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TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. MANY PEOPLE MAY NOT BE AWARE THAT PIN AND THE SBI ARE UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION AS ATTORNEY GENERAL. THUS, IT WOULD SEEM THAT COUNTY OFFICIALS WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN HEARING ABOUT THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN EXPANDING PIN FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE. A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITS BASIC PURPOSE ALONG WITH EXAMPLES OF ITS USEFULNESS WOULD BE INTERESTING.

ALSO, THE SBI COULD BE DISCUSSED IN TERMS OF THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN EXPANDING ITS FORCES AND HOW THAT EXPANSION BENEFITS PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE VARIOUS COUNTIES. CERTAINLY THE SBI'S ROLE WITH RESPECT TO DRUG ABUSE AND ORGANIZED CRIME IS AN AREA WHICH CAN RELATE TO THESE PEOPLE AS BUSINESSMEN AND PARENTS.

2. MOST PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN TERMS OF CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND CERTAINLY IN THIS TIME OF INFLATION, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO STRESS THE BENEFITS THAT ACCRUE TO PEOPLE WHEN THE OFFICE IS SUCCESSFUL IN HOLDING DOWN THE LIMITS OF RATE INCREASES BEFORE THE UTILITIES AND INSURANCE COMMISSIONS. A GOOD COMPARISON HERE MIGHT BE WITH THOSE

STATES WHICH HAVE NOT HAD A CONSUMER ADVOCATE ON THEIR SIDE. YOU MIGHT ALSO WANT TO CONSIDER WHETHER YOU WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE MILK COMMISSION AND THE RISING COST OF MILK.

QUITE FRANKLY, WHEN TALKING ABOUT CONSUMER PROTECTION IN GENERAL, THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE A GOOD TIME TO DISCUSS IT IN RELATION TO HIGHER PRICES. IF PEOPLE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY MORE FOR THE GOODS THEY BUY, THEY SHOULD AT LEAST BE ABLE TO EXPECT TO RECEIVE QUALITY GOODS AND SERVICE.

3. PEOPLE ARE WANTING TO KNOW WHAT IS BEING DONE TO COMBAT CRIME. YOUTH AND THE LAW IS A CLEAR EXAMPLE OF HOW BOTH YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR PARENTS CAN BE BETTER EDUCATED WITH RESPECT TO CRIMINAL LAW VIOLATIONS. IN ADDITION, THE CONCEPT OF "THE ROVING PROSECUTOR" WOULD SEEM TO BE AN IDEA WORTH MENTIONING. FINALLY, YOU MIGHT WANT TO DISCUSS WHAT THE OFFICE HAS DONE RECENTLY TO HELP LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN TERMS OF RECENT LEGISLATION SUCH AS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMITTEE AND THE MINIMUM STANDARDS COUNCIL.

4. OTHER AREAS IN THE OFFICE THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO MENTION ARE BILL DRAFTING AND CODIFICATION, CHARITABLE TRUSTS AND ESTATES, TORT CLAIMS, CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIONS, EXTRADITION, WRITS AND PETITIONS, LANDS AND CONTRACTS AND COLLECTION OF ACCOUNTS. ALSO, WE ACT AS THE LEGAL ADVISER TO THE VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES AND ASSIST CITY AND COUNTY ATTORNEYS ON MUNICIPAL MATTERS. THIS LATTER RESPONSIBILITY MAY BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THIS GROUP SINCE THEY ARE COUNTY OFFICIALS.

5. FINALLY, I WOULD TRY TO TIE IN MY REMARKS OF THE OFFICE'S FUNCTIONS AS TO HOW THE PEOPLE ARE DIRECTLY BENEFITTED AND HELPED. THE CONCEPT OF "THE PEOPLES' ATTORNEY" WOULD APPEAR TO BE EXACTLY WHAT PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED IN AT A TIME WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH DISTRUST AND CYNICISM TOWARD GOVERNMENT.