

Law Enforcement Advisory Program Committee Meeting (Thursday, December 2, 2021)

12:00pm, Imperial Valley College room 3201

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Director, Brett Houser.

Present:

Gail Warner, Dean for Health & Public Safety
Efrain Silva, Dean of Economic & Workforce Development
Victor Torres, Associate Dean of Workforce Development
Brett Houser, Director POST Programs
Fred Miramontes, Undersheriff Imperial County Sheriff's Office
Brian P. Johnson, Chief of Police for El Centro Police Department
Leonard J. Barra, Chief of Police for Imperial Police Department
Jimmy Duran, Chief of Police for Brawley Police Department
Perry Monita, Chief of Police for Westmorland Police Department
Justin Matus, Assistant Chief Investigator, Office of District Attorney Imperial County
Roxanne Morales, CTE Counselor
Jessica Prock, Administrative Secretary for Health & Public Safety
Rhonda Ruiz, Support Staff, Law Enforcement Programs

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Review & Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2021

M/S/C Chief Johnson/Chief Miramontes approved the minutes from May 27, 2021.

3. Advisory Committee

A. Review of Advisory Committee Booklet

Director Houser informed the committee that with the help of Dean Warner, he put together an Advisory Committee Booklet to help provide direction and purpose with the roles and responsibilities of the committee. He stated that the booklet will help members understand what committee work is such as establishing goals, getting to those goals and getting input from people. Director Houser also stated that he felt the committee should be lead by LEAC members.

B. Nomination of Chair

Chief Monita motioned to nominate Chief Duran as Chair, Chief Barra seconded. Chief Duran was unanimously voted as the Committee Chair.

4. PC 832 Class

A. Upcoming Winter 2022 class

The upcoming Winter PC 832 class will be a condensed class and take place from January 6th till the 22nd of January. Class days and times will be Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays from 8:00am-5:00pm.

Class will be capped at a maximum of 25 students and be required to have a minimum of 15 to avoid being cancelled. Director Houser informed the committee that the class currently has 18 students enrolled and noted that the Probation Department has 8 students in the class. He asked the committee to forward his information to interested task force departments.

B. Future class

Director Houser ask the committee when they would like the PC 832 classes to be held. He further explained that PC 832 doesn't have to be held once a year in Winter. He told them that with personnel changes in their departments he would be willing to adjust the offerings of this class to their needs. Director Houser asked the committee if they felt we should offer this class at another point in the year.

Undersheriff Miramontes recommended to offer this class again half way through the year; in the summer. He informed Director House that he may have some correctional officer's that may need it at that time.

Chief Johnson agreed and said he might have some Explores that might need it also.

Director Houser requested contact information for police departments training officers. The following were identified:

El Centro Police Department - Temporary Officer Stephen Singh
Imperial County Sheriff's Office- Officers Justin Burk and Brandon De Los Rios
Brawley Police Department- Vacant. Currently in the process of filling the position.
Imperial Police Department- Captain Max Sheffield

5. New POST Learning Portal Training Classes

A. Overview of new POST Learning Portal Training Classes

Director Houser informed the committee that POST implemented new POST Learning Portal Training Classes. He informed the committee that the Learning Portal came online about eight years ago to help keep up CPT classes however, the Learning Portal needed to be updated so POST revamped it.

B. Facilitation

POST decided that one way communication wasn't working for them so they implemented the facilitator feature into the Learning Portal. Director House told them that the way it works is that depending on the topic, either the department's training manager or training sergeant would watch the video together with the officer and have a conversation to make sure the video was absorbed. He told the committee that specialized topics require a specialized instructor and said he felt this might pose a challenge to some departments. Director Houser disclosed to the committee that he is working on trying to figure out how to help provide the use of IVC's pool of specialized instructors to assist local agencies if they need coordinated supervision of their classes. Director Houser requested feedback on this topic.

6. New Police Vehicle Acquisition

A. Update

Director Houser announced that he was able to get a PO approved for two new vehicles. He told the committee he would like to get some local input for decals for the police cars and said he was looking to purchase magnets so they can be removed for servicing and not get the logos destroyed by the sun with permanent decals. He further stated that input from the students was that they were fans of all departments so he would like to see that somehow represented.

Chief Johnson suggested maybe coloring the cars black and white with the IVC logo at the doors and maybe putting a banner of all the badges across the back trunk lid. He also remarked it would be appropriate to put the school academy logo on the side of the doors and put each of the departments patch or badges.

Chief Duran recommended using the design at the NTF and LECC room with the IVC logo in the middle and law enforcement badges/patches around it. The committee unanimously agreed.

7. Ride Along Issues with Recruits

A. Observations by recruits

A request was made by Director Houser for police agencies to assist with coordinating ride alongs to the recruits. He stated that some students were getting rejected.

Chief Johnson recommended agencies update their ride along forms and the committee agreed to permit ride alongs as long as the individual identifies themselves as an IVC student.

8. Agency Input

A. El Centro Police Department -JPIA & Training

Chief Johnson reported to the committee that JPIA has trainings for the police departments such as traffic collision, the number one claim for law enforcement, however he was wondering if it would be possible to explore co-creating POST approved curriculum with IVC to see if JPIA would pay for it and give the police departments the opportunity to immediately send their people more quickly to trainings. He stated that from a city stand point it would show the city is being pro-active; from a risk management stand point he felt it would show they are trying to litigate the risk in traffic collisions. Chief Johnson said some trainings could be offered online. He also expressed an interest in using the driving simulators. He told Director Houser if IVC was interested in exploring this then he would make the connection in an email with the JPIA coordinator.

Director House and Dean Warner expressed an interest.

Chief Johnson expressed an interest in moving forward with the Supervisory Course.

Director Houser informed the committee he was working on it.

B. Imperial Police Department

Chief Barra stated he was interested in perishable skills and felt that local agencies had enough instructors to move forward with his request.

Director Houser told the committee he would look into it and would like to see commitments from each agency to help and assist with that request.

C. Brawley Police Department

Chief Duran inquired about having IVC host an AICC course locally.

Director Houser said he'd find out how to make that happen.

D. IVC

• Request to Hire Locally

Director Houser informed the committee that he would like for local agencies to hire locally. He commented that when he meets community members they ask him to hire locally however, he is the training guy not the hiring guy so he just wanted to pass along the request to the committee members.

• Career Fairs

Dean Silva announced to the committee that his department hosted a Public Safety Summit with all the High Schools students in the valley who were on a pathway. He informed the committee that it was a very successful event with all academies participating. He further stated, that in February, he is planning on holding a middle school Career Day. All schools will bring a group of 20 students to have the same experience with the exception of adding nursing activities. It will be a four day event with a DJ, food and music. Dean Silva invited the committee members to participate in the event and asked them to contact him if anyone was interested.

- **New POST Coordinator**

Dean Warner reported that the Imperial Valley College hired a new POST Coordinator. She disclosed that the new POST Coordinator will be a new full-time, tenure track faculty member and identified the person as Michelle Velovich. Michelle retired from the San Diego Police Department as a lieutenant after working for them for twenty five years. Her start date is January 3rd, 2022.

- **Academy Update**

The RBC Level III class started in July with thirty four students and completed with twenty eight students. RBC Level II started out with thirty one students and is currently at twenty four. So far the academy has had two injuries, two family emergencies and a covid. Director Houser has had to re-schedule a few days to make everything flow steadily. He reported that the students like the faster format and forecasted that RBC Level I will start out with twenty six or twenty eight students. Director Houser incorporated a few changes to the RBC Level I class. His focus is to lower the student's anxiety first day of class with an orientation that would talk about the campus they are on, possible covid situations, discuss services offered by the college. Day two will be a blitz with all staff associated with the academy and other cops to come out and do a shake down with the class to include vehicle inspections, etc. basically have a high stress evening. Director Houser asked the committee to contact him if anyone was interested in participating.

9. Adjournment

Procedural: A. Adjournment

M/S/C Monita/Houser to adjourn the meeting at 01:43 pm.