

Mexico Mérida Movement Week of May 24-28, 2010

- **NAS/PGR MEETING:** On May 25th, NAS met with PGR to review progress on Merida programs and to discuss future needs and requests. NAS representatives gave updates on current projects, such as JET, OASISS, and Control de Confianza. PGR equipment and training deliveries to date include 25 polygraph units, 13 armored vehicles, Costanza software, 6 IBIS machines, and OASISS servers, and a variety of training programs. The future needs outlined by the PGR include a human resources and payroll system, additional armored vehicles and vehicles for transporting witnesses and officials, training programs for AFI, and aviation equipment. Approximately 85% of FY08 funds for PGR have been spent; PGR receives 15.5% of all Merida assistance to Mexico.
- **NIIE :** Six (6) ZBV Backscatter vans and related equipment were ordered for SSP, totaling \$11M.
- **CENAPI (PGR):** The contract for phase 1 of a \$5M overall project to update communications and data infrastructure was awarded this week with the launch slated for June 7, 2010.
- **CULTURE OF LAWFULNESS (CoL):** The Border Governors Conference Security Worktable (public security officials from 10 Mexican and US states) agreed to include the Regional Police CoL Education Initiative in its annual Program Report. The Security Worktable is recommending to the Border Governors that it monitor implementation of the Regional Initiative quality institutionalization in 2011. Five Mexican states are participating in the Regional Initiative. They are to provide formal CoL education to all levels of their state police forces. The National Strategy Information Center updated the quarterly meeting (May 26th in New Mexico) on the 27 Mexican instructors that have been accredited and are offering CoL courses in Tamaulipas and Chihuahua. 60 police agents are currently completing the 40-hour program. Additional instructor preparation courses are scheduled for June and July.
- **TRAINING WEEK MAY 17 - 21, 2010:** Continuing the plan to support the Grupo Operaciones Especiales (GOPES), NAS Mexico City brought a team from ATF's Special Response Team (SRT) to coordinate with SSP GOPES. The exchange visit included operational team members from Washington DC, Baltimore and Miami Field Divisions. They discussed SRT operations and planning, tactical K9 training, employment of Forward Observer and Tactical Intelligence, negotiator training and employment, and Tactical Field Paramedic training and employment. The GOPES and Federal Police staff were extremely enthused with the exchange and provided an exclusive view of the unit and recent operations. This will be part of an ongoing program to obtain and deliver training and personnel exchanges to increase the GOM capability of this Tier One Force.

NAS funded training provided the week of May 23 - 29, 2010:

1. Basic Digital Photography – 41 GOM participants from PGR
 2. Train the Trainer - 12 GOM participants from PGR
 3. Officer Safety and Survival –23 GOM participants from PGR
 4. ILEA Border Enforcement Training – 8 GOM participants from SSP
 5. Interviewing Techniques – 20 GOM participants from PGR
 6. Oral Advocacy Skills – participants from INACIPE
 7. Role of Ministerio Publico in the Accusatorial System – participants from INACIPE
 8. Understanding Mexico’s New Organized Crime Law – participants from INACIPE
 9. Money Laundering Conference – 57 GOM participants from VIF, SSP, PGR and SAT
 10. Quantico Graduation Ceremony – 5 GOM participants from PGR, SSP and CISEN
 11. Tip Line Conference – NGO Community
 12. Kidnapping Training – 30 GOM participants
- **JUDICIAL REFORM TRAINING:** The National Institute of Criminal Science (INACIPE) continued its year-long, NAS-sponsored program to train the legal community on Mexico’s new enacted criminal law system. INACIPE instructors conducted courses. Approximately 375 police, judges and prosecutors, lawyers, teachers and researchers attended.
 - **CORRECTIONS: Washington Visit:** A Mexican delegation of corrections officials visited Washington last week. During the visit, they met State Department and Federal Bureau of Prison officials, as well as a tour at Hazelton Facility. After a presentation by the GOM officials, a discussion was held about the future needs.