



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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TO: Invitees to August 27, 2009 Meeting on Mutual Assistance Between Tribal and County or Municipal Law Enforcement Officers

FROM: David L. Lovell, Senior Analyst

RE: Background Memorandum for Meeting

DATE: August 21, 2009

This is a reminder that there will be a meeting of tribal police chiefs, sheriffs whose jurisdictions overlap those police chiefs, and their respective tribal attorneys and corporation counsels on ***Thursday, August 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Lake of the Torches Resort and Casino in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin***, to discuss the October 1, 2008 opinion of Attorney General Van Hollen, regarding applicability of the law enforcement mutual assistance statute (s. 66.0313, Wis. Stats.) to tribal police departments and a possible legislative response to that decision. The purpose of the meeting is to provide input to the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations, which will consider that input as it discusses possible legislation on this subject. I will conduct the meeting on behalf of Senator Spencer Coggs, Chair of the Special Committee, and will report the views expressed and any recommendations agreed upon in the meeting to the Special Committee.

To help you prepare for this meeting, I have prepared a background memorandum, which is enclosed. This memorandum and attachments summarize the Attorney General's opinion, discuss various issues surrounding cooperation between tribal and county or municipal law enforcement agencies and related statutes, and presents an outline of legislative options. I plan to use the memorandum as a general guide for the discussion on August 27, so I would encourage you to review it before the meeting.

As you review the enclosed memorandum, please keep in mind that the list of legislative options presented is preliminary and by no means exhaustive; it is intended as a starting point for our discussion. I anticipate that participants will have further ideas. I encourage you to think creatively and to bring your own ideas to the meeting.

Be advised that this is an officially noticed meeting, which will be open to the public. A copy of the notice is enclosed for your information. Because of the large number of individuals invited, though, only invitees or their delegates will be seated at the table. I have been notified that members of the press will be present; in addition, I will record the meeting for the Special Committee's archive.

I would like to thank you in advance for your participation in this meeting and, thereby, your assistance to the Special Committee. I look forward to meeting as many of you as are able to attend.

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Enclosures