

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE
Public Safety Advisory Committee
Feb. 9, 2016

Attendees: Guy Keirn (Pinellas Park Fire), Mark Berger (Pinellas Park PD), Dan Doherty (PCSO) Richard Graham (Lealman Fire), Dorene Thomas (retired law enforcement)

SPC attendees: Brian Frank, Christine Pribyl, Carol Rasor, Shirley Johnson, Kevin Thomas, Charles Crowther, Dee Mortellaro

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Enrollment	College of Public Safety enrollment for Spring 2016 is up almost 10% over Spring 2015. SPC as a whole is down approximately 3%. For Fire Science, enrollment has been decreasing because the State Fire College now allows other institutions to offer online fire science courses. 95% of our students are from outside Pinellas and it is expected we will lose many of them because of the competition.	The number of course offerings in Fire Science may need to be reduced in the future. Staff will monitor enrollment.
Emergency Management/Fire Science	Rebuilding of courses in EAM continues with two done per term to keep content current and viable. Fire – approval has been given to offer the Chief Officer class online. Offering this class now completes all the needed courses for Fire Officer III and IV.	
Digital Forensics Revision	With a goal of increased enrollment, this program has been partially merged with the Cybersecurity (IT) AS program. Beginning Fall 2016, 5 courses will be replaced with 5 from Cybersecurity. Completion of these classes leads to two different certifications. In addition students are given test prep materials and exam vouchers.	Kevin Thomas, Lead Instructor, is investigating adding a 3 rd certification into the program.
Criminal Justice/Lakewood HS Initiative	Two dual enrollment classes for LHS students were created, however, enrollment was/is 6 or 7 students. Michael Hughes, Program Chair, met with LHS officials and Lt. Dukeman (SPPD) about expanding the initiative.	Additional public high schools within the City of St. Petersburg will be contacted about participation in initiative.
Public Safety Upper Division	Enrollment has grown in the upper division for several reasons: More employers require bachelor degrees, and often the GI Bill or agencies pay the students' tuition.	Faculty will keep coursework updated, interactive, and current.
Combined FF/EMT Program	The combined program started January with the FF component. Those students will begin the EMT portion in May. Students starting in May will begin with EMT and end with the FF component. Enrollment in the combined program guarantees a spot in both components.	
Student Engagement	The campus held a Law Enforcement Recruitment Day with participation from 12 agencies and other employers who can hire officers as well as civilians in fields such as Security, HR, etc.	Career and Outreach staff will continue to email AS students about other opportunities, offer career prep tips, assist with resumes and networking.
Other Business	Dr. Anne Cooper will be attending the next fire chiefs meeting and will entertain any concerns or suggestions from the chiefs. One concern is lack of a seamless connection between Fire and EMS programs. It was asked if approaching Dr. Cooper about combining the Fire and EMS programs at one campus is appropriate.	Staff encouraged presenting the idea to Dr. Cooper.
Next Meeting	Tuesday, September 13, 2016 was selected.	Committee members will be reminded of the scheduled date.