# **Planting Seeds of Change**





Bangladesh/Portland: A Policing Partnership Sgt. Tim Sessions, Asst. Project Mgr.

## Oregon National Guard State Partnership Program

62 state partnerships



#### **Mission**

Enhance the United States' ability to build positive, enduring relationships with developing nations that improve long-term international security and enhance goodwill

#### **SPP State Partnerships**



#### International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program ICITAP



# About ICITAP

 Located in the Criminal Division of the Dept. of Justice

- Full-service law enforcement development
- Programs in 38 countries; 19 field offices (most are located in U.S. embassies)

# Bangladesh

- Former British Colony
- Population 168M expected to be 222M by 2050
- World's 8<sup>th</sup> most populous country in an area slightly less in size than lowa
- 2,914 people per sq. mile
- Most densely populated country in world
- 4th largest Muslim population in world behind Indonesia, Pakistan, and India
- Bangladesh is a fairly new countryformally East Pakistan-Independence 1971)

Bangladesh operates under 1-Police Force of 141,000 officers Police still operate from the British Police Act of 1861 " I promise you will experience a cultural diversity change that you will never receive in a classroom"

Karl Clark ICITAP-former Bangladesh Program Manager





### August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 ICITAP Hosted the PPB Bangladesh Instructor Orientation

# Bangladesh Community Policing Partnership Program Objectives

- Teach Bangladesh police officers and citizens Community Policing strategies and assist them with implementation out in the field.
- Provide hands-on instruction, modeling and mentoring to Bangladesh police officers and citizens using an embedding strategy.
- Teach investigative, supervisory and leadership principals to the Bangladesh police at the National Police Academy

PPB teams were asked to teach Community Policing in the cities of Dhaka, Rajshahi, Rangpur and in the BNPA -Sardah, Bangladesh





# Challenges that face the Bangladesh Police

- Increasing population.
- Working with government officials.
- Deep-seated historical mistrust of the police.
- Student politics that have a powerful voice.
- Low salaries for law enforcement personnel.

#### Bangladesh Police Constable's Wages and Living Conditions (\$70 month)



## **Areas of Instruction**

- Responsibilities of policing in a democratic society.
- Citizens as an element of police effectiveness.
- Human rights.
- What is and isn't community policing.
- Supervisory and leadership
- Investigative techniques and strategies.
- Basic defensive tactics and handcuffing

# **Mission Summary**

- Open lines of communication with the community and share our best practices.
- Plant seeds of change for the police, community and nation.
- Demonstrate that there are numerous strategies that can be applied to improve policing services.

## **Members Deployed**

As of July 2014...in 2 1/2 years

- 110 officers representing 19 divisions.
  - 5 officers from area agencies
  - 2 arson investigators: 1-Fire 1-Detective

#### Four non-sworn members and two citizens



#### PPB Chief Mike Reese with Rajshahi DIG (police chief) Saddiqur Rahman



# **Team 5** invited to enter the local Mosque in Judgkhai



## PPB team 13 with graduating classes of sub-inspectors at the Sardah National Police Academy



Spending time with children helps remind us why we chose a career in law enforcement



How does the Portland community benefit from this project?

- Immerse PPB in a different culture.
- Achieve a greater level of understanding.
- Enhance our existing community policing practices and improve program deliveries.

## **Lessons Learned**

- New appreciation for our justice system and reflection on how fortunate we are to have a community that is engaged with law enforcement.
- Reinforcement that Community Policing is an ongoing, continuous process.
- Taking our experiences gained from this project and building additional relationships with our local community partners.



## The future of Bangladesh

