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CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES BOARD COMMITTEE ON TRAINING

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A meeting of the Criminal Justice Services Board Committee on Training (COT) convened at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, March 14, 2013, in House Room D of the General Assembly Building, in Richmond, Virginia.

Members Present:

Chief Richard Clark
Mr. Robert L. Bushnell
Chief Jeffrey Brown
Sergeant Charles J. Condon
Mr. Peter Danles (*Proxy for Harold W. Clarke, Director, Department of Corrections*)
Mr. Charles Ciccotti
Mr. Edward M. Macon (*Proxy for the Honorable Karl R. Hade, Executive Secretary, Supreme Court of Virginia*)
Sheriff Charles Jett
Mr. Bobby Russell
Captain Lenmuel S. Terry (*Proxy for Colonel Steve Flaherty, Superintendent, Virginia State Police*)
Mr. Sherman C. Vaughn

Members Not Present:

Mr. Ted Byrd
Deputy County Executive David Rohrer

DCJS Staff Present:

Sharen Anderson
Sam Hoffman
Rick Arrington
Barbara Walker
Donna Michaelis
Sharon Gray
Neddie Moore
Thomas Clark
Lisa McGee
Brenda Cardoza
Teresa Gooch

Others Present:

Mary Kay Wakefield, *Private Security Services Advisory Board*
Mike Palkovics, *Henrico Police Training Academy*
Major Shawn Bennett, *Fairfax County Police Training Academy*
Kirk Shaffifa, *Hanover County Sheriff's Office*
Chris Feather, *Prince William Police*
Cynthia Weaver, *Richmond Police Department*
Gary Ladin, *Richmond Police Department*
James Baldwin, *Richmond Police Department*
William Butters, *Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department*
Lance Gatewood, *Virginia Commonwealth University Police Department*

Call To Order:

Chief Clark called the meeting to order. The roll was called with ten (10) members present, which indicated a quorum.

Chief Clark 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. Mr. Vaughn made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Cicotti seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Update

Chief Clark introduced Sam Hoffman, Standards, Policy and Homeland Security Manager to update the committee on the Standardized Field Sobriety Test Training.

Mr. Hoffman: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and good morning committee members. This body set a deadline of January 1, 2014 for all academies to be conducting SFST training, per NHTSA standards. Shortly, thereafter, DCJS assumed management from the Virginia Highway Safety Office of the SFST training program.

As of March 2012, DCJS hired a coordinator, surveyed academies to define training needs, developed training plans and published instructor standards. There were eight (8) senior instructors, an unknown number of basic course graduates, unknown academy status and no instructor standards.

As of May 2013, we have conducted eighteen (18) basic and in-service courses, as well as three (3) instructor schools. Four hundred (400) officers have graduated from courses that Barbara Walker has facilitated. We now have eighteen (18) senior instructors, seventy-five (75) certified instructors who are authorized to deliver the training program in academies across the state, forty (40) instructors pending certification, and twenty-nine (29) academies have at least one instructor available. We recognize 38 academies in the Commonwealth, the remaining nine (9) academies do not deliver the law enforcement curriculum, or they use a regional academy for the bulk of the instruction, including SFST. We are at 100%; I believe this will be my last update for you. We are in a position now to meet our goal by January 1, 2014. Subject to your questions, this concludes my report.

Chief Clark: Thank you, Mr. Hoffman.

Hearing no questions from the committee, Chief Clark moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Enhanced Crime Prevention Services

DCJS recently announced that the agency was expanding and enhancing crime prevention services. Chief Clark introduced Rick Arrington, Crime Prevention Manager to explain those initiatives.

Mr. Arrington: Good Morning. For over 30 years, crime prevention has been a valued piece of the policing puzzle in Virginia. We have led the way, and continue to do so. In order to continue to put prevention first, the Director has authorized the creation of the Crime Prevention Training Advisory Committee. This committee will enhance crime prevention services to the constituents in four ways.

1) **Constituent and Proactive Field Driven**

The field has emphasized that it is important that services and most importantly, training be based upon an: identified need or trend, be developed by those who understand and work with the problem daily and not just academics, and be both effective and efficient for the constituent, due to constituent budgetary constraints on travel, and registration fees.

In order to meet these needs, the Crime Prevention Advisory Committee are currently

inviting representatives that will consist of: representatives from all corners of the Commonwealth, those with expertise in the variety of proactive fields serving different demographics (service of seniors, youth and colleges, for example), representatives from various criminal justice constituents groups (including private security representatives, campus police and security, crime analysis, community resource officers, as well as those already covered by the existing programs).

2) Collaborative and Participative

The committee will be a conduit for training needs assessments and other crime prevention initiatives. The Advisory Committee will serve to identify needs, services and experts in the various fields that might be tapped to develop or provide training on the various topics requested from the field through a survey that DCJS will administer. The committee will review the survey, and will guide in the development of training and services for the upcoming year.

Since the creation of the Crime Prevention Specialist program in 1996, close to 1,000 specialists have been certified. Currently close to half of those are active, and many more are at various stages of certification. The other fields have professionals that train in their topic of expertise, but rarely train those using the service they provide. This program will utilize Virginia experts as approved by their agencies to share their knowledge regionally, and they in turn will receive new knowledge through training previously not offered to them. Training evaluations and DCJS staff will be used to critique changes as the new training is offered.

3) Inclusiveness of all Criminal Justice

Proactive policing is one of inclusiveness. The more fields working in partnership on prevention, the more effective it will be. The ultimate goal of all proactive criminal justice programs is the same, to reduce victimization. To that end, shared training will tear down barriers and create a rapport, where it may not now exist.

By bringing all of the proactive policing services and those ancillary to it under one umbrella, and offering the sharing of training, the criminal justice field will have many cross trained constituents knowledgeable in a variety of topics rather than just one specialty area, thus, more beneficial to the agency or locality.

4) Equitable Distribution and Practitioner Cost Effectiveness

Very few departments can afford their staff to be away for extended periods of time. Those that can, scarcely afford the expense associated with travel and registration. The committee will review training needs, and attempt to identify training that can be limited to two-days in duration. DCJS staff will ensure that developed training is made available first in the area of the Commonwealth most experiencing a particular area that the training addresses and then will be made available in other areas with the need as well.

Not every region of the state will need training on a particular issue, but all will have training needs.

This enhancement is unique in that it expands information sharing to one of education sharing, is constituent given, provides for free to low cost training from Virginia's proven experts, develops currently existing experts through new training opportunities, and demonstrates the value of proactive partnerships.

Sheriff Jett: Could you email a copy of your presentation to me?

Hearing no questions from the committee, Chief Clark moved on to the next item on the agenda. I would like to introduce a new member of the Law Enforcement Divisions, Sharen Anderson, she comes to us from Henrico's training academy. She is probably one of the most educated on ACE and the TREX systems that we are currently using. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Public Hearings

Chairman Clarke officially opened the public hearings. We will be holding a public hearing on the Proposed Regulations Relating to Private Security Services.

Proposed Regulations Relating to Private Security Services

Chairman Clark called upon Lisa McGee, Division of Regulatory Affairs to provide a review of the Regulations Relating to Private Security Services.

Ms. McGee: Good Morning, in December, we did bring the re-proposed recommendations to the Committee. The Committee did approve and recommend to the full board, which they adopted. Currently under executive review at the governor's office; there were two amendments that did not get included in the recommendations in December. We have noticed the industry and allowed for public comment. I would like to present these two sections to you today and request that you recommend that these be included in the proposed package.

6VAC20-171-460: For in-service exemptions. We were only requiring that this training could be accepted within 12 months, which is contradictory to what we were allowing for certified schools. We were restricting registrants. We would like to change the training from 12-24 months to make it equitable. The other change is strictly grammatical in nature.

6VAC20-171-470: Prior firearms training exemption. The code allows us to accept alternative training that meets or exceeds the requirements. We wanted to allow for entry-level training exemptions as well. This will enable us to accept training for those who have qualified on a range not only in-service training, but entry-level training as well.

We have not received any comments in opposition from the industry. We respectfully request that you accept these amendments for adoption.

Public Comment

Mary Kay Wakefield, Richmond Alarm Company: The legislative and regulatory chair person for the Electronic Security Association, and serve on the Private Security Services Board. The industry was expecting these changes, and we support them. We have not heard anyone from the industry object to these changes. We request that you accept these changes.

Motion to accept changes as presented made by Mr. Cicotti. It was seconded by Mr. Russell and was carried unanimously.

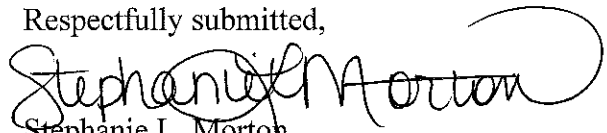
Next Meeting

Chief Clark advised that the next meeting of the Committee on Training is scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2013.

Adjournment

A motion made by Sheriff Jett to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Sergeant Condon and was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephanie L. Morton
Recording Secretary

Approved:



The Honorable Richard Clark
Chair

Sept. 12, 2013

Date

Attachment(s)

PowerPoint Presentation of Enhanced Crime Prevention Services

Recommended Changes to the Proposed Regulations Relating to Private Security Services by
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