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**Meeting of Late Night Retail Working Group**

INDIANAPOLIS (June 12, 2012) The Late Night Retail Working Group conducted a public meeting Tuesday, June 12, 2012 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Indiana Government Center South.

After a review of the mission, objectives and participants, Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres received a report and recommendations from the oversight committee on late night retail violence and best practices.

The formal report on late night retail violence was presented by Dr. Tim Koponen as Chair of the oversight committee. The report, *Late Night Retail Workplace Violence: A Report on Best Practices and Recommendations for the Industry*, was summarized and presented to Indiana Department of Labor Commissioner Lori A. Torres.

Additional presentations were made:

- Theresia Whitfield highlighted victim family member's observations and recommendations.
- Scot Imus, Executive Director of the Indiana Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association, also outlined the association's recommendations and observations on the report.

"The working group has established a clear plan of action to improve worker safety and violence prevention in late night retail stores in Indiana. It is a thorough and detailed safety analysis and creates an important set of safety recommendations and guidelines for the industry. We hope the late night retail industry will adopt these recommendations enthusiastically and help make Indiana's workplaces safer and more secure for employees," observed Commissioner Torres.

The Oversight Committee included:

- a. Dr. Timothy Koponen, Director of QMS, IDOL, Chair
- b. Michelle Ellison, Director of INSafe, IDOL
- c. Scot Imus, Executive Director, Indiana Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
- d. Theresia Whitfield representing employees

A copy of the *Late Night Retail Workplace Violence* report is available at [www.dol.in.gov/2367.htm](http://www.dol.in.gov/2367.htm)

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