Arizona State Council Meeting
Minutes
October 22, 2009

Members Present:

Director Charles Ryan
Senator Thayer Verschoor
Jeremy Mussman
Thomas Thurman
Judge Tim Ryan
Brad Carlyon
Dori Ege

Guests:

Kimberly Pena
Nicole Studer

Members not Present:

Dan Levey
Steven Yarbrough
Bill Dodds

I. An overview of the interstate compact and the role of the state council were provided by Dori Ege. Discussion ensued regarding what each member of the council can do to promote interstate compact issues within Arizona.

II. The members discussed recent compliance and training issues that Arizona is facing. The following topics were discussed:

- Compliance with Rule 5.111 – ensuring incoming interstate compact offenders are being held without bond while the sending state is in the process of retaking
- Ensuring arrested incoming interstate compact offenders are treated as such and not treated as fugitives from justice.
  - Both of these areas can be addressed with more training of judges, attorneys and jail personnel. Council members provided several ideas and venues in order to reach more criminal justice personnel about the issues and rules of the interstate compact. Members will look into agencies and associations such as ACJC, AACO, APAAC and private bar associations.
III. Proposed Rule Amendments – Members discussed in detail the 12 rule proposals that are scheduled for this year’s interstate compact annual business meeting on November 4, 2009. The council provided guidance and support with regard how Arizona should vote on the proposals. Dori Ege will provide an update to the council regarding the outcome of the amendments.

IV. ICOTS (Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System) – ICOTS launched nationwide on 10/6/08 and just recently had its first anniversary. There has been 7 “fix” and “enhancement” releases since the launch which remedied several problem areas. The system overall has saved time, monies spent on paper, postage and faxing.

V. Sheriff Vacancy – Members discussed the council’s vacancy for a sheriff’s representative. Brad Carlyon stated that he would talk to the Sheriff from Apache County and see if he would be interested in an appointment.

VI. Non-agenda items – Members discussed the current budget situation and how it is impacting their agencies.

VII. Next Meeting: The council meets annually. There was no discussion on changing this practice; however the council can meet more frequently as needed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.