



MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 14, 2012

TO: Richard Miranda
City Manager

FROM: Roberto Villaseñor
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: SB1070 Preparation

In anticipation of the Supreme Court's ruling on SB1070, I have constructed a plan to assure that the Tucson Police Department is adequately prepared to address the issues that may arise following the Court's decision on this controversial piece of legislation.

The three main issues the Department is preparing for relating to this ruling, regardless of its content, are 1) communicating to our community the effects of the Court's ruling on local law enforcement; 2) ensuring that TPD personnel are adequately trained to enforce any provisions of the law that are upheld; and 3) having plans to effectively respond to any events for the coordination of peaceful, constitutionally protected rights of assembly and speech.

I have been in frequent communication with Chief's of Police around the State and Nation, as well as members of the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) in an effort to obtain, coordinate, and share any available information surrounding the release of the Court's decision.

I intend to reach out to community leaders to establish dialogue as to any planned actions. Our goal in planning for any events is to assure an environment whereby constitutionally protected rights of assembly and speech can be exercised.

As a reminder, when the law was first poised to go into effect, every officer on the Tucson Police Department received a four hour block of training that included the training video produced by AZPOST, as well time for discussion and questions. I have directed staff to prepare an electronic summary of that training to be distributed to all commissioned personnel, with a tracking system to ensure that every officer views the summary. This will refresh their knowledge of any required actions based upon the Court's ruling, as well as properly inform them as to the details of their decision. When we know what provisions of the law are upheld, we will communicate to the community at large our expectations and the directions we give to TPD officers.

Regardless of the myriad of possibilities associated with this ruling, the Tucson Police Department is preparing to successfully handle any and all challenges that will be presented to this community by this ruling. It is our goal to respond to the ruling through strategic planning and communication with our local community members, our departmental members and other national stakeholders.

RAV: RW