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CHIEF MAGNUS VISITS WITH HOUSE SPEAKER PAUL RYAN JANESVILLE, WISCONSIN

Chief Magnus, along with six other senior police executives are in Janesville, Wisconsin today to meet with House Speaker Paul Ryan to discuss on-going efforts to improve use of force training and policies across the nation.

Police Officers are often called to incidents that can be extremely complicated and sometimes dangerous when the officer and individual involved cannot communicate effectively. We recognize the need to alleviate those dangers through continued training. The Tucson Police Department is currently at the forefront of 21st Century Policing and has already started specialized training focused on de-escalation and decision making techniques. This training was established from guidelines set forth by the Police Executive Review Forum (PERF). In fact, our department is one of 15 police agencies that Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch recently recognized as making notable strides in advancing 21st Century Policing.

The Tucson Police Department was also selected as one of only two police departments nationwide to participate in a two year study with Polis Solutions to validate their Tact, Tactics, and Trust (T3) program. The program focuses on preserving and protecting the life, safety, and physical/emotional well-being of all persons. This hands-on training teaches methods of building rapport and community trust when under stressful and dangerous conditions and is more effective than traditional lecture based training. Officers equipped with these skills are safer, more tactful and less likely to use force. Additional information on T3 training can be found at www.polis-solutions.net/t3

Today's meeting is a great opportunity to show Speaker Ryan some of the challenges police officers face when dealing with high risk situations and high risk individuals. They will discuss training that is currently being implemented and cover topics such as de-escalation techniques, non-verbal communication skills, active listening and tactical repositioning to help officers be better prepared. Continued training in these areas are essential for officers throughout the nation.

The other senior police executives attending the meeting are New Orleans Police Chief Michael Harrison; Janesville Police Chief David Moore; Burlington Police Chief Brandon del Pozo; Camden County Police Chief J. Scott Thomson; Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood and PERF Executive Director Chuck Wexler.

The Tucson Police Department remains committed to providing our officers the best possible training, with a focus on safety and the sanctity of life.

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