

Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy-Criminal Justice Programs
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

CHAIRPERSON: Toni Gordy, Director		
MEETING DATE: 08/16/06	MEETING TIME: 1:30 PM	MEETING PLACE: Amarillo Public Library-Northwest Branch, Conference Room
RECORDER: Sibbie Sams		PREVIOUS MEETING: 05/17/06

MEMBERS PRESENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Name and Title		Name and Title		Name and Title	
	Dale Alwan Chief of Dumas P.D.		Joe Nunn Assistant Warden TDCJ Bill Clements Unit		Jason Whisler Borger P.D.
	Bo DeArmond Sheriff of Moore Co.		Wes Langham, Ph.D. Civilian		Damaris Schlong Dean, Workforce and Economic Development
	Jeff Lester Lt. of Training and Personnel Amarillo P. D.		Dale Davis Lieutenant Canyon Police Department		Toni Gordy Director of CJ Programs
	Trevlyn Pitner Chief of Pampa P. D.		Dave Thurman Chief Deputy Randall County S.O.		Sondra Beighle Associate Director of CJ Programs
	Terry Easterling Director Potter, Randall & Armstrong Counties CSCD		Donald Gaines Assistant Chief of Potter County Juvenile Probation		Eric Wallace Coordinator of Intervention Programs
	Lt. Ken Dougherty For Ken Farren Chief Deputy Potter County S.O.		Rob Roach Chief of Panhandle P.D.		

Agenda Item	Action Discussion Information	Responsibility
Continuing Business:	Meeting called to order	Toni Gordy
	Approval of minutes	Toni Gordy

Education Report: Panhandle Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System		Jason Whisler Sgt., Borger Police Department
Academy-Law Enforcement In- Service Training Updates:		Sondra Beighle
Committee Roundtable:		Toni Gordy
Miscellaneous:		Toni Gordy

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Key Discussion Points	Discussion
Continuing Business:	<p>Meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Toni Gordy, Director of Criminal Justice Programs. Introductions were made.</p> <p>A motion was made to approve the amended minutes from the May 17, 2006, Advisory Committee meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.</p>
Education Report: Panhandle Regional AFIS Program	<p>Toni spoke a few moments about the Amarillo College General Assembly held earlier today and about Fall 2006 enrollment. Academic enrollment is down, most likely due to the robust economy. People are choosing to work instead of attend school. The data is not in for total students enrolled in CJ academic classes, but Toni felt our numbers would be up considering the number of students they had advised.</p> <p>We are in the process of developing a Forensic Science degree. Toni hopes to be able to pass along the curriculum and other information about this exciting new degree plan at the November meeting. Please think about the training your agencies will need in this area as Toni wants the forensic training to be viable and realistic not just offered for the credit hours.</p> <p>Meeting was turned over to Sgt. Jason Whisler, Borger Police Department, who gave a presentation including handouts on the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) project for the Panhandle.</p> <p>The Panhandle Regional AFIS project for the top 26 counties in Texas is funded through the State Homeland Security Grant and consists of three parts: AFIS computers, Livescan equipment, and latent print examiners. Every county in the PRPC area is participating except for Hartley County who declined. Jason gave in-depth information on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description and details on each of the three components of the Panhandle Regional AFIS project • Training for AFIS computers and Livescan equipment • Levels or classifications of data entry for AFIS • Application for this new technology • Committee selection of Identex as approved Livescan provider • Requirement of two examiners for latent prints <p>John Kiehl with PRPC is working on a problem with the state funding. Every county in Texas will receive the Livescan equipment purchased through the LETPP funds except for the PRPC counties. John hopes the State will make allowances for the amount of funds we should receive for the Livescan equipment. The final contract for purchasing the equipment from Identex has been put on hold until John has the</p>

	<p>problem worked out with the State. Every county will receive the equipment; we are just not sure how the funding will be allocated.</p> <p>Jason encouraged everyone to call him if they need help with the AFIS training and closed his presentation.</p> <p>Toni met with John Kiehl yesterday and they decided all fingerprint training held during the next year (2006/2007) will be covered by PRPC. We want to make sure our training is up to the standard needed for the new equipment. Toni will schedule the "Basic" and "Intermediate" fingerprint training, a two-day class covering only classifications, and etc. Jim Burgess is already scheduled to teach a 40-hour "Crime Scene for First Responders" training.</p>
<p>Law Enforcement Academy & In-Service Training Updates:</p>	<p>Thirty recruits in the 93rd Academy will graduate on August 25. The class started their Review last night, will take their Final on Monday, and will take the TCLEOSE exam next Thursday (August 24). Graduation will be held at the Oasis Southwest Baptist Church on the Canyon E-Way. Sondra encouraged every Committee member to attend.</p> <p>The next academy will begin on October 16. If you want to sponsor someone, there is still enough time to process the application.</p> <p>We just completed a TCLEOSE on-site audit and Toni was glad it was over even though the auditor was helpful and things went well.</p> <p>"Women in Criminal Justice" (WICJ) conference has been moved to October 4, 5, and 6 this year. On the second day, October 5, Delbert Boone will present an "Addiction" seminar training that is geared for everyone. This will be good training for Probation and Parole. You should receive a brochure on this by the end of next week.</p> <p>Thomas Manson will teach a TCLEOSE Basic Instructor (#1014) class that is not covered by PRPC. The training is costly at \$375, but Manson is so good it's worth it. He incorporates the PowerPoint into the #1014 training. Manson is also scheduled to teach the "PowerPoint A-Z" again in March 2007.</p> <p>Wade Ford is scheduled to teach "Management by Leadership" on November 1, 2, and 3.</p> <p>On February 21 and 22, we have scheduled training through the Academy Group with Mike Napier teaching "Sexual Predators: Recreational Sexual Violence". This will be covered by PRPC for Law Enforcement personnel; cost to others will be \$89.</p> <p>There will be a Child Abuse conference in April 2007.</p>

	<p>Toni has planned a "Forensic Science" conference for March 30 to kick off our new "Forensic Science" degree plan. The people from Weatherford College have agreed to help with this.</p> <p>Toni thanked everyone for their help with the focus groups in February 2005. We will be calling on you or someone from your agency to participate in the focus groups again in the Spring. Toni said the information gained from those meetings was the most beneficial in planning what classes to schedule.</p> <p>When Alex gets back, he will be working on the upcoming in-service schedule. Please contact him or call Sondra if you need any training you don't see on the schedule.</p> <p>Toni was asked if Selden Hale was TCLEOSE certified to teach the Firearm training in the "WICJ" conference. Yes, he is TCLEOSE certified.</p> <p>The Women's Advocacy Project in Austin contacted Sondra several months ago asking for us to schedule an "EPO (Emergency Protective Orders) in a Box" training. "Response to Domestic Violence" has been scheduled for November 9, is free of charge, and definitely worthwhile.</p>
<p>Committee Roundtable, & Miscellaneous:</p>	<p>Having just taught the "Police Driving" portion of the Academy, Dale Davis wanted to be sure we were aware of the car situation. The cars are to the point of being unsafe to use for training. They are all in bad shape needing major repair on tie rods, suspensions, and etc.; the vehicle frames are so twisted the back doors are hard to open. Recruits must be trained on how to drive with anti-lock brakes and the three current Academy cars do not have anti-lock brakes.</p> <p>The TCLEOSE required "Police Driving" portion of the Basic Academy is aggressive training covering evasive lane changes, control breaking, 90° turns, shuffle steering, and etc.</p> <p>Damaris stated that she would need a specific item list for her to have in hand when she went to compete for the funds at budget meetings. She asked the Committee members if anyone knew of a source to procure the cars without spending more than we have in our budget. Discussion was held on the following possible ways to obtain vehicles for the Academy training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations from area agencies • Purchase trade-ins from Philpott Ford • Amarillo P.D. has 15 cars rotated out each year (purchase, receive donation or car loan) • Annual car loans (we would do the maintenance) • Baylor University has a program where they provide law enforcement vehicles (with light bars and push bumpers)

	<p>After some discussion, it was decided Toni would send out a letter stating our situation and requesting vehicle donations. Amarillo College is a non-profit organization and should be a prime candidate for this type of donation.</p> <p>Dale reminded everyone that the cars would need to be marked with an Amarillo College logo in order to get on the driving track.</p> <p>Terry Easterling said their case loads have increased up to 200 cases, mostly felonies. Terry mentioned that he had received a lot of positive feedback on the "Gang" training we held; it was excellent. He needs "HIV" training and Toni will get that set up for him.</p> <p>Joe Nunn informed the Committee that the Clements Unit has a new Senior Warden, Warden Rodeen, and the unit is at 98% capacity. Warden Zeller moved on to become the Regional Director.</p> <p>Dale Alwan has 24 people who need the "TLETS" training. We will get with Belden Dampf to teach this class.</p> <p>Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.</p>

CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE:	DATE: 11/03/06	NEXT MEETING: 11/15/06
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