Homeland Security

Community Policing - A Valuable Tool in the Fight Against Terrorism

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WHEREAS, the IACP recognizes that in the aftermath of the September 11th atrocities, there is a clear danger to the public of additional terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, the IACP recognizes that while technology plays an important role in countering terrorism, there is a recognition that human intelligence is a key factor in both the prevention of and response to these acts; and

WHEREAS, the IACP maintains that it is imperative that law enforcement maintains the trust and support of the citizens as partners in the co-production of public safety; and

WHEREAS, the IACP maintains that this partnership has been established through the successful implementation of community policing initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the IACP maintains that community policing efforts have fostered those partnerships that are aimed at supporting and facilitating the prevention of terrorist acts and the response to handling these acts when they do occur; and

WHEREAS, the IACP maintains that community policing should be an integral part of the measured response to the threats to homeland security; and

WHEREAS, the IACP recognizes that the principles of community policing are even more important post-September 11th than ever before. The philosophy it represents, the principles for which it stands, and the strategies it offers, should further enhance the capabilities of law enforcement agencies, public safety agencies, social service agencies, and the corporate community to improve public safety in connection with potential terrorist attacks as well as non-terrorist criminal activity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the IACP will strongly support and employ community policing as a valuable tool to provide the best possible readiness, response and handling of terrorist incidents; and that the IACP encourages governments of the free world to actively promote, support and fund community policing philosophies and initiatives in an effort to prevent terrorist activity and ensure the safety and security of their citizens.

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