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Pegasus Advisory Board Meets at NSA Mid-Winter

During the National Sheriffs' Association Mid-Winter Meeting held in Washington, DC earlier this month, the Pegasus Advisory Board met.

Advisory Board Members present included **Sheriff Tommy Ferrell, Chairman; NSA President Ted Kamatchus, Sheriff Marshall County, IA; NSA 1st Vice President Craig Webre, Sheriff, Lafourche Parish, LA; NSA 3rd Vice President David Goad, Sheriff, Allegany County, MD; and NSA Board Member Larry Amerson, Sheriff, Calhoun County, AL**

NSA guests present were: **NSA Board Member David Huffman, Sheriff, Catawba County, NC; Former NSA President Dan Smith, Sheriff, Bell County, TX; NSA Board Member Paul Fitzgerald, Sheriff, Story County, IA; Mr. Fred Wilson, NSA/Training; and Ms. Ann Yom, NSA/Legislative Affairs (representing NSA Executive Director Aaron Kennard).**

-Pegasus System Update: More than 700 agencies and offices in 34 states currently participate in the Pegasus Program, either by contributing data, accessing data, or both. Currently, **268 agencies have access** to Pegasus, **544 agencies contribute data**, and the system now has **16.4 million records** not available through Federal systems, **an increase of 5.3 million records** during 2006.

-New Business: For information, the Board was briefed on developments related to three emerging information needs of local law enforcement and other first responders, the first being **First Responder Authentication Cards ("FRACs")**. FRACs use "smart card" and biometric technologies to identify first responders and their skills and certifications with a high degree of confidence. FRACs are being deployed to aid law enforcement and other first responders in incident management and other homeland security responsibilities, such as responding to Katrina-type disasters. **Sheriff Larry Amerson, Calhoun County, AL, Chairman of the NSA Standards/Ethics, Education and Training Committee**, encouraged adoption of national standards for FRACs to assure nationwide acceptance and interoperability.

Former NSA President Dan Smith, Sheriff, Bell County, TX informed the Board of a request for Sheriffs' help from **United States Marshal David R. Murtaugh, U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Indiana. NSA Secretary John Zaruba, Sheriff, DuPage County, IL, Chairman of the NSA Court Security/Transportation of Prisoners Committee** referred to Pegasus the Marshal's request for assistance in automating the **exchange of jail inmate history and jail inmate behavior patterns**, in order that US Marshals, prisons and jails might have more ready access to information about

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prisoners' behaviors in managing their own facilities and operations. The kind of information sought is not "intelligence" and, as such, falls within the Pegasus charter. For information, Mr. Fred Wilson of NSA noted that solutions to this need may mesh with, and be entirely consistent with, the **NSA's Jail Information Model (JIM) initiative**.

By communication from **NSA Board Member Mike Brown, Sheriff, Bedford County, VA**, the Board was informed of the urgent law enforcement need for **enhanced local law enforcement cross-border information sharing** between US and Canadian law enforcement. This need goes back many years and is now in increasing urgency with both **Canada and Israel, a need which Pegasus could fill with policy input**.

After discussion of each of these law enforcement information needs, the Board requested that Pegasus Program Staff further explore each and report back to the Board. **Pegasus Participating Agencies are encouraged to contact Pegasus Program Staff regarding any of the above-noted issues.**

U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of MS is 1st in the Nation to Implement Pegasus Access

The **U.S Marshal's Office for the Southern District of Mississippi**, under the leadership of **U.S. Marshal Nehemiah Flowers**, recently implemented Pegasus as an information resource in its mission to capture Federal fugitives and state and local violent criminals through the **Gulf Coast Regional Fugitive Task Force**, the first U.S. Marshal with Pegasus access. U.S. Marshals are the nation's primary fugitive hunting organization and capture more federal fugitives each year than all other national law enforcement agencies combined.

Congress Proceeds with Continuing Resolution on FY2007 Funding

As one of the first items of business of the 110th Congress, the House recently passed a \$463 billion continuing resolution that would keep the government operating for the remainder of FY2007. The bill maintains funding for most federal agencies at 2006 levels, but provides additional funds for law enforcement. The Senate must pass the continuing resolution by Feb. 15 to avert a partial government shutdown. President Bush is expected to sign the measure.

Pegasus Reminder: Update Agency Directory Info

The Pegasus Agency Directory is a listing of contact information for 25,000+ law enforcement and emergency responder agencies across the Nation. In addition to agency contact information, the Agency Directory contains more detailed information about every Pegasus Authorized User, showing the permissions assigned to every Authorized User. **Please review your Agency Directory listing to assure that its information is current. Authorized Users are asked to notify the Pegasus Support Center of any Agency Directory information that is incorrect or out-of-date.**

Comments? Questions?

Agencies with questions or comments are invited to **contact Pegasus Program Staff at 501-975-9111 or the Pegasus Data & Support Center at 800-392-4312.**