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To: All Chiefs  
From Chief Wayne Sampson (Ret,)  
RE: Update on Proposed Flagmen Legislation  
Date: June 6, 2008

To All Chiefs:

We understand that many of you have been contacted by some members of your agency asking what the MCOPA is doing on behalf of the Flagmen legislation. Unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation so I thought it would be helpful to you in explaining to your officers the steps that our Association has taken in support of maintaining officers on details.

1. During the initial discussions on Beacon Hill, about a dozen chiefs showed up in support of our officers and it was Chief Frazier that got a meeting with Senator Morrissey that introduced an amendment to change the language in our favor.
2. Working with various labor organizations, the MCOPA was added to a "working group" to have input in the proposed regulations. Unfortunately, due to a miscommunication error (we do not know where), the chiefs were never informed of the first meeting.
3. The MCOPA sent a strong letter of opposition to the Department of Transportation stating our support to maintain using police officer to direct traffic.
4. On June 5, 2008, President Riello, Att. Collins and I attended a meeting of the working group to support our officers in the use of police at details.
5. We have a private meeting set up for next week with the Department of Transportation to bring our concerns directly to the DOT.
6. I have attached a copy of our letter for your review.

Please feel free to share this information, including a copy of our letter with any of your officers. They need to know the steps that we are taking to support the continued use of officers on traffic details.

If you run into any questions or other rumors, please call me right away.

Thank you

Chief A. Wayne Sampson (Ret.)  
Executive Director

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