

Meeting facilitator: Chief Rob Vincent

Welcome: Meeting was called to order at St Petersburg College-SEPSI Academy by Chief Rob Vincent at 1:30 p.m.

Members Present:			
Michael DiBuono	SPC	Diana Ospina	SPC
Dave Smolenski	SPC	Chief Rob Vincent	Gulfport PD
Paul Roach	SPC	Lt. Kevin D'Amico	Clearwater PD
Lauren Bley	SPC	Chief Armand Boudreau	Treasure Island PD
Paul Andrews	SPC	Chief Bill Sohl	Belleir PD
Member Absents:			
Chief Dan Slaughter	Clearwater PD	Captain Mark Dunnagan	PCSO
Chief Terry Hughes	Indian Shores PD	Detective Roxanne Hunt	Pinellas Park PD
Chief Kevin Riley	Kenneth City PD	Sergeant James Lofton	St. Petersburg PD
Chief Jeff Undestad	Largo PD	Chief Robert Kochen	Tarpon Springs PD
Chief Rick Stelljes	Pinellas County Schools Police	Chief David Hendry	USF St. Petersburg Campus

Minutes

Agenda item: Old business

- ✓ Paul Roach, as the new academy coordinator provided a review and suggestions for our academies.
 - ✓ Pearson computer based testing center: The new SPC full time coordinator will relieve our academy staff for the testing center.
 - ✓ Radio use is being increased in response to agencies requests. Robert Vincent offered to donate radios to our academy because Gulfport PD has updated radios.
 - ✓ The Domestic Terrorism class was trust funded on Oct. 17-18, 2016 and it was a successful course for all agencies.
 - ✓ The Board of Trustee has approved the formal policies and procedures that formalizes the academy procedures, disciplines, and dismissal. This formally addresses exit points and other specific pass/fail issues and circumstances to be addressed only by SEPSI academy and the Dean.
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Agenda new business: SPC update:

- a. Crossover classes: We still offering the crossover, but not interest has been shown to the schedule we are offering. To improve this, we are in the process of putting together a dual academy program that could be more appealing to the correctional officers.
- b. Academy updates: Dave reported that the PRC #202 graduated eleven recruits and ten of them were hired and one it is in process to be hired. The PRC #203 graduation is February 22, 2017 and the PRC #205 has already fourteen spots on hold for Largo PD and St Pete PD and the rest are open enrollment. Moreover, the academy has implemented for all the recruit new changes to increase respect, discipline, and professionalism. Also all recruits are motivated to serve and be involved in the community and to volunteer in any service needed in the at the Student Government – SGA.
- c. Mike informed that the college has this Advisory committee it is mandatory by the college and that it was created by the college president with the purpose of student's success in the workforce. Furthermore, he provided copies of the Workforce Education Advisory Committees Rule, Procedure, and the Steering Student Successful Employment guide. Also he informed that the S.A.C. gets audited every year; therefore, SPC will create the agenda, minutes with all attendees and absent agencies will be provided to the Career Pathway Outreach Specialist. As a committee we need to keep the purpose of helping all recruits to be successful and to get them ready to be hired. SPC welcomes the input and feedback of all agencies specially in significant changes to improve the professionalism and success of all recruits. Chief Vincent that one of the ways to help the recruits it is by adapting the use of internship and apprenticeships.
- d. Agency Patches: the agency patches are creating a class division and at the next meeting we will request all agencies input to make a change. For example, that all recruits earn the use of it. Also to change the patch to be the America flag.
- e. Academy procedure amendment- approved by Board of Trustees –BOT and a copy of this procedure will be sent to all agencies after BOT seal it at the next February meeting.
- f. Cars report: Mike informed that he has been working on finding good deals either to lease or to buy new cars to accommodate our needs and college budget.
- g. All attendees were in favor of the change to the wear of long sleeve class A shirts. This will be discussed with further details at the next meeting.

Agenda item: Around the table:

- ✓ Mike informed that the In-service received a FDLE perfect audit certificate this year.
- ✓ Chief Boudreau complemented all the changes and improvements to the academies. Also he expressed the concern of the competition that Tampa is creating by providing better pay rates and better schedules with every other weekend off. As a result, all agencies should take in consideration to at least improve the work schedule to not lose too many officers. As an academy we are promoting our county agencies.

Other Information

Meeting was dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

2017 schedule advisory committee meetings at the SPC Allstate center:

- May 3, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.
- September 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
- December 6, 2017 1:30 p.m.