

Law Enforcement Advisory Program Committee Meeting - Working Lunch (Tuesday, May 17, 2022)

1. Working Lunch - Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:21 pm by Chief Duran

Gail Warner, Dean for Health & Public Safety

Brett Houser, Director POST Program

Fred Miramontes, Undersheriff, Imperial County Sheriff's Office

Bobby Benavidez, Imperial County Sheriff's Office

Brian Johnson, Chief of Police for El Centro Police Department

Jimmy Duran, Chief of Police for Brawley Police Department

Jesus Serano, Calexico Police Department

James Thomas, POST Recruit

Roxanne Morales, CTE Counselor

Jessica Prock, Administrative Secretary for Health & Public Safety

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Review & Approval of Minutes of December 02, 2021

M/S/C Miramontes/Houser

3. INFORMATION: 1070 Instructor Requirements

A. Instructors and RTOs

Imperial Valley College is expanding the instructors and will bring in new people as RTO's to observe. The College will also extend an invitation to all to apply for employment as Professional Experts to help augment instruction.

B. Review of 1070 Instructor Requirements

Multiple instructors and professional experts are retiring or will be retiring in the near future. There is a need for the following specializations:

- Racial Profiling
- Terrorism and Weapons
- Use of Force
- Physical Training / Lifetime Fitness

Four hours of retraining for specializations are required every four years. The committee discussed bringing in a trainer to train locally.

C. AICC Training Update

The College will host a training within the next eight months and will consist of 40 hours total. There is a need for commitment to filling seats. The members present stated they are committing their respective departments to the training.

Director Houser will research the requirements for the training and will put together a format that will ensure the training is split over a two-week period.

4. Patrol Vehicles

A. IVC New Vehicle Update and Usage (Logos, Badges, Patches)

The College received two patrol vehicles with the police packaging. The equipment should be installed soon and they will be functional within the next month.

The District and each Department will need a Hold Harmless Agreement. A memo will be done for multiple years to cover this.

B. Use of Local Law Enforcement Vehicles

The District extended its appreciation of the use of Law Enforcement Vehicles currently and previously. The group discussed the use of the seal in which each group's logo was represented. The Chiefs will ask their support staff for the digital file and will share it with the College to use for the logo on the patrol vehicles.

5. In-Service Training Needs

A. Agency input

There has been an update from POST that the simulators (force and driving) shall no longer be used for qualifying. The college renewed the maintenance agreement for one year with this update and will use them now only to enhance skills.

B. Regional Training Center- Open Opportunities to RTO

The group discussed setting up perishable skills training for local groups. The College will look at options of starting one through the college such as a community course in the near future and possibly a credit class down the road.

The ICSO has the lessons written and will share them with the College.

6. Exercise / Scenario Test Failure

A. Agency Notification

Beginning this year, if 15% or more fail the initial test or retest, a sponsoring agent must be contacted. Each Chief said that they will provide the contact information for their respective notification person.

7. Demonstration

A. Agency Participation

Director Houser explained that the College hosts a few events throughout the year and each agency will be contacted and extended an invitation for participation. The next event is scheduled for September 29, 2022. More information will be provided as the event nears.

8. Agency Day

A. Invitation to Participate

Members of the committee shared that there are Police Departments that would like to have an "Agency Day" at the college to talk to the cadets. It was recommended that this take place in each module. For the current Level I, May 31, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

9. Academy Update

A. Current Status

There are currently 21 students set to graduate this year in June. Five to six are to be patched with El Centro Police Department. Seven with Imperial County Sheriffs Office. There have been multiple agencies coming out to meet with the Cadets.

Chief Johnson stated that this group had been one of the strongest groups in a while.

10. Blitz

A. Next Academy 2022-2023

The next academy begins July 5, 2022. Open to anyone in the law enforcement arena to participate in a "Shake Things Up" event on July 5, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

Director Houser discussed the Pellot B and Physical Agility Test (PAT) screening that is in our current catalog that we are not doing and are waiving for the students. He asked for input on if this should be done. The group consensus is that it should be done because it is an excellent screening tool. The PAT is important for the cadets and for the agencies as they test the cadets when they apply. The test is a non-enforceable test and is for our own information right now and is being waived although it is in our catalog. The committee discussed having the test administered prior to entering the academy and having a record of their scores. The college will administer the test; if the cadet passes the test, a letter provided to the student, and departments, and kept in their file.

11. Open Forum/ Reports

A. Imperial County Sheriff's Office

Will the college offer the PC 832 course (AJ 141) again? Director Houser informed the group that the college will plan to provide the course in August. It will need sufficient enrollment to continue.

B. Westmorland Police Department

None

C. Brawley Police Department

How many applicants and students are we targeting? Director Houser stated that our POST cap is 45 and our class cap at IVC is 40. There is an email distribution list for those that want to receive notification about the program and an online application that is open during certain times. There are over 44 applications started in our system right now. The deadline is June 15, 2022.

D. Imperial Police Department

None

E. El Centro Police Department

None

F. Calexico Police Department

None

G. District Attorney's Office

None

OTHER:

Anticipate eliminating credit for AJ coursework "within the last three years provision" and having a further discussion regarding this.

The graduation for this academy is June 9, 2022, at 6:00 pm in the IVC Gym. All are invited to participate in the ceremony.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.