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The ICPRA Conference will commence on Tuesday evening 25th May with a welcome function at 6pm. The first day of Conference Business will commence at 10am 26th May. **Click here** for copy of Agenda.

Delegates are asked to bring with them -

- Session 1: An update on International policing from their perspective regarding UN
- Session 5: A brief picture about "comparisons of police wages to other groups in society"
- Session 6: A brief picture on national developments of "violence against police officers"

Further information will be provided to delegates nearer the Conference.

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UN Committee All Too Easy for Kiwi Fringe to Hijack Greg O'Connor, New Zealand Police Association

In the past few days we have seen a flurry of reporting after the United Nations' call for New Zealand to consider relinquishing Tasers. This pronouncement from the UN's Human Rights Committee was accompanied by criticisms of our justice system as discriminatory against Maori and too harsh on young offenders. It also said the Foreshore and Seabed Act was an attack on human rights.

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Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (POPCRU) around 2002 commissioned a project aimed to ensure that other countries in the whole world were able to enjoy the improved labour legislation that promoted a culture of human rights and dignity.

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POPCRU met on the 06-07 February 2010 at Willow Park, Benoni at the Extended National Executive Committee; a constitutional meeting attended by All Provincial Office Bearers across the nine Provinces to express its discontentment on the state of affairs in which our democratic dispensation is undermined. We should recall that the South African Police Services experienced many months of absent leadership after the suspension of the then National Commissioner; in which all citizenry were becoming concerned. We like all like-minded and progressive organizations welcomed the appointment but what transpired thereafter was the erosion of engagements by the current National Commissioner and also the aspirant general. Amongst other issues we deplore was around restructuring which was a question, and now the change of the ranking system.

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POPCRU re-affirm its rejection of the re-militarization of the Police Services Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (POPCRU)

Police and Prisons Civil Rights Union (POPCRU) has noted the arbitral imposition of re-militarization of the Police Service. We recall the then Apartheid regime was using the police and armed forces to suppress political freedom and, further negation of the universal right on our citizenry to freedom of association.

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Policing and Justice Powers Devolved Back to Northern Ireland Alan Burnside, Police Federation for Northern Ireland

The Police Federation for Northern Ireland has welcomed the Hillsborough Castle Agreement which was signed at the beginning of February by the two largest political parties, the Democratic Unionist Party and Sinn Fein. Northern Ireland is currently governed by a power sharing coalition Executive but has had no responsibility for policing and justice since 1972 when direct rule from the London was imposed.

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Why is it that women are afraid to go to the police or other institutions for help? Mariaan Burger, South African Police Union

In order for one to understand clearly why women do not report abuse or violence against them, one has to understand our social structure and other inequalities in our society. Women in abused relationships are also socially and economically dependent on their abusers. A woman whose girl child has been abused by her husband has to consider what will happen to them when the father is jailed. The family while they may condemn the abuse they may not do anything about it because of their dependence on the abuser.

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Policing the Future: Continuity and Change

Metin Enver, The Police Federation of England and Wales

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EuroCOP Conference "Protect those that protect you": Violence against the police on the rise all over Europe European Confederation of Police (EuroCOP)

Occurrences of violence against the police are constantly rising across Europe. Whether it is social tension, frustration or boredom, police officers are very often the target when it comes to random acts of violence. This is why EuroCOP is organising a conference on the theme "Responses to Violence against Police Officers", taking place in Madrid on April 12, 2010. The conference will not only focus on the victims of violence, but on finding solutions to prevent the violence from taking place.

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Australian Emergency Services Concept Vehicle Mark Burgess, Police Federation of Australia

The National Safety Agency in Australia recently briefed the Police Federation of Australia Executive and demonstrated the Emergency Services Concept Vehicle which was developed in Melbourne.

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