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CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES BOARD COMMITTEE ON TRAINING

MINUTES *December 8, 2011*

A meeting of the Criminal Justice Services Board Committee on Training (COT) convened at 9:06 a.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011, in House Room D of the General Assembly Building, in Richmond, Virginia.

Members Present:

Sheriff Charles W. Phelps, Chair
Mr. Robert L. Bushnell
Chief Jeffrey Brown
Mr. Ted Byrd
Mr. Charles Ciccotti
Chief Richard Clark
Sergeant Charles J. Condon
Mr. Edward M. Macon (*Proxy for the Honorable Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia*)
Colonel David Rohrer
Mr. Bobby Russell
Mr. Sherman C. Vaughn

Members Not Present:

Ms. Kathy Brame (*Proxy for Harold W. Clarke, Director, Department of Corrections*)
Sheriff Charles Jett
Captain Lennuel S. Terry (*Proxy for Colonel Steve Flaherty, Superintendent, Virginia State Police*)

DCJS Staff Present:

Ken Adcock
Teresa Gooch
Sam Hoffman
Frank Pitzer

Eliza Holcomb
Loretta Lynch
Leon Baker
Terry Montgomery

Stephanie Morton
Janice Cosel

Others Present:

Elizabeth P. Blair
Michelle P. Edwards
Logan T. Edwards
Stacy W. Kelly
Molly B. Barley
Larry Kiefer, *Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office*
Martin. R. Alford, *New River Criminal Justice Training Academy*
Vince, Ferrara, *Hampton Roads Criminal Justice Training Academy*
Jon Cliborne, *Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy*
Donald Hunter, *Crater Criminal Justice Training Academy*
Joel Conti, *Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office*
David L. Rogers, *Department of Corrections/Academy for Staff Development*

Call To Order:

Chairman Phelps called the meeting to order. The roll was called with eleven (11) members present, which indicated a quorum. Chairman Phelps noted that the minutes of the last meeting had been e-mailed to the members and asked if there were any other questions or comments regarding the minutes. Hearing none, Chief Clark made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Mr. Russell seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Standardized Field Sobriety Test Training Update

Sheriff Phelps introduced Ms. Teresa Gooch, Director of the Division of Law Enforcement to give us an update of the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing training.

Ms. Gooch: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before I begin I would like to two notes for the record; the first is that, Mr. Leon Baker who was staffing the Committee On Training who is in the audience and here to assist for all the regulatory issues, but I have been assigned as

representative for Committee on Training and Leon has assured me that he will continue to maintain his presence here so that we have continuity. The second update would be that we have a new recording secretary, Ms. Stephanie Morton.

As you recall and have seen in the minutes from the September 15th COT meeting we had a very lengthy discussion on standards for field sobriety testing. The effective date had been January of 2012; as a result the discussion on September 15, 2011, the implementation date was extended to January of 2014. Wanted to let you know what has been occurring since the previous meeting.

On October 19, 2011, a meeting was held to discuss the current status of the SFST program and future steps necessary to ensure the statewide implementation. At this meeting the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) was there, Director Wheeler chaired the meeting, along with members from Division of Law Enforcement in attendance. In addition, the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) Regional Administrator, Beth Baker was there along with members of her staff including Bill Tower; who gave a presentation at the last meeting and I think this was very helpful to all of us. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Highway Safety Office Director, John Saunders and staff were there as well.

As a result of this meeting, DCJS, NHTSA and the DMV Highway Safety Office created an executive oversight group for the implementation of the recommended NHTSA/International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) standardized field sobriety tests (SFST). The executive oversight group agreed we would meet quarterly and review the progress of implementation of these recommendations. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2012 in Fredericksburg. We also agreed as an executive group, that a SFST statewide coordinator would be hired. It was agreed that DMV would fund position and accompanying training costs for this program. The position, although funded by DMV, will reside and be supervised at DCJS so that we can be sure we maintain the standards that are appropriate for the training of law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The goal that we had was to have this position filled by January. This coordinator will be responsible for creating specific guidelines for the training of trainers and officers for all SFST issues. As of yesterday, December 12, 2011 the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and budget was sent to DMV for review, further discussion and optimistically for approval so we can get moving on this program. Mr. Chairman, this concludes our update on the SFST training program.

Chairman Phelps asked if there were any questions or comments from the committee regarding the Standardized Field Sobriety Test Training Update. Hearing none, we'll move on. Thank you.

Public Comment

Chairman Phelps asked if there was anyone in the audience that would like to address the COT concerning matters within its purview.

Hearing none, he moved to the next item on the agenda. "Before I close the meeting I would like to make a few comments as the outgoing chairman of this committee. I want to say "thank you" to Leon Baker; He has been a good friend, has also been a great person to work with. Leon has always been there whenever I've needed him. But again I go back to the friendship that was established over the years and I do appreciate that.

I'm proud to say that I have three of my family members here with me today; my two daughters and one of the most important persons, my youngest grandson, Logan. He has been with me other times, when we've been to the General Assembly to discuss issues that pertain to the sheriff's office and other matters.

I also want to say to the staff that I've worked with here on this committee has been tremendous. I don't see Mr. Nowlin here today, but he was a great asset during my tenure. I also want to thank the committee members. I just say thank you to each one of you. I could always depend on Mr. Bushnell for bringing up the issues. Can't forget Mr. Vaughn any time a committee or subcommittee was formed, he made sure I was appointed president, chairman or something. It has been my pleasure as a small county sheriff to get to serve with individuals from other agencies. I've been very fortunate. This is something I will carry with me for the rest of my life. So while I'm looking forward to retirement in some aspects, I'm not in others. I want to thank everybody here for the way I've been treated and all I can say is keep up the good work."

Next Meeting

Sheriff Phelps advised that the next meeting of the Committee on Training was scheduled for Thursday, March 8, 2012.

Adjournment

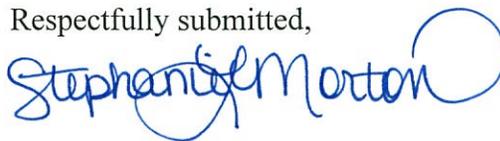
A motion was made by Mr. Vaughn to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Bushnell and was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Discussion

Chief Clark: About years ago as you reached out to me and your mentoring is greatly appreciated. As the current president of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police, I will take it upon myself to extend and tell you that I will endorse your senior membership for the association for as long as you would like.

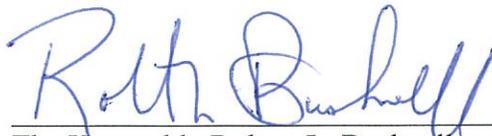
Mr. Bushnell: I would like to make one comment before we adjourn. Logan, the world is filled with people that act like they're doing stuff, people that just talk and people that get the work done. Your grandpa got the work done.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie L. Morton
Recording Secretary

Approved:



The Honorable Robert L. Bushnell
Vice-Chair

MARCH 22, 2012
Date

Attachment(s)

None.