



Investigations Committee

# NEWSLETTER

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## June Quarterly Meeting of the Investigations Committee

At its quarterly meeting on June 12, 2008, the PCIE Investigations Committee took action on a number of issues of interest to the larger Inspector General community.

- As follow up to initial discussions during the March 28 Investigations Committee meeting and subsequent input from Committee members, Mona Mafi, a Social Security Administration OIG attorney, made a second presentation on the proposed changes to the draft policy on the purpose and scope of the statutory authority (*The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004*) for issuing credentials to retired OIG agents. Areas covered in the discussion included the variation in respective State certification processes, definition of what constitutes qualification for the 15 years of LEO experience (statutory arrest authority versus general LEO experience), criteria for "good standing", and whether or not the policy would be a model or a discretionary policy. A second draft of the policy has been distributed, with comments requested from the attending agencies. Once approved, a template will be created for voluntary use by the OIG investigative community.
- With ongoing concerns regarding the safeguarding of personally identifiable information (PII), Inspector General O'Carroll requested that we survey Committee members regarding the handling and shipment of investigative case file information through the mail. Responses were varied. Some agencies only send investigative case file data electronically, while others routinely use "traceable" mail (FedEx, etc) which may include the shipment of "classified" documents.
- A draft Inspector General Academy Executive Director Position Description (PD) was reviewed and approved by the Committee. Several suggestions were made to refine the document and it is currently under final review.
- DOE, AIGI John Hartman reported that the next AIGI meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2008 at the FDIC Seidman Center, 9:30 a.m. to Noon.

Upcoming Meeting:  
September 23, 2008 at  
10:00 a.m.