



Dear Chief or Sheriff:

The Law Enforcement Organization of Planning & Research Directors (LEOPRD) is a relatively new organization initiated in a joint venture by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and the Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). LEOPRD seeks to provide law enforcement agency leaders, Planning and Research (P&R) directors and key stakeholders with venues in which they may share and discuss their unique P&R issues, methodologies and best practices at the national and international levels.

By joining LEOPRD, your agency will be able to take advantage of the experience of hundreds of P&R professionals. LEOPRD works collaboratively with IALEP (International Association of Law Enforcement Planners) to enhance networking, professional development, and overall growth of the P&R discipline.

The goals of LEOPRD are the following:

- To enhance professionalism, improve communication, and foster cooperation among law enforcement P&R directors by providing a forum for the exchange of information, innovative strategies and programs;
- To enhance the effectiveness of P&R units and their directors nationally and internationally through education and information sharing;
- To assist law enforcement agencies in the development and advancement of P&R units and their functions; and,
- To improve the effectiveness of the law enforcement community through continued outreach to law enforcement leaders, increased visibility of the P&R discipline and continual promotion of LEOPRD.

LEOPRD is actively engaged in an outreach campaign to not only increase participation, particularly among the primary directors/managers of law enforcement agencies' P&R functions but also to educate the law enforcement community about LEOPRD and its mission, vision, goals and objectives. LEOPRD Board members have set a goal of increasing LEOPRD membership by 20% in 2011. Membership information and a variety of other information about LEOPRD can be found at <http://leopr.org> or by contacting any of the named individuals on the attached contact page. We encourage you to help us grow this important organization by having your department's P&R Director join the LEOPRD organization today by filling out the membership form at <http://www.leopr.org/membership/application.html>.

Finally, LEOPRD is in the process of offering webinars on timely issues that affect law enforcement and is happy to have members speak about the organization at your local/regional/state meetings. If interested, please contact Director of Outreach Brian Cummings who will have a LEOPRD member near you contact you directly.

Sincerely,

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