

Law Enforcement Advisory Program Committee Agenda

Monday, April 28, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Brett Houser, Interim Dean/Director for Health & Public Safety
Jeff Caudill, Director of POST Programs
Valerie Hudson, Director of Risk, Safety, and Security
Paige Lovitt, Counselor for Imperial Valley College
Ryan Kelley, Chief Deputy-Specialized Units, Imperial County Sheriff's Office
Robert Sawyer, Chief of El Centro Police Department
Kelly Brown, Deputy Chief of the El Centro Police Department
Garth Dale, Chief of Police for the Blythe Police Department
Cheryl Fowler, Chief of Police for the Calipatria Police Department
Justin Matus, Assistant Chief Investigator, Office of the District Attorney, Imperial County
Rhonda Ruiz, IVC Administrative Assistant, Law Enforcement Programs
Cesar Badillo, Imperial Valley College Police Academy Student

1. Call to Order

A. Intern Dean/Director Houser called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

2. Review and Approval of Minutes

M/S/C Assistant Chief Investigator Justin Matus and Chief Sawyer approved the October 17th, 2024, meeting minutes as submitted.

3. Old Business

A. Update on The Purchase of Patrol Vehicles

Imperial Valley College approved the purchase of two additional patrol cars in response to program growth and the implementation of dynamic training methods. The college will look into allocating lottery funds for the purchase.

B. Modern Day Policing Degree Program-Release Date Change

The Modern Day Policing Degree, introduced in 2020 as a proposed associate's degree requirement for law enforcement, has been postponed to a future date, giving us a few years to work with it. One of the goals will be to make the program transferable.

C. Finalizing the purchase of ammo and targets

Ammunition and target purchases were completed using lottery funds. Based on current inventory and projected trainings, supplies are expected to remain sufficient through 2027.

D. AJ 141 Arrest and Firearms

Two AJ 141 Arrest and Firearms classes were offered. The January class successfully concluded with an enrollment cap of twenty-five students, which was extended to accommodate thirty due to the high demand. Students from the STC Adult CORE course (CSI 55) were also able to complete the AJ 141 course and obtain their PC 832 certificates upon finishing the CSI 55 class.

Due to significant interest and a lengthy waitlist, the department opened an additional section in February. However, due to the need to rush the approval paperwork, only five students were able to qualify and enroll in that section.

E. Update on Facility Use Agreement between IVC and agencies

With proper facility use agreements established between local agencies and Imperial Valley College (IVC), the college can host more events in support of local law enforcement. These agreements authorize agencies to utilize campus facilities for training and other approved activities, ensuring all use is properly documented and compliant with college policies.

Interim Dean/Director Houser recommended renewing these agreements every three years. He cited the El Centro Police Department as a successful example of facility use for training and update sessions. He expressed his desire to see more local agencies take advantage of IVC's facilities in a similar manner.

F. Precursor to new PSRTC

Groundbreaking for the new Public Safety Regional Training Center (PSRTC) is scheduled for January 2026, with site preparation beginning in July 2025 on the field located east of the current facilities. A major selling point of the new center will be the fifteen-lane indoor firearms range, which has generated strong support from local agencies and the college community.

G. LEAC input on graduation-June 5th, 2025

The academy graduation is scheduled for June 5th, 2025, at the Imperial Valley College gymnasium. However, the gymnasium will be remodeled and unavailable for future graduations. Any input for alternative locations would be appreciated and can be emailed to Interim Dean/Director Houser.

4. New Business

A. Class 10 Start Date

Class 10 will start in June, right after the June 5th graduation.

B. POST Scholarship

The annual P.O.S.T. Academy Scholarship will close on April 30th, 2025. Six students will be awarded \$300 each.

C. BCCR Inspection

The Basic Course Certification Review (BCCR) is scheduled to take place in two weeks. A team of four to five members from POST will be on campus for four days to evaluate the academy's overall program. The team will interview instructors and students, review recruit files, and assess compliance with POST policies, procedures, and legislative mandates. This review provides a valuable opportunity to identify areas for improvement and strengthen program operations.

D. Learning Domain Updates

An additional hour has been added to Learning Domain 1, Leadership, Professionalism, and Ethics, as part of the curriculum update. In addition, a new Learning Domain LD 44 Active Shooter will be introduced in 2026.

E. 1070 Refresh

It was announced that 1070 instructors will be required to complete a refresher course every four years. Even if they are the ones teaching the refresher course, they will have to fall back into the student role to update their certification.

5. Adjournment

M/S/C Coordinator Caudill/Chief Brown the meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.