

To whom it may concern:

I'd like to invite the Truckee Police Department to send a representative to speak at an upcoming public forum entitled "Law Enforcement and the War on Terror in Nevada County". The forum is on March 11th at 7:30 PM (doors open at 7:00), at the Center for the Arts in Grass Valley.

The forum is intended to consist of a panel of representatives from law enforcement at the various levels (city, county, state, federal), who will each give a short presentation about the impact of the War On Terror on their department or agency's practices in Nevada County. The intent is to both give the public a general update on the aforementioned impact, and to allow for the addressing of concerns over the potential or real threat to civil liberties involved in the job of enforcing the War on Terror in Nevada County.

Enclosed with this letter is a general outline/program of the event, along with a number of specific questions. The questions listed are just a general guideline, a compilation of the concerns and questions that people have told me are on their mind. The hope would be that the department's chosen representative would do his or her best to address as many of the issues and points as the department is able to address. I certainly understand that some of the questions may be beyond the scope of your department, and that there are limitations on what can be disclosed in any given situation. The questions are just a guideline, a suggestion in response to the question "What do you want us to talk about?" I wrote them up in response to that very question from the FBI and the Nevada County Sheriff's office.

After all panelists have presented, there will be a time where panelists can respond to, rebut, or question each other, guided by a neutral facilitator. Following that, the floor will be opened to the audience for open Q & A. Along with the various law enforcement agency representatives, there will be a panelist from the National Lawyers Guild, to speak about civil liberties concerns, and a panelist from the Nevada County library system, to speak about privacy concerns regarding circulation information.

I hope and expect that this event will be a valuable educational opportunity for all who attend or tune in. It will be broadcast on KVMR, and later on FCAT-Channel 13, so it will really reach a significant portion of our community. The Union has said that they will cover it as well.

You can call me at 274-2474 to confirm or decline, or if you have any questions or suggestions. I look forward to speaking with you.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,

Lance Brown
Nevada County resident