

SEPSI Academy Advisory Committee Meeting

September 7, 2016

1:00 PM

Clearwater P.D.

Meeting facilitator: Chief Rob Vincent

Welcome: Meeting was called to order at Clearwater P.D. by Chief Rob Vincent at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present			
Michael DiBuono	SPC	Rob Vincent	Gulfport PD
Mary Weingart	SPC	Kevin Riley	Kenneth City PD
Frank Ruggiero	Tarpon Springs PD	Armand Boudreau	Treasure Island PD
Chris Squiteri	Clearwater PD	JD Lofton	St. Petersburg PD
Roxanne Hunt	Pinellas Park PD		

Members absent: Lt. Bill Sohl, Sgt. Christopher Groff, Sgt. Corporal Rodney Davis, Mr. Scott Resenwasser, Sgt. Steven Baginski, Paul Andresws, Lauren Bley, Dave Smolenski and Diana Ospina.

Minutes

Agenda item: Old business

- ✓ Recent hurricane college closure on Sept 1 and 2. It has been generally accepted that if the Pinellas County schools plan to close, that SPC will also close during that time.
 - ✓ Our Pearson computer based testing center scheduling is ongoing with the academy continuing with online class testing and the ability to take the state test for the academy and EOT.
 - ✓ Radio use is being increased in response to agencies requests.
 - ✓ SPC car update is still in process with search for funding and the need to go through the college foundation for donations. It was suggested that a contact be made through the few local dealers to request car donations.
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Agenda Item: Polygraph

Discussion: The committee discussed and decided they did not want to use a psychological evaluation but to use PASS polygraph forward.

Agenda item: SPC update:

- ✓ Mike DiBuono introduced Paul Roach, the new academy coordinator who will be managing PRC #203 beginning Sept. 26.
- ✓ Our Pearson computer based testing center scheduling is ongoing with the academy continuing with online class testing and the ability to take the state test for the academy and EOT.
- ✓ Radio use is being increased in response to agencies requests.

- ✓ Also announced is a Domestic Terrorism class to be trust funded on Oct. 17-18. This will be information from Army intelligence and is to provide a resource to report and recognize domestic threats for the patrol officer.
- ✓ Paul Andrews recently attended NTOA conference and will soon offer officer tactical courses from contacts initiated.
- ✓ On a general training note, DiBuono stated that he is reviewing the pricing structure of classes that has been in place for many years. It is possible that agencies will see deductions in class costs that involve regular classroom time go down and possible that, for example, an Instructor Firearms class with more expenses might increase to cover costs.
- ✓ SPC DiBuono explained that he has been working on formal policies and procedures that a draft version has been sent to the Board of Trustees that formalizes the academy routines. This formally addresses exit points and other specific pass/fail issues and circumstances.

Agenda item: Around the table:

Chief Vincent announced the college has the annual advisory board volunteer breakfast scheduled for Sept. 16 the college program runs from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. This is a college event attended by other advisory board members, also attended by the college president, and a chance to socialize and be recognized by the college for your service. We have not scheduled to hold our advisory meeting after the college program. Next meeting date is set for January 11, 2017 12 noon at the Allstate Center.

Chief Vincent also began a discussion of how to instill initiative in our younger generation in both their academy time and throughout their agency careers. Several suggestions were discussed including expanding open day orientation or a longer interview/pre-employment/critical thinking evaluation. Embracing the new generation ideas or encouraging student government or leadership participation was discussed. The idea of motivational speaking engagements to the classes could be a way to encourage youth to foster strategies for later success. Chief Riley recently addressed such issues in a lunch time talk at the college. Student life coordinator Rebecca Sarver at 727-341-4480 sarver.rebecca@spcollege.edu is available for others to schedule opportunities encourage and get to know the new recruits.

St. Petersburg P.D. is holding a stop stick instructor upcoming school.

Other Information

Meeting was dismissed at 3:00 p.m.

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