



# Advisory Committee Meeting Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2019

13:00 PM

AC room 110

<b>Members Present:</b>			
<b>Attendees/Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Attendees/Names</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Michael DiBuono	SPC	Joshua Stone	Gulfport PD
Joe Saponare	SPC	Ofc. Chelsea Buchans	Pinellas Park PD
Lauren Bley	SPC	Sgt. Frank Ruggiero	Tarpon Spring PD
Kim Gaskin	SPC	Chief Armand Boudreau	Treasure Island PD
Gail Walker	SPC	Richard Nascimento	Pinellas County SO
Mary Weingart	SPC	Cpl. Eddie Tucker	KCPD
Lt. Paul Andrews-Chair	USF PD	Steve Squillante	Clearwater PD
Lt. Gary Dukeman	SPPD		
<b>Member Absents:</b>			
Chief Rob Vincent	Gulfport PD	Paul Roach	SPC
Gina Carneseccchi	St. Petersburg PD		

**Meeting facilitator:** Mike DiBuono Paul Andrews-Chair opened at 13:00

## Agenda Item: Old Business

**DT Instructor update.** FDLE has updated the Defensive Tactics instructor curriculum. Effective Jan. 1, 2020, any instructor that has not taken the three-day update course will no longer be an active FDLE instructor. Update offerings will be scheduled at Allstate by Paul Roach in the near future. Manatee County is offering an upcoming update class to be attended by Mike Dibuono and Rick Tapia who will bring back information to allow academy students and academy instructors to be eligible for updated FDLE status. Forms 86A and Form 6 have both been updated and should be used in the future.

**Trust Fund update.** 2018/19 trust fund year is coming to an end with our budget management and adjustments to hit the goal of slightly overspending the funds. 2019/20 budget is increased by \$5000 with the total expected to be \$208,000 with 10% administration costs.

**Academy updates.** Two new Ford Taurus cars are now in working order and two being processed. Our goal is to continue to purchase cars each year to update fleet. FDLE is assessing SUV use and is not yet approved.

**PT assessment standards adopted** and assessed three times during the academy. Initially 15-20% of students fail to meet the Cooper standards, fewer on second assessment, and with remedial training and help from Joe participating in daily training exercises, there have been no failures by end of third assessment.



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**Introduction of** Kimberly Gaskin welcomed in the academy administrative position.

**Introduction of** Gail Walker to group and our affiliation with the college's training program, Center for Public Safety Innovation (CPSI). CPSI offers various free grant-funded classes at the campus, online, at agencies, nationally, and internationally in El Salvador. Varied grants allow this group to offer LE suicide prevention, interviews, financial investigation, gang awareness, current drug trends and community policing. Community and first responders training as well as victims of crime, and hard of hearing classes are also available.

**New Training opportunities presented** as the college has been selected by the Chief's Association for training to be facilitated by Lauren Bley. Offerings to be geared toward management and leadership style training. Prominent speakers will also be highlighted. It was mentioned that Gail Walker offers suicide prevention through CPSI and could possibly be a subject presented.

**Academy schedule.** The college is discussing a four-day ten-hour work week for the summer months of June and July which means that the college could be closed on Fridays through the summer but recruits would have already put in 40-hour week. Student schedules would be impacted by an earlier start time and Fridays off.

*Update on academy enrollment.* PRC 212 has 29 enrolled with all sponsored. PRC 213 has 14 enrolled all open enrollments. CRC 98 has 16 that will graduate on May 6. New class CRC 98 is still enrolling with 12 and starts May 20.

**Active Assailant Training** soon available as new FDLE training #1402. Intruder response curriculum in 4-8 hours.

Mike Dibugno is regularly meeting with county 911 agencies regarding our ongoing Public Safety Telecommunicator course to meet staffing needs. It is currently offered four times a year to meet county wide shortage. The original intent of the college offering training was to create a pool of applicants available for hiring but classes still have a low enrollment. Several agencies contribute funds to alleviate student fees such as fingerprinting and certification testing. FDLE is developing active shooter and active assailant training for 911 and dispatch centers.

**The Hart building** on campus is being transitioned to a shoot house for active shooter and sims rounds, training beginning with the academy three-day training next week. Setup will include apartments, offices and classrooms for scenarios and instruction. Inservice classes will be scheduled by Paul Roach.

**Curriculum changes** are effective for Defensive Tactics and Firearms. A copy of a summary of changes issued by FDLE are included in the minutes.

**Training calendar** is to be merged into one online location in the near future, in the meantime offerings are being posted at <http://cpsi.spcollege.edu/calendar.htm> .

**"Ways to Engage" survey** Check your email and complete the college's Ways to Engage survey.

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**Agenda Item: Open discussion/Round table**

**SPC renovations updates.**

**Mat room hygiene.** Recruits are using our new laser cleaner equipment to disinfect floors after use to maintain cleanliness.



**Range updates.** Our new Range master, Don Kiefhaber retired PCSO, has made great headway with managing to get all lanes open and overheads available to work with dim light. Inventory and budget are being reviewed.

Three DART sim systems have been installed and working. They replicate a 48 round course. So far they have received good student response, are an advantage for qualification, portable, and also available for agencies to use. Leadership Pinellas is currently using the system.

Mike Dibuono, reacting to student comments, asked the group if instructors need to be held to the same Cooper standards that they teach. An age sliding scale is applied for all. He will compile information and present a group vote at next meeting.

Discussion topics:

Are instructors teaching and cannot show proficiency in subject. Proficiency vs. PT standards, same as students

Do instructors need to qualify in all areas each year, inside an agency require qualification yearly.

Required ratio of instructors needed, remedial training should be offered for one who may not qualify.

Instructors are SPC employees, agencies require change in (PT) standards after a certain hiring date.

It was suggested to poll instructors on change to minimize push back from instructors.

Shall we move forward with qualifying/proficiency for every high liability instructor?

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#### **Requests and discussion.**

SPPD: K9 handler, marine patrol operation. SPC offering Water Survival training regularly, next offering full on 4/29. Treasure Island request active shooter training. Clearwater stated that they were using Clearwater High School for active shooter training and invited small agencies to join them. Requested also was Interview, Kinesic and CPR instructor. SPPD has moved into their new training facilities and have begun offering training, upcoming is a IACP conference and a hard knocks narcotics operation class.

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#### **Agenda Item: Next Meeting** September 18, 2019

Chair Paul Andrews states that he will email completed minutes, FDLE summary of curriculum changes and next agenda shortly.

Adjourned at 15:10

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