



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Dear Colleagues:

The 2007 – 2008 MACLEA meeting agenda was one that focused on solidifying our membership and reaching out to colleagues in campus and municipal law enforcement to join us and discuss issues of mutual interest. Each of MACLEA's member institutions played an important role to ensure the success of this agenda.

Our year and agenda ends here today at Wellesley College. Looking back on the months just passed, MACLEA has reached out to include our colleagues and our colleagues have reached out to include us. In some cases we are separated by borders and in other cases by different law enforcement roles. In each instance, whether with our campus law enforcement colleagues at Babson during that first meeting in September, or sitting with our colleagues in municipal law enforcement during Gordon Graham, we learned that our issues are very similar.

Thus, while this is the last meeting of the year, it is at this meeting that we begin looking forward. Today we will elect the 2008 – 2009 MACLEA Executive Board. It is important that each of us cast a vote. It is even more important that we remain committed to this association. It has been my pleasure to serve you as President of MACLEA. It has also been a pleasure to serve with Ron Guilmette and Ernie Leffler. Both were always positive and committed to MACLEA and its membership.

MACLEA invited New England area campus police departments to join us at Babson College on September 28th for a discussion on celebratory rioting on campus. Chiefs of police from Keene State College, Brown University and University of Connecticut joined the MACLEA membership on that day to listen to and discuss a well prepared presentation by Chief Barbara O'Connor and others from UMass Amherst. Each of us and our guests discussed various strategies to address, investigate and prosecute incidences of celebratory rioting.

The year also saw the finalization and presentation of Attorney John Scheft's in depth study addressing the necessary reforms to police training in Massachusetts. Support for this study, entitled *A Realistic Action Plan to Improve Public Safety Training*, came from the Byrne Grant obtained through the Executive Office of Public Safety. The review included extensive field interviews, surveys and research into the best practices of other

jurisdictions. Representing Massachusetts campus law enforcement was Becker College Chief of Police and MACLEA member, David Bousquet.

With the increase in the number of on-campus shootings, there came the need for campus departments to become trained to confront and stop such a threat. Ray Carolan, Director of Homeland Security at Westfield State College, reached out to the MACLEA membership through its executive board and informed us of a grant obtained by the Department of Homeland Security that includes campus police departments among the recipients for active shooter training conducted by the Massachusetts State Police S.T.O.P. Team. This allowed campus departments to be put on a fast track to training by this elite unit.

The December meeting at Northeastern University's Henderson House was successful as usual. Colleagues and guests joined in the spirit of the holidays to address business issues, but also to recognize our front line officers who do such a fine job day in and day out. Chief Joseph Griffin was a gracious and welcoming host and Jim Ferrier did his usual excellent job presenting the awards.

The New Year began with the Massachusetts State Police Academy organizing and delivering a training class exclusively for SSPO supervisors. Many of our membership participated as instructors. The feedback from the student supervisors was positive and the class proved to be an absolute success. The Massachusetts State Police continue to include campus departments in MSP training classes. Their commitment to the men and women of campus law enforcement has created a partnership steeped in professionalism.

In MACLEA's continuing goal to bring reputable and much-sought-after speakers for its professional development series, there was no doubt that Gordon J. Graham fit that prerequisite. The decision was made early on that MACLEA would extend an invitation to our brothers and sisters in municipal law enforcement. A total of 134 attended the presentation with 70 of the attendees coming from 13 municipal and county departments across Massachusetts. I would be remiss if I did not mention the hard work of Chief Ron Guilmette of Merrimack College and Chief Ernie Leffler of Bentley College. Both played important roles that led to the program's overall success.

Each of us who have attended meetings and taken on causes to better our respective departments are the reasons why MACLEA continues to grow in reputation and membership. We should not think that because we are members that is enough. It is our duty to encourage and invite non-members to meetings. To make them feel welcome and have them know the network of their fellow colleagues continues.

I wish all of you a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Lisa J. Barbin
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