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## The Police Hijab

Muslim police women with the London MET Police have a special hijab endorned with a police logo for wear during duty hours. Police agencies in Avon and Somerset, UK have begun to issue hijabs for all of their female police officers to wear when entering mosques. There has also been a general demand to have more prayer rooms in police facilities.

View a photo of the uniform item at:

<http://www.jihadwatch.org/dhimmiwatch/archives/020947.php>

## Iraqi Policewomen

The American initiative to introduce females into the Iraqi police appears to have ended, with a recent Iraqi interior ministry directive that all female police officers turn in their firearms, and that they would be re-issued to male officers.

## Mutual Agreement

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Government of the United States of America have signed an agreement on enhancing cooperation in preventing and combating serious crime (particularly terrorism). The agreement, which was signed earlier in spring 2009, provides for a greater exchange of data and information concerning individuals suspected of serious crimes or terrorism. The agreement also allows each country to conduct automated searches of each other's fingerprint and DNA databases in individual cases, and in compliance with existing law in both countries. It also allows the exchange of personal and other data in order to prevent terrorist offenses. The agreement can be accessed at:

<http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/govdocs/foreign/09-106a.pdf>

Scroll down the above document for the English version.

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## **Off-Campus Criminology B.S. Degree Program**

Registration for the August/September classes has been completed, with students coming from a wide range of government agencies including, for the first time, a senior officer with Hanford PD. Also, with the City of Fresno having suspended its tuition reimbursement for city employees attending college, it has become more difficult for FPD officers and employees to continue in the program without significant financial difficulties.

One alternative would be for interested city employees to simply stretch out their attendance in the downtown program to 3-4 years by taking only two courses per semester. This would reduce their financial burden in any one semester. The expeditious completion of any General Education courses required for university transfer admission would also make it easier to qualify for and obtain financial aid.

## **Off Campus M.S. Program**

The student cohort in the off campus criminology graduate program is entering the second half of its total coursework, with the upcoming course on Homeland and Border Security, after completing a course on budgeting taught by Fresno State Public Administration faculty. The course was very timely, given the severity of the budget problems in area criminal justice agencies.

## **FACULTY FURLoughs**

The majority of California State University (CSU) Faculty Union members voted to accept a furlough for two days per month with a resulting 10% pay cut. Faculty are directed to NOT work during the designated/ selected furlough days. While faculty are often engaged in work related to their position during non-paid weekends, holidays or breaks, the status of these activities were not addressed in the agreement. Faculty routinely involve themselves in a multitude of activities during non-work days, on weekends, holidays, or during breaks, to fulfill the requirements of their RTP. \*

(\*RTP: Retention, Tenure and Promotion)

It is unclear whether RTP related work not done during furlough days must then be distributed to the other 28 days of the month, thereby potentially increasing the daily work hours without addressing any applicable restrictions under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

While the furloughs provide some financial relief to the cash strapped CSU, the budget crisis has also necessitated a substantial reduction in class sections, along with part time faculty teaching fewer or no classes. Faculty in the College of Social Sciences have also been assigned additional duties or classes without a corresponding adjustment in pay. Faculty teaching five days per week will have little choice but to designate some of the class meeting days as furlough days.

# CRIME PREVENTION

Integrated Municipal Provincial  
Auto Crime Team

Seven law enforcement agencies in the Vancouver, B.C. region operate a joint 22 officer autotheft unit charged with developing new and innovative strategies to combat autotheft in British Columbia.

Existing strategies consist of the following approaches:

1. A website with detailed and extensive information about autothefts, along with actual videos taken of suspects during actual and/or attempted autothefts, and their actual arrest.
2. The introduction and use of „bait cars“ which act as a lure for autothieves and which are expected to be stolen. After the theft, a sophisticated surveillance system in the stolen vehicle transmits the vehicle's location, speed, and direction of travel in “real time.”
3. Hidden equipment provides live video and audio from inside the vehicle. The arrest of the suspect/s is coordinated by dispatch. Patrol vehicles are directed to the suspect's location, after which the stolen vehicle (bait car) is electronically disabled by remote control.

The Integrated Municipal Provincial Auto Crime Team (IMPACT) currently has the largest fleet of bait cars in North Amerika.  
<http://www.baitcar.com/about>

# POLICE EMPLOYMENT

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) together with the U.S. Department of Justice have partnered up for a new nationwide law enforcement recruitment initiative. The on-line career center provides a link between hiring agencies and potential candidates and offers a wealth of useful information for those seeking law enforcement related employment.

<http://discoverpolicing.org/>

In spite of the budget crisis that has affected state and local agencies, law enforcement agencies in California are still hiring. A list of open positions is accessible at:



[http://www.post.ca.gov/Hiring/Job\\_Opportunities/](http://www.post.ca.gov/Hiring/Job_Opportunities/)



DynaCorp is continually seeking experienced law enforcement officials for its contracts with the U.S. Government to provide needed expertise and advice to governments and organizations in hot spots around the word. If you are retiring or have retired from an active law enforcement

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career, this may be your opportunity to share your professional knowledge and experience in a well-paid assignment with DynCorp, in such places as Iraq and Afghanistan.

<http://www.dyn-intl.com/policemissions/police-missions-home.aspx>



Cannot find what you are looking for through the typical "open source" links? Try to access a local or area library near the geographic location where a particular individual is or may have been located. A recent search for an individual In Pennsylvania by a German police officer initially met with negative results. On line open source databases provided the individual's name and age, but required a "payment" via credit card to release more detailed information on physical address and telephone number.

Given the age of the individual the Social Security Death Index was accessed, and no listing for the individual was found. A search of the local public library's own internet accessible database, however, showed that the individual had been deceased for over 15 years.

## Police Memorabilia



<http://portal.ssp.df.gob.mx/>

The shirtbadge for a Lieutenant with the Federal District Police (Mexico City) in Mexico. This city is estimated to have a population of more than 20 million and, like everywhere else in Mexico, the police is underpaid and also lacks many of the other resources needed to effectively provide an acceptable level of safety and security for one of the largest metropolitan areas in the world.



Above: Raising of the national flag by police in front of the headquarters in Mexico City.