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Police Federation of England
& Wales
Conference
13 – 16 May 2013
Bournemouth

ICPRA Executive Annual
Between Conference
25 – 26 May 2013
Copenhagen

Denmark Police Union
Conference
29 – 31 May 2013
Aalborg

Police Federation of Australia
Federal Council
12 – 13 November 2013
Sydney

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The ICPRA Executive will meet in Copenhagen on 25 and 26 May for the annual Between conference, face-to-face Executive meeting. Although most business is conducted by conference call, it is necessary that we get together each year for a face-to-face meeting to progress policy and strategic matters which are difficult to work on, through conference calls and electronically. This year's conference is held in conjunction with the four-yearly Danish Police Association congress being held later in the week.

The focus of this year's Executive meeting will be on building a strategic framework for growth and relevance. It will also be an opportunity to put in place planning for the next bi-annual conference which will be held in South Africa, at a date and venue to be determined.

Regards
Greg

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National Fraternal Order of Police Hosts Law Enforcement Labor Summit

Chuck Canterbury, President of the National Fraternal Order of Police

Delegates from the labor organizations representing the largest law enforcement agencies in the United States gathered in Las Vegas, Nevada this February in a summit hosted by the National Fraternal Order of Police. ICRA Chairman Greg O'Connor and The Police Federation of Australia President Vince Kelly were also in attendance.

The first meeting of its kind, the Summit sought to bring the leadership of the FOP together with the leaders of other large law enforcement organizations to discuss the political climate of the United States and the challenges faced by American law enforcement officers in recent years.

These officers have faced layoffs and furloughs, attacks on collective bargaining rights, and large scale reductions of wages, pensions, and benefits. Delegates to the Summit discussed how these issues have impacted their agencies, shared information on what they have and have not been able to accomplish, and sought advice on how best to handle the challenges moving forward.

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Harvard Trade Union Program

By Vince Kelly President of the Police Federation of Australia (PFA) and The Northern Territory Police Association

Last Friday I finished the Harvard Trade Union Program run through the Labor and Work Life Program, Harvard Law School. The program has reinforced for me how lucky we are in Australia that our labour movement – not just police unions - has secured so many benefits including reasonable recreation, sick leave and long service leave provisions.

We also take for granted our ability to negotiate collective agreements that both improve our wages and conditions of service and protects us as employees from abuse by employers. This capacity simply does not exist for the vast majority of workers in both the private and public sector in the United States.

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South African Policing Union (SAPU) Shocked By Cop Shooting Dead Traffic Cop

SAPU Press Release 13 February 2013

The South African Policing Union (SAPU) has learnt with shock and sadness the unfortunate incident where it's alleged that a drunken police officer shot dead an Ekurhuleni Metro police officer Popi Simphiwe Maseko on Sunday 10 February 2013.

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South African Policing Union (SAPU) Brutal Cops – SAPU Supports Action

SAPU Press Release 01 March 2013

The South African Policing Union (SAPU) would like to express its total support to national commissioner General Riah Phiyega for acting swiftly against the police officers who are alleged to have brutally assaulted a taxi driver Joseph Mido Macua aged 27 who eventually died. Those members don't just deserve suspension they will have to face the music both departmentally and criminally.

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South African Policing Union (SAPU) Condemns Latest Police Brutality

SAPU Press Release 15 March 2013

The South African Policing Union (SAPU) would like to condemn with the strongest terms possible the latest allegations about another episode of police brutality in the North West province. The damage and embarrassment these incidents are causing to the police brand is so much that it will be extremely difficult to correct this situation.

SAPU would like to join other progressive and democratic forces in the country who call upon members of the SAPS to acknowledge the fact that South Africa is a democratic state with a constitution that has a bill of rights. The days of police brutality or police believing they are a law unto themselves are gone. We fully welcome the fact that in this latest incident the suspect is facing attempted murder charges. That will send a message to other officers as well that whomever breaks the law will face the music.

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POPCRU Tackles Police Killings in South Africa

Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (POPCRU)

The South African Police Service (SAPS) estimates that a police officer is killed every ten days in the country. It is for this reason that the country's leading Police Union, POPCRU has launched various campaigns in defence of the lives of police officers.

South Africa is known for its high crime rate and this is no different when it comes to the safety of the members of SAPS. The men and women in blue are dedicated in their work and are directed by the Constitution of the country which states "the South African Police Service has a responsibility to prevent, combat and investigate crime. Also to maintain public order, protect and secure the inhabitants of the Republic and their property, uphold and enforce the law. They are to create a safe and secure environment for all South Africans. The challenge remains their safety.

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A Summer of Challenges for Northern Ireland's Police

By Terry Spence Chairman of Police Federation for Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland will be on the world stage this summer as it plays host to the G8 conference in June and the World Police and Fire Games in August. For the PSNI the challenge to deliver two safe and trouble-free events of such magnitude is without precedent. The task is further complicated by a very unsatisfactory winter of discontent over the flying of the union flag (the UK's national flag) over Belfast's City Hall. Also the threat from the dissident republican paramilitaries rumbles on a level officially judged as 'severe'.

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Austerity Undermining European Union Security

By Anna Nellberg President of European Confederation of Police (EUROCOP)

The agenda of EuroCOP, the police union umbrella body which represents 35 police and related employee representative organisations in Western Europe was dominated at our two recent committee meetings (Berlin in December and Barcelona in March) by the effect of economic austerity measures being imposed by national Governments on their respective police forces. Without exception EuroCOP members are deploring the specific effect of cutbacks in police budgets on the Schengen Agreement.

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