

Public Safety Advisory committee meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Members present: Ken Afienko (SPC-PSA), Carol Rasor-Cordero (SPC-PSA), Guy Keirn (Pinellas Park Fire Department), Rick Graham (Lealman Fire District), Rosanne Beck (SPC-PSA), Michael Hughes (SPC-PSA), Kevin Thomas (SPC-PSA), Keith Murray (Pinellas County), Mark Berger (Pinellas Park Police), David Romine (Retired SPD), Kimberly Gaskin (SPC-PSA).

Members absent: Brian Frank (Dean, SPC-PSA), Sally Bishop (Director, Pinellas County Emergency Management), Geoffrey Brown (SPC-PSA), Charles Crowther (Program Chair, SPC Fire Science), Dale Konig (Department Chair, Pinellas Park High School), Greg Mason (PCSO), John Mauro (PCSO), Deborah McDonald (FDLE, Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center), Deborah Mortellaro (Career Outreach Specialist, SPC), John Romeo (FDLE, Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center), Dorene Thomas (SPC-PSA).

- I. Call to order
- II. Welcome
 - a. Introduction of members and guests

lii. Announcements

Kevin Thomas: Digital forensics applied for innovation grant, we plan to start a student lab at the EpiCenter that is designed to give students a real-life experience with forensics investigations in conjunction with the Tampa Bay Electronic Crimes Task Force. The lab at Epi has 10 computers. We need to order hardware and software. Hopefully by next fall it is up and running. Internship investigation activities. Right now just for enrolled students; CCIT and digital forensic students. Still working out licensing rules.

- iv. EAM /fire science
 - a. Fire science online course offerings.
No new developments at this time.

V. Criminal justice Lakewood high school initiative

Mike Hughes

The **Lakewood High School** initiative has outgrown its name since expansion has reached to seven different schools in Pinellas County. These include: **Gibbs High School, Dixie Hollins High School, Pinellas Park High, Seminole High, Osceola Boca Ciega High School, and St. Petersburg High School.** The Dual Enrollment program involves juniors and seniors getting the opportunity to earn college credit while in high school in the Public Safety and Criminal Justice fields. The Dual enrollment courses take place after the regular school day from 3:00-4:15pm. We are looking for that group of students who are somewhere in that 2.5-3.0 range GPA, despite the standard 3.0 GPA that is required. For students who are borderline to meeting the

requirements, exceptions are made. This is not a program for recruitment. Students have the opportunity to get 12 college credits in any program they want to. It builds confidence in the student so that they can be successful in a college environment. Students don't know PSA and CJ jobs. Students will take Investigative Trends and Crime & Delinquency in their junior year. In their senior year, they will take Research Methods and the NIMS course, to get an idea of Homeland Security. Our challenge is that we are working this in conjunction with St Pete PD. This is a critical time because those juniors and seniors for next year are making up their schedules for fall. My goal is to introduce this program with more enthusiasm. Talk to parents about program on nights that they are at the school. Criminal Justice St Petersburg College Cadet Program is the new proposed name for the initiative to encompass all schools involved.

We have an articulation program with Pinellas Park when they come out of the high school program. St Pete fire Program is happening out of Gibbs High School. The schools have a willingness to expose kids to these things. Our program is in its fledgling stage. I anticipate there would be an uptick. To be competitive to get into any school, a good college transcript is vital. If you want to progress in careers, get the education. Try to work more closely with Gibbs and St Pete fire. Gibbs is trying to get a leadership academy. I am talking about Adjusting curriculum to accommodate the leadership academy. School fire side or criminal justice. Chief Holloway called cadet program, get young folks interest in SPPD. Clearwater PD doing something with Public Service Aid. 30 hours of course work available to be taken.

Guy Keirn – In the City of Pinellas Park Fire Department there are Explorer posts. Thus far, we've hired 5 for firefighter/paramedics. Right now, there are 34 students for fire academy, and only one paramedic. We could hire 30 in this county right now. We can probably get them from other parts of the county and state. Four of 5 Explorers we have, have degrees from St. Petersburg College.

Mark Berger: Explorers start to learn culture of organizations; learn what rank structure means, and they compete for different ranks. Experience Ride –a-longs; immerse into the culture of police department. It boosts their confidence. Had success in hiring explorers, some 19 years old. Gives Fire explorers a sense of community.

Vi. Public Safety Upper Division

Rosanne Beck: With Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), the College is doing this for SACS Accreditation. This year's theme is Ready, Set, Success. They have chosen working with students. This is similar to Smart Start. This program that is being put together is designed to help students get started in college for free. Still in the planning stages.

Vii. Open discussion

Guy Keirn: PSAV program. Penny Agers will be conducting a class in the future. Currently we have 34 Fire Academy students, 27 of which are in that program at HEC. The first class is in July. There will be approximately 80 students. It is anticipated to be a large program on the State and National level.

Viii. Summary of discussion and actions

Ix. Adjournment