



**“Community Policing: The Relationship Between
Officers and the Community-At-Large”
Police Chief Cory Lyman at California State University, Bakersfield
ISI’s Law Enforcement Project At Work**

Bakersfield, California – November 2, 2005 – The Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) recently sponsored a lecture by Police Chief Cory Lyman at California State University, Bakersfield entitled, “Community Policing: The Relationship Between Officers and the Community-At-Large.” In 2002 Chief Lyman acted as the lead investigator in the kidnapping of Utah teenager Elizabeth Smart. Chief Lyman delivered his powerful lecture to a packed classroom of over 75 Criminal Justice students and faculty members.



Chief Lyman began his lecture with a first hand account of the horrific abduction which led to the “biggest search in our nation’s history.” Elizabeth Smart was kidnapped from her bedroom on June 5, 2002 and spent the next nine months with her accused kidnappers Brian “Emmanuel” Mitchell and Wanda Barzee, as the Utah Police Department, FBI, Secret Service, and countless other law enforcement departments and groups frantically searched for her.

Chief Lyman discussed inside investigative stories from the case as the audience sat transfixed by photographs from the investigation. Lyman’s presentation included pictures of the Smart family, the woods where Elizabeth was held, aerial photos, and many others. Chief Lyman also described his sense of satisfaction and exhilaration when Elizabeth was finally found.



Chief Lyman’s lecture concluded with a lengthy question and answer session where students and faculty, including Cal State Criminal Justice Department Chair Dr. Robert Fong and Police Officer Marty Williamson, asked a variety of questions about the case. **During this session Chief Lyman asked the audience how many students were planning on going into law enforcement as a career, and almost the entire class of 75+ raised their hands!**

The lecture was preceded by a dinner with Chief Lyman, ISI Program Officer Matthew Chalfant, ISI Cal State University Group Leader Travis Ratliff, California Police Officer Chad Rosenlieb, and other Cal State students. The lecture was also followed by more conversation with Chief Lyman, Matthew Chalfant, and Travis Ratliff at a local Bakersfield restaurant. On multiple occasions Chief Lyman expressed his happiness in being part of ISI’s Law Enforcement Program that allows him to speak to his favorite audience, college students.