

Law Enforcement Advisory Program Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

Location: Room 3201

1. Call to Order

A. The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm by Chief Jimmy Duran

Present:

Gail Warner, Dean for Health & Public Safety
Brett Houser, Director POST Programs
Leonard J. Barra, Chief of Police for Imperial Police Department
Robert Benavidez, Chief Deputy-Correctional Facilities
Jimmy Duran, Chief of Police for Brawley Police Department
Ryan Kelley, Imperial County Sheriff's Office, Lieutenant-North County Patrol and Court
Perry Monita, Chief of Police for Westmorland Police Department
Robert Sawyer, Interim Chief of Police for El Centro Police Department
Jesus Serrano, Interim Chief of Police for Calexico Police Department
Ferdinand Steinseifer-Police Academy Student
Jessica Prock, Administrative Secretary for Health & Public Safety
Rhonda Ruiz, Support Staff, Law Enforcement Programs

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Review & Approval of Minutes for May 17, 2022

M/S/C Chief Perry Monita/ Interim Chief Robert Sawyer approved the minutes from May 17th, 2022 meeting as submitted.

3. Discussion Items

A. Update on POST FTO Classes

Director Brett Houser informed the committee that he built out a perishable skills course for Arrest and Control. He will be sending out some dates to committee members to see which time frames work for their agency and stated that he plans on creating FTO classes for other courses but needs more input from agencies and will need a pool of students to establish the classes. He then informed committee members that IVC has Instructional Service Agreements they can benefit from. He told them that IVC will hold the classes, get paid for the attending students and be able to pay back the agency a percentage of contact hours for instructor time. Agency instructors can be either on duty or off duty with this agreement.

B. Personal History Statements

It has been noticed by several of the Chief's that students are delaying filling out Personal History Statements when applying to agencies. Director Brett Houser will set academy time aside as a Recruit Activity to have students fill out the Personal History Statements. This September, level II students will start filling them out and should have them done by October. The activity will include providing direction on how to gather information. An example would be on how to obtain transcripts from other colleges they've attended and anything else they need direction on.

C. Instructors-1070 requirements

1070 is specialized instructor training. It includes anything from vehicles, to firearms, arrest & control, cultural diversity and other disciplines. POST has now required that these specialized instructors must have updated training every four years as a 1070 instructor. Director Houser informed the committee that IVC has a few instructors that will need to update their specialized training. He encouraged agencies to send people who want to spend time with academy students and have specialized training to apply to work in the academy. He stated that he would like good representation from all agencies.

D. Progress Report

• New vehicle's logo

Director Brett Houser passed around a few logos that were created by digital artist Frankie Mendoza. He requested that each committee member view all logos and mark which one is their top 1 and 2. He said his goal is to get regional decision making in the program.

• Module III

Director Brett Houser announced that the module III course would be ending this week and TMAS testing would take place at the end of the week. He told the committee that the class started with 41 recruits and is now at 29 recruits. He informed the committee that some students decided police training just wasn't for them, one loss was due to covid none of the losses were due to injury. Level II has six approved students who will be entering the class when it starts.

- **Hiring of students**

Director Brett House requested agencies move on recruiting students faster.

4. Open Forum

E. Open Forum

Interim Chief Robert Sawyer told the committee he appreciated the new recruits and was excited about the new Measure B bond. He voiced his support for the new trainings and said that the trainings will help cut down out of town cost and time.

Chief Leonard Barra also voiced his support of the additional trainings and said he was looking forward to not sending people out of town. He told Director Brett Houser that he has an officer that would be interested in teaching in the academy. He asked if the academy would go full time or remain part-time.

Director Brett House told Chief Leonard Barra that the goal is full-time but there is the challenge of how to fill that full-time academy. Surveys have been done asking students if full-time would work for them and there have been mixed reviews. Younger 18 and 19 year old students are ready for that commitment but for working adults with kids, there are restrictions. The desired time frame leans more towards part-time. Director Brett Houser told the committee he's considering offering full time and part time on a cycle basis.

Interim Chief Jesus Serrano told the committee that Calexico is always taking applications for Reserves. He said they don't have a problem with being a training ground for new graduates.

Chief Jimmy Duran told the committee they didn't hire anyone out of the last group but that Brawley Police Department is accepting Reserves. He told Director Brett Houser to have any interested students apply ASAP.

Student Ferdinand Steinseifer requested to have the local police departments send officers to the academy to talk to the students. He said he felt that they could help provide insight on what each department has to offer and thought this would help the students in making a decision on which department to apply to.

Director Brett Houser informed the committee that out-of-town police departments have been inquiring about the recruits and announced that he would like to give local police departments the priority.

5. Adjournment

A. Chief Jimmy Duran called for adjournment. Chief Leonard Barra second. The meeting was adjourned at 1:43pm.