



State of Connecticut
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Testimony of the Division of Criminal Justice
Joint Committee on Public Safety and Security – February 3, 2009

In support of:

- **S.B. No. 758 An Act Concerning the Offense of Impersonation of a Police Officer**

The Division of Criminal Justice would respectfully request the Committee's Joint Favorable Report for S.B. No. 758, An Act Concerning the Offense of Impersonation of a Police Officer. The Division of Criminal Justice has offered this bill in past sessions and again presents it as part of our legislative recommendations for the 2009 Regular Session.

The purpose of the bill is two-fold: first, to protect the public safety, and second, to protect those whose job it is to protect the public safety.

The bill expands the current law dealing with the impersonation of a police officer to include Inspectors from the Division of Criminal Justice. Under current law it is a crime to impersonate a municipal police officer or a Connecticut State Police trooper, but not an Inspector of the Division of Criminal Justice. Inspectors conduct criminal investigations and have the same powers of arrest as municipal and State police officers. As such, the impersonation of an Inspector would pose the same public safety concerns.

The Division of Criminal Justice respectfully requests the Committee's Joint Favorable Report. We would be happy to provide any additional information you might require or to answer any questions the Committee might have concerning this matter.

Thank you.