



# Civilizations Exchange & Cooperation Foundation

## 2007 CULTURAL AWARENESS PROGRAM EGYPT & JORDAN



**What:** Cultural Sensitivity Program  
**When:** January 30 – February 8, 2008  
**Where:** Egypt & Jordan  
**Who:** Members of the Law Enforcement Agencies

### Overview:

In a country that is growing more diverse with each passing day, developing greater cultural sensitivity can assist **law enforcement personnel** improve relationships and gain the trust of their communities, which helps them to better address issues pertaining to security and safety in society.

Culturally diverse and globally informed law enforcement staff are more respected and trusted by their peers, who will also benefit from their broader understanding and enhanced perspectives when making decisions.

If the war on terrorism is directly or indirectly engaging the Muslim World, it will be very helpful for members of law enforcement agencies to have first-hand experiences with the culture of the Arabs and Muslims. These experiences will help dispel many of the officer's misunderstandings about "*the other*."

The **Community Affairs Division** are another key group that would benefit from participating in this program since they are directly involved in developing the image of the Police Department and promoting good relations between the Department and the neighborhoods that are being served.

The **Homicide Division** will benefit when investigating a crime scene and interviewing witnesses or suspects by understanding cultural practices and traditions valued by certain ethnic groups.

Personnel working in the **Education and Training Division** will be better equipped to educate Police Officer Trainees, who come into direct contact with community members. They will also be able to conduct more thorough Cultural Awareness trainings during the Police Officer's Annual In-Service Training.

**JOIN** the Baltimore City Police Department for its first Cultural Awareness Program in Jordan and Egypt. **ENHANCE** your professional career by increasing your knowledge and understanding of the region through arranged meetings and dialogue with local religious, political, academic and community leaders. **ENJOY** the warmth and well-known tradition of hospitality in the Middle East. **VISIT** the biblical sights of the land of ancient civilizations, the cradle of Islam, Christianity, and Judaism. **RETURN** home with rich experiences and memories that will remain with you throughout your life.

### **In each country meet with:**

- **Religious leaders of the Abrahamic Faiths** - Share their experiences of the century's long religious tolerance in the region and discuss, why opposite impressions exist in the world today. Learn about the impact of religion on the culture.
- **Politicians and Government Officials** - Gain better understanding of perspectives in the region
- **Academics, Professors** - Visit religious and secular universities and dialogue with faculty and students
- **Law Enforcement Representatives** - Meet your counterparts to discuss mutually beneficial issues

### **Goals:**

- Provide knowledge about cultural issues that lead to mutual understanding and respect
- Facilitate an opportunity for law enforcement personnel to gain a deeper understanding of cultural, political and religious issues.
- Share American cultural traditions and values with others, who also have incorrect perceptions and misunderstandings.

### **Meetings in Egypt:**

- Prime Minister of Egypt
- Grand Mufti of Egypt
- Pope Shanoda
- Prominent members of the Coptic Community
- Town hall meeting in Cairo
- Cultural Attaché, Embassy of the United States of America in Cairo
- League of Arab States
- Ambassador Taher Khalifa, The Library of Alexandria
- President & students of Al Azhar University
- Students of Cairo University.
- Local police and law enforcement agencies

### **Meetings in Jordan:**

- Minister of Al Awqaf "Islamic Affairs"
- Representative of the Foreign Ministry
- Town hall meeting
- Christian community in Jordan and the Role of Interfaith
- President of Al Albayt University
- H. R. H. Prince Hassan Ibn Talal
- Local police and law enforcement agencies

*NOTE: Additional meetings will be included as they are confirmed.*

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