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TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. SINCE YOUR SUGGESTED TOPIC IS EFFORTS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT, A DISCUSSION OF IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE SBI, SUCH AS MANPOWER, EQUIPMENT, AND MONEY WOULD BE PERTINENT. IN ADDITION, INFORMATION OF PIN, AND THE AMOUNT OF PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN SETTING IT UP, SHOULD BE INTERESTING. PERHAPS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW PIN IS EFFECTIVE WOULD BE HELPFUL.
2. THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING SYSTEM, UNDER YOUR DIRECTION, IS SOMETHING OF WHICH MOST PEOPLE PROBABLY ARE NOT AWARE. WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH TALK ABOUT IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IS DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT. ALSO, THE MINIMUM STANDARDS COUNCIL COULD BE NOTED.
3. THE UNIFORM MINIMUM SALARY LEGISLATION, WHILE AN ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, WAS ALSO ACTIVELY SUPPORTED BY THIS OFFICE. SPECIFICALLY, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATED TWO MILLION DOLLARS DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS. THIS MEANS THAT BEGINNING AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, NO FULL-TIME NORTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WILL EARN

LESS THAN \$6,000.00, AND THAT THE SHERIFF OF EVEN THE
SMALLEST COUNTY WILL MAKE AT LEAST \$7,500.00.

THE RELEVANCE OF THIS INFORMATION IS THAT THERE IS
PROBABLY A DIRECT CORRELATION BETWEEN THE AMOUNT OF
MONEY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MAKE AND THE QUALITY OF
LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT THE PEOPLE GET.