. BJA's support for these types of projects was acknowledged. A few of the attendees mentioned in the meeting the layoff of deputies and the need to cut crime prevention projects due to the lack of funding.

Attended a presentation by the FBI on eGuardian and provided information about the Nationwide SAR Initiative. The presenters shared the current numbers of agencies participating in eGuardian and the next stages for the project. There were some questions on the connection between eGuardian and the federated search of the NSI. These questions were answered to include the status of the connections between the eGuardian SS server and the ability for a fusion center to "push" SARs to the JTTFs.

Attended a portion of the Committee of State Association Executive Directors and Presidents Meeting, chaired by [REDACTED] ED KY Sheriff's Association. During the break spoke to the executive directors from MD, MI, IA, OH, and PA and answered questions about BJA services and funding.

Attended a portion of the Major County Sheriff's Association Meeting, chaired by Sheriff [REDACTED] MI, and listened to presentations about future support for several projects, the status of PSOB done by Hope Janke, BJA, and an overview of GLOBAL and CICC by Sheriff [REDACTED] the MCSA representative to CICC. The presentation about PSOB received several questions and the GLOBAL/CICC presentation appeared to be well received, but there were few questions.

Attended a presentation entitled DHS 101, presented by Assistant Secretary [REDACTED] DHS, discussing the services provided by DHS to law enforcement agencies. The presentation also discussed some future projects DHS will be undertaking to include provide information to LE agencies along the southwest border. It was interesting that the presenter mentioned the Nationwide SAR Initiative (NSI) and used diagrams developed by the projects, but made little reference to PM-ISE, DOJ, or BJA.

Attended the NSA CJIS Committee Meeting, chaired by Sheriff [REDACTED] VA, and listened to several presentations to include one by NW3C. An overview of the NSI was also presented to include the current status and the next stages of the project. In addition an overview of BJA was presented to include information about Recovery Act Funding and the current announcements currently posted on the BJA website. A number of questions were asked by the group and answers were provided. There was one other issue raised and that was a place where agencies could post information about products and vendors to serve as a quality control for other agencies. It was shared with the committee that this question has been raised by other professional organizations and LE agencies and that BJA was looking at how this may be accomplished. [REDACTED] stated he would like to discuss this further and would be in contact with BJA.

While at the CJIS Meeting a discussion was had with [REDACTED] former SC SLED Director who was now serving as the Director of Security for a SC Utilities Company, discussing the need to share information between private sector companies and LE. [REDACTED] was advised this was being done through RISSATIX. With this in mind a meeting was arranged between [REDACTED] and the RISS OIT staff who were attending the conference. The meeting went very well and the two agreed to meet further after the conference. [REDACTED] also stated they had a group of utility security directors that have been sharing information, but RISSATIX could be exactly was they've been looking for to share.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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