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Internet Postings/Social Networking

At the request of several clients Jack Ryan and PATC has developed a model policy dealing with Internet Postings/Social Networking. Please find a copy of this model policy attached to this bulletin. This issue also came up recently during depositions on a pending lawsuit against a South Dakota law enforcement agency. The SDPAA strongly urges your department to address this potential liability exposure.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to direct the employees of your agency with respect to the use of the internet, the world-wide web and social networking as a medium of communication impacting your department.