

Law Enforcement Advisory Program Committee Minutes

Thursday, April 18th, 2024

Time: 10:03 a.m.

Location: Room 3201

Gail Warner, Dean for Health & Public Safety
Brett Houser, Director of POST Programs
Jeff Caudill, Coordinator POST Programs
Robert Sawyer, Chief of Police for El Centro Police Department
Kelly Brown, Commander for El Centro Police Department
Jimmy Duran, Chief of Brawley Police Department
Aaron Reel, Chief of Imperial Police Department
Paige Lovitt, Counselor for Imperial Valley College
Rhonda Ruiz, IVC Support Staff, Law Enforcement Programs

1. Call to Order

A. Chief Jimmy Duran called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C Chief Kelly Brown/Chief Robert Sawyer approved the meeting minutes from October 26, 2023.

3. Old Business

A. Update to Commission Regulation 1003-Trainee and Peace Officer Appointments

Director Brett Houser requested that police departments notify him in cases where an individual is not in good standing with the department. He explained that he is unable to see an officer's department status in EDI and emphasized the importance of ensuring that those under investigation, temporary suspension or suspension are not allowed to teach in the academy.

B. PIT Class

A supervisory twenty-four-hour PIT (Pursuit Intervention Technique) course will be uploaded to EDI for approval by the end of the year.

C. AICC

The District Attorney's office successfully held an AICC and had twenty-five students pass their course.

D. Growth

It was reported that more students are staying in the academy and prospering. The latest statistics showed an increase in success rate from 78% in year 21/22 to 94% in year 22/23.

Jeff Caudill will update Curricunet and increase IVC's cap of 35 students to match the POST cap of 50 students. Adding a prerequisite to POST 160 was discussed.

4. New Business

A. Announcement of Open Enrollment for RBC Level III class

Open enrollment started on April 15th, and applications are steadily coming in. This year's academy will start on Monday, June 24th, 2024.

B. Dashboard Stat Access

The POST website will add a dashboard for the academy recruits to utilize. POST is also working on a report that will allow us to find out where recruits get hired once they complete our academy.

C. LD 44 -Stand Alone Active Shooter

LD 44 is a new learning domain that will be released state-wide. The response was geographically focused due to varying resources for handling an active shooter in different areas. Local input might be needed before the learning domain is released.

D. PC 832-Designated Coordinator Requirement

The AJ 141 Arrest and Firearms class, also known as PC 832, will now be required to have Coordinator supervision.

E. Agency Notifications

Notifications from IVC need to be given to agencies when their recruit isn't doing well, such as failing a test. Director Houser requested that the police departments notify him if they are sponsoring a recruit and list a point of contact so he can notify the police department of any failed testing by the recruit. Director Houser told the committee he has a fifteen percent rule. If fifteen percent of the class fails any testing, then he notifies POST and sponsored agencies before he remediates them.

F. Upcoming graduation on June 5th, 2024

The date and time of this upcoming graduation is pending. An email will be sent out once it is secured. A request was made to have the Chiefs stay a little longer so recruits could take pictures with them.

G. Family Day

This will be the academy's third family day. Activities will include speeches from various people, including psychologists, retirees, and staff. Director Houser requested to have some agencies come in so recruits and family members can ask them questions.

H. FTO Program

A Saturday is set aside to discuss the FTO program. Police departments are invited to send FTOs for breakout sessions on that day.

I. Scenarios

Director House asked the committee if IVC could use some of their police cars for scenario training.

J. Shooting Simulator Update

The shooting simulator equipment is no longer supported. Options are being considered, such as capital improvement and lease options. In the future, IVC hopes to offer some in-service training with it.

K. Federal funding Title IV HEA

A new federal law is out. It will affect certificate programs using financial aid. If a certificate program is not part of a degree, then financial aid will not pay for it. This new law will only cover the minimum hours required by the program. The police academy may have to scale back or make the academy a part of a degree program as an associate's program. This new law will take effect in July 2026. Dean Warner asked the committee to consider how to make the certificate program into an associate program. Discussions were made on this topic.