

Study of Law Enforcement- Private Security Partnerships



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History/Background of LE-PS Partnerships

- ❑ Private Security Advisory Council to LEAA, 1972
- ❑ National Advisory Committee on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals: Report of the Task Force on Private Security, 1976
- ❑ Hallcrest Report: Private Security and Police in America (Cunningham; Taylor), 1985
- ❑ Hallcrest Report II: Private Security Trends—1970-2000 (Cunningham, Strauchs, Van Meter), 1990
- ❑ Operation Cooperation: Guidelines for Partnerships Between LE & PS Organizations (ILJ, Hallcrest, OR), 2000
- ❑ National Policy Summit: Building PS/Public Policing Partnerships to Prevent and Respond to Terrorism and Public Disorder (COPS, IACP), 2004
- ❑ EKU survey of PS and LE, 2005

Current Project's Methodology

- Literature review
- Project notices to dozens of newsletters and trade publications
- Direct mail to over 15,000 PS and LE
- Presentations at ASIS, IACP, and other annual events
- To date, over 500 nominations of LE-PS partnerships
- In process—extensive phone interviews to analyze relationships

Typical Collaborative Activities

- Networking
- Info sharing
- Training
- Mutual guidelines—false alarms
- Resource sharing—expertise in IT
- Crime prevention—BIDS
- Legislation—access to records; ID theft

Better Known LE-PS Partnerships

- NYPD—Shield (used to be APPL—area police-PS liaison); no mtgs; TR for PS; netwk of CCTV; radios for doormen
www.nypd2.org/nyclink/nypd/html/ctb/index.html
- Nassau County PD—SPIN (security-police info network); mtgs—share crime trends; email listserv;
www.police.co.nassau.ny.us/SPIN/spininfo.htm

LE-PS (cont'd)

- ❑ BIDS—Philadelphia Center City District PD substation—walking beats; teams of “Clean & Safe” community service reps (concierge-security); extra sanitation; problem-solving court
www.centercityphila.org/home/default.aspx
- ❑ Dallas PD—LEAPS (law enforcement and PS organization); mtgs—share info; TR; fax netwk; newsletter
www.leaps.us

PS Partnerships for Police

- ❑ Key principle of CP—develop partnerships
- ❑ Force multiplier—crime prevention
- ❑ Expand network of reliable informants
- ❑ Expand network of available skills, e.g., foreign languages; IT
- ❑ Expand CCTV network
- ❑ Reduce false alarms and CFS
- ❑ Training in high tech areas
- ❑ Safeguard critical infrastructure

Issues in Developing LE-PS Partnerships

- Trust
- Info sharing—clearances
- Perceptions—Percent of LE rating quality of PS personnel as good/VG

1985 Hallcrest survey—35%

2004 EKU survey — 77%

Key Elements of Success in Developing and Maintaining LE-PS Partnerships

- Active enablers—leadership
- Home base—sustainable organization
- Compelling buzz—enough interest to keep members involved
- Resources