

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME:		Amarillo College Criminal Justice Programs-Advisory Committee		
CHAIRPERSON:	Dale Davis			
MEETING DATE:	12/09/20	MEETING TIME:	2:38 pm	MEETING PLACE:
RECORDER:	Janet Workman		PREVIOUS MEETING:	Zoom 12/11/19
MEMBERS PRESENT				
List all members of the committee, then place an X in the box left of name if present				
	NAME	TITLE	EMPLOYER INFO	PHONE
	Rick Anderson	Community Liaison	NWTHS	806-354-1857
X	Dr. Sam Bass	Civilian	Doctor of Optometry	806-433-4358
	Shelly Bohannon	Executive Director	The Bridge	806-372-2873
X	Greg Daniel	Commander	Rick Husband International Airport PD	806-335-4403
X	Dale Davis	Retired Chief	Canyon Police Department	806-452-9633
X	Ken Dougherty	Lieutenant	Potter County Sheriff's Office	806-335-4105
X	Brandon Ester	Training Director	Potter, Randall, & Armstrong Co CSCD	806-378-3700
	Brent Harrison	Chief	Hereford Police Department	806-363-7120
	Morgan Hightower	Chief Deputy	Moore Co SO	806-935-4145
X	Dawn Marie Jordan	Instructor	WTAMU	
X	Wes Kelly	Assistant Chief	Potter County Juvenile Probation	806-349-4900
X	Joseph Loftus	Captain	Amarillo Police Department	
X	Bill McLean	Civilian	Retired-Asarco Incorporated	806-353-6834
X	Victoria Medley	Court Administrator	City of Amarillo	806-378-3044
	Four Price	District 87	House of Representatives	806-670-7778
X	Ray Resendez	Chief	Dumas Police Department	
X	Dennis Rice	Lieutenant	Randall Co SO	806-468-5800
	Lucinda Russell	Captain	Texas Department of Public	806-468-1350
X	Wendi Swope	Civilian	President-Double U Marketing	806-353-2911
EX-OFFICIO'S PRESENT				
X	Linda Munoz	Dean, Technical Education	Amarillo College	806-335-4352
X	Eric Wallace	Director, Criminal Justice	Amarillo College	806-356-3682
X	Tyler Smith	Coordinator, Law Enforcement	Amarillo College	806-356-3680
X	Raul Dominguez	Coordinator, Intervention	Amarillo College	806-354-6083
X	Sarah Uselding	Assistant Professor	Amarillo College	806-354-6051
	Connie Haskins	Instructor	Amarillo College	806-467-3156
	John Kiehl	Regional Services Director	Panhandle Regional Planning	806-372-3381
X	Lori Gunn	CJ Programs Coordinator	Panhandle Regional Planning	806-372-3381
			Other Guests	
X	David Hall	Associate Dean, Technical Ed	Amarillo College	

PRLEA Update	Eric provided an update on the 121st Academy ran from 1/14/20 to 8/27/20. We started out with 17 and ended with 14 due to illness, grades, and someone taking a job with Pantex. This was the first academy effected by Covid. After Spring Break, college paused all classes for an additional week while they formulated a plan, TCOLE gave permission to hold lecture-based courses virtually, so we did that until mid-April, and then academy returned to in-person classes, because the majority of what was left was skills-based training. Temperature checks, face masks, enhanced hygiene, and social distancing was required whenever possible. During this time is when Jerome Godfrey resigned, so Eric served as Interim Coordinator through August 2020. Only one student had to quarantine due to exposure, but nobody tested positive for Covid. All but one recruit already has a job. All recruits passed their TCOLE licensing exam on their first attempt. Eric welcomed Tyler Smith, new academy coordinator. His position has changed from an administrator/coordinator to a faculty program coordinator to bring it more in line with other college programs. The duties are essentially the same, because the coordinator has always taught in the academy. Greg Daniel, Lori Gunn, Sarah Uselding, and Linda Munoz served on the hiring committee with Eric. Tyler then went through another screening committee with our college president, vice president, one of our regents, and 3 community members before he was hired. We are excited to have him on board, and he is doing a great job so far. Tyler provided an update on the 122nd Academy which started on 10/6/20 with 14 recruits. One was dismissed due to grades and lying. This is the first academy using the new TCOLE curriculum, so spending a lot of time updating lesson plans with instructors, reviewing our test bank, etc. We are in the process of implementing peer tutor program for the first time for the first time, we will see how that goes. Semester final is coming up and then two weeks off for Christmas. Five students have tested positive for Covid so far, one other had to quarantine due to exposure, and one faculty member. none of these have caught Covid while here at class – either work or family exposures – we teach virtually to the students who are in quarantine, so they have little if any make up work to do – this will become more difficult in the second semester during the skills-based classes, so if someone misses then, we will do our best to make it up with them.	Eric Wallace/Tyler Smith
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PRLEA Update	Tyler provided an update on the 123rd Academy that will be an evening academy and begins 1/12/21 and ends 8/17/21. We will send out acceptance letters by December 18th before the Christmas break. We have had some good applicants, but due to backgrounds, and some people choosing not to complete the process, we will end up with only 12-14 in this academy; those numbers actually work well with Covid protocols, but long-term we need higher numbers. We have sent the students after interviews to Workforce Solutions so that those who qualify can receive financial assistance with some or all of the cost for the academy through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant. No job fair at this time due to Covid and the restructured TCOLE curriculum. However, we always open our academy to outside agencies to come and speak with recruits about their agency and employment opportunities. Eric informed the board about our 7 academy vehicles, which are used primarily during police driving, but also during patrol skills, accident investigation, and other topics. They include Ford Crown Victoria (2-1999, 1-2004, 1-2009), a Chevy Tahoe (1-2007), Ford Taurus Police Interceptor (1-2016), and a Ford Explorer Police Interceptor (1-2018). One of the 1999s needs \$3000+ in repairs. PRPC is granting us \$10,000 from our training funds toward a newer replacement vehicle. I also plan to apply to the AC Foundation for a \$10,000 program grant to supplement this. We will replace with as a new a vehicle as possible (Ford Explorer Police Interceptor). The board agreed that newer, safer vehicles should be used in academy training. Greg Daniel suggested checking with Defender Supply if a new vehicle can be obtained. Eric provided an update on the proposed First Responder Academy at the college. This was part of the bond election that passed last year and will be a new building to house the law enforcement, fire, and EMS programs in one place on one campus. The college is still negotiating the purchase, but it looks like we will be renovating the original JC Penney building at Sunset Center. We are just beginning our work with the architects on what will be included in the building. For law enforcement, it looks like we will basically have what we do now, but newer – and some other things may come later in a Phase Two, like a submunitions space, medical training room, driving pad, and indoor firearms range with funding from the AC Foundation Annual Campaign, institutional funds, and/or grants. Additional updates will be provided at future board meetings. Bill McLean made motion to academy report and updates. Dennis Rice seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve and motion was carried.	Eric Wallace/Tyler Smith
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	Eric spoke about the physical fitness assessment update. At the last meeting, it was discussed whether we wanted to require that a recruit pass a rowing entrance test similar to what some agencies require before they hire- after some discussion, the board recommended we see how well the recruits in the upcoming academy did on a rowing test at both beginning and end of their physical fitness training. We did this, and everyone ended up passing by the end. We recommend that we stick with what we are doing and not implement a physical fitness entrance requirement. Eric gave an update on the new TCOLE Basic Peace Officer Curriculum. Any academy that starts April 1st or later must use new curriculum, so the 122nd Academy will be the first to start in October. TCOLE increased hours by 53 and did reorganized many of the courses and the number of hours they must be. TCOLE added many of the mandated courses that officers need to get after the academy, but we had already incorporated most of those on our own. TCOLE is also stating the curriculum must be taught in a specific order- this was discussed at last meeting- but they have since given some leeway with this if we can justify the changes (driving in October instead of February; when an instructor isn't available; course flow; etc.) Eric provided a chart, listed by topic, showing former TCOLE requirements and former PRLEA requirements, along with new TCOLE requirements and new PRLEA requirements. Overall hours for our academy will actually go down just a little with these changes. We may need to make some minor adjustments with these hours as we work through the curriculum. Dale requested a vote to approve revised curriculum hours-with the ability for coordinator to continue to make any adjustments as we work through and teach this curriculum. Also, to not make any policy, rules, or regulations changes at this time. Bill McLean made motion to approve curriculum hours and changes, to give coordinator ability to make necessary adjustments, and to not make any policy/rules/regulations changes at this time. Ken Dougherty seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve and motion was carried.
In-Service Training	Eric provided an update on Inservice classes. None were held from March-August 2020 due to Covid. From September-December 2020, we did hold several courses. Additional courses are scheduled from January and beyond. A schedule of classes was provided to the board. Covid protocols of mask-wearing, physical distancing, and enhanced hygiene (hand sanitizer in all classes) is required. Eric also asked that if your agency has a need for a specific course to please let us know. Eric Wallace

	<u>September -December 2020</u> Field Training Officer, TCOLE Basic Instructor Course, Basic County Corrections Course, Firearms Instructor Course, New Supervisor Course, De-Escalation Techniques, Interacting with Deaf & Hard of Hearing Drivers <u>January 2021</u> 8: De-Escalation Techniques #1849- Randall County 11-15: CIT #1850- Potter County 22: De-Escalation Techniques 28-30: TCIC/TLETS Classes- Randall County <u>February 2011</u> 1-26: Basic County Corrections Course #1120 -Randall County 8-12: CIT #1850-Potter County <u>March 2021</u> 22-26: Intermediate Crime Scene Investigation #2106-Randall County <u>April 2021</u> 12-16: Intermediate Crime Scene Investigation #2106- Randall County 19-23: Intermediate Crime Scene Investigation #2106- Randall County 26-30: Intermediate Crime Scene Investigation #2106- Randall County Bill McLean made motion to accept in-service training report. Anthony Bass seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve and motion was carried.	Eric Wallace
Specialized Training	Eric provided an update on Specialized Training classes. The High in Plain Sight Seminar was held in the Lecture Hall in October – had to limit to 72 people due to Covid – demand was much higher. This was paid for by a new training contract with PRPC for at least 3 multi-disciplinary trainings related to substance abuse, mental health, and/or domestic violence. We will hold at least two more trainings before the end of March related to this grant. Eric also asked that if your agency has a need for a specific course to please let us know. Dennis Rice mentioned a specialized K9 training from High Drive that might be good to host if the funds were available.	

	Bill McLean made motion to accept specialized training report. Victoria Medley seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve and motion was carried.	
Intervention Report	Raul Dominguez provided an update on Intervention Programs. He reported that classes were on hold until March 2020-May 2020 due to Covid. Covid safety protocols – masks, distancing, enhanced hygiene – are in effect. No issues with compliance so far. Spring schedules just came out, and an email has gone out, schedules posted to our website. Eric asked Brandon Ester about fewer referrals to send to Intervention classes. Brandon said that yes right now they are down about 100 cases a month. Bill McLean made motion to accept the Intervention report. Dr. Bass seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve and motion was carried.	Raul Dominguez
Academic Update	Sarah Uselding provided an update on Academic Degree Programs. She discussed the impact of Covid on instruction. We started out in the classroom but then moved to a tech-supported format for everyone's safety. Enrollment at the college is down overall due to Covid. Dale Davis asked about the vaccine if college was going to require it. Right now, no one knows. Students have gotten more comfortable with online classes because of Covid. Bill McLean made motion to accept the Academic Update. Brandon Ester seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve and motion was carried.	Sarah Uselding
Committee Roundtable	Dennis Rice brought up a position they have available at Randall County and that TCOLE is up before the Sunset Commission. The Sunset Commission has some concerns about how law enforcement is being regulated in the state of Texas.	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm	
Date: 02/01/21	Secretary Signature: Janet Workman 	Next Meeting: May 12, 2021