

Public Forum on Law Enforcement and the War on Terror in Nevada County

March 11th, 7:00 PM, Center For The Arts, Grass Valley

Program:

- Opening (Lance Brown)
- Ground Rules/Introduction of Panelists (Richard Somerville of The Union)
- Presentations (up to 8 min each):
 - o Steve Fjeldsted, Nevada County Librarian
 - o Michael Mason, Special Agent In Charge, F.B.I. Sacramento Division
 - o Ed Michaliewicz, Lt. Commander, CHP Grass Valley Division
 - o Keith Royal, Nevada County Sheriff
 - o John Foster, Chief of Grass Valley P.D.
 - o Louis Trovato, Chief of Nevada City P.D.
 - o Dan Boone, Chief of Truckee P.D.
 - o Graham Noyes, National Lawyers Guild member, former civil rights attorney
- Panelist cross-examination by panelists (15 minutes total)
- Questions and comments from audience (w/call-ins)

The following questions were sent to law enforcement to help them prepare for their presentations:

- o What has been the financial cost of fighting the War On Terror in Nevada County? (In terms of county monies, state monies, federal monies.)
- o How many War On Terror-related complaints/incidents have occurred in Nevada County since 9-11-01, and of what type?
- o How many War On Terror-related arrests/detentions have occurred in Nevada County since 9-11-01, and for what offenses?
- o How has War On Terror law enforcement affected the immigrants in Nevada County?
- o Has Carnivore/DCS1000 been implemented in Nevada County? How often, and in what types of cases?
- o (For local officials) How many times and in what ways have federal law enforcement officials come to you or communicated with you in regard to terror investigations?
- o How many reports/complaints regarding terrorists or terrorism from local citizens have there been since 9-11-01?
- o What measures has your department/agency taken to protect civil liberties in War On Terror investigations?
- o What are your policies regarding the conducting of searches and/or surveillance without warrants? Under what circumstances do you engage in such activities?
- o (For federal officials) Please respond to the following claims:
 - "The USA-PATRIOT Act defines 'domestic terrorism' so broadly as to apply to certain acts of civil disobedience that may include lawful advocacy groups as terrorist organizations and may subject them to invasive surveillance, wire tapping, harassment, and may criminally penalize them for protected political advocacy; also the USA-PATRIOT Act grants unchecked power to the Secretary of State to designate domestic groups as 'terrorist organizations'."
 - "On May 30, 2002, Attorney General John Ashcroft eased long-standing domestic intelligence guidelines which were put in place in 1976 as a result of gross intelligence abuses by the FBI, and the new guidelines allow FBI agents to spy on religious groups, political rallies, and organized meetings without any suspicion that the organizations are involved in terrorism or any other criminal activity."
- o Has your department/agency engaged in surveillance or intelligence-gathering involving political or religious groups in Nevada County?

**There will be brief pauses in the forum at each half-hour, so that
KVMR can tell on-air listeners what they're tuned into.**

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