

Amarillo College – Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy Advisory Board Minutes

PROGRAM COMMITTEE NAME:		Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy-Advisory Board Meeting			
CHAIRPERSON:		Dale Davis			
MEETING DATE:	12/11/19	MEETING TIME:	12:00 pm	MEETING PLACE:	WCC 113
RECORDER:	Janet Workman		PREVIOUS MEETING: 3/27/19		
MEMBERS PRESENT					
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			GUESTS PRESENT		
x	Ray Resendez	Interim Chief	Canyon Police Department		

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION DISCUSSION INFORMATION	RESPONSIBILITY
Call to Order	Dale Davis called the PRLEA Advisory Board to order at 12:00 pm. Introductions were made, and Eric Wallace welcomed our new Interim Dean of Technical Education, Dr. Linda Munoz. She has filled the position of Michael Kitten, who has taken a position with Amarillo Economic Development Corporation.	Dale Davis
Approval of Minutes	Motion - Bill McLean made a motion to approve the minutes from our last meeting held on 3-27-19 as written, and Brent Harrison seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve. Motion passed.	Dale Davis
PRLEA Report	Jerome Godfrey provided the following report in relation to the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy: 120th Academy: Jerome mentioned we have 15 students in the current day academy. We had about the same number of applicants as usual, but some did not pass the background, and others did not get in required paperwork or would not reply to emails and phone calls. We are experiencing some of the same problems that all of law enforcement is in recruiting new applicants. We may have to start advertising our academy, which is something we have not had to do in the past. We have one recruit leaving at the end of this semester due to being hired by Amarillo Police Department. We have a couple others struggling with maintaining the required 80 average, but due to the time that has been invested with them, we are hopeful they will do well on their semester final the end of this week and be able to return in January for the second semester. Graduation will take place on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 6:30pm at Oasis SW Baptist Church. 121st Academy: The 121st evening academy will begin 1-14-20. We should end up with close to 20 students if they all turn in required paperwork and pass backgrounds. We have been working with a few students past the normal deadline in the hope that we can get them in this next academy. Several of these are sponsored recruits. Acceptance letters will be sent out before we leave on Christmas break. Our Job Fair will take place on 1-24-20 from 12:00-2:00pm and will include students from both academies. Please see the flyer that everyone was given and let us know if your agency would like a table. An email has been sent out to our training list to notify area agencies of this opportunity. Jerome discussed the new TCOLE curriculum that must be used for all academies starting on April 1, 2020 or after. There is an overall increase of 53 hours to the Basic Peace Officer Course curriculum. Several courses had timeframes adjusted, and many of the mandated courses that were required	Jerome Godfrey

PRLEA Report, continued

we had already started teaching, so we don't expect our overall hours to change much. We were going to start our January academy with this new curriculum, but TCOLE has mandated that it be taught in a specific order (which is a change from the past). This presents a number of challenges with scheduling. The advisory board engaged in a discussion about this and wondered if a letter from the board to TCOLE expressing dissatisfaction with the lack of flexibility might help. For now, we will hold off on this, but it might be something to look at in the future. Jerome has spoken with several other academy coordinators, and we know some of them are writing letters or otherwise contacting TCOLE. Dennis Rice also suggested that Jerome speak with Pat Hollingsworth, former TCOLE Commissioner, because she might have some insight. We should have a better idea of how these changes will impact us at our next meeting.

Jerome brought up a question for discussion regarding the possible requirement of a physical fitness assessment for entrance into the academy. This is not something we are requesting at this time, we just want to hear your thoughts. Some academies require this, some don't. We do have physical fitness training in the academy, and some students struggle when they enter because they are so out of shape (despite being told to start working out before they begin). There are pros and cons to requiring an assessment. Rather than implement a requirement now, the board suggested we evaluate how many of our students complete a rowing test requirement at the end of the 120th Academy compared to how many were able to complete it when they entered. It could also further limit the number of students we have enter the academy if we establish another requirement to being admitted. But, the board seemed to agree that a more physically fit recruit is the goal and desired outcome.

Chairman Dale Davis formed the PRPC Scholarship Subcommittee (Dale, Dennis Rice, Brent Harrison) to meet and conduct interviews for the 121st Academy on Monday, 12-16-19, at PRPC. Lori Gunn and Jerome Godfrey will also be in attendance.

PRLEA Report, continued

A college bond was recently passed and part of it includes building a First Responders Academy. It will house law enforcement, EMSP, and fire programs in one building on one campus. The location is not yet determined, but it could be on East Campus due to the availability of land. Dean Linda Munoz said we are in the very beginning stages of planning, and that it will be about two years until this is done. We will provide more info on this at future meetings.

Motion – Wendi Swope made a motion to approve the Academy report, and Bill McClean seconded. All those in attendance voted to approve. Motion passed.

Jerome explained the requested changes and updates to the Student Rules & Regulations manual. Eric Wallace reminded everyone that an initial set of changes were presented and approved back in March 2019 with changes and suggestions that had been recommended by us and TCOLE following our last academy evaluation. We also said we would be looking at rules from other academies to recommend possible additional changes in the future, and that is what we are doing today. In addition, Jerome has a fresh set of eyes coming into this position and has made some recommendations of his own. There were a few general questions. A request was made by email from board member Harry Hueston to update the area regarding a process for student complaints that are made against the coordinator, and Eric has already updated this. There was a question about the section related to pregnancies that occur during the academy and whether students could be required to sit out the more physically-demanding sections of the academy until after their pregnancy. Eric will obtain clarification on this from our college attorney and make any needed changes to that area. There was also a question about certain wording – like “may” replacing “shall” or “will” in most cases - and Eric explained that TCOLE recommended the use of “may” to give ourselves some flexibility when making decisions, even if the likely outcome is “shall” or “will.”

Motion – Dennis Rice made a motion to approve the Rules and Regulations changes as provided, and Anthony Bass seconded the motion. All those in attendance voted to approve. Motion passed.

In-Service Training	Eric informed the board of the following upcoming in-service training, and he also asked if there was any additional in-service training that anyone needed. No special requests were made. <u>December</u> 16: TCIC/TLETS Mobile Operator Training Course #4800-Amarillo 16-17: TCIC/TLETS Less Than Full Access Operator Training Course #4801-Amarillo 16-18: TCIC/TLETS Full Access Operator Training Course #4802 – Amarillo 19: De-Escalation Techniques #1849-Amarillo <u>January</u> 2-3 & 6-7: Crisis Intervention Training #1850 – 40-hour Course – Amarillo – Register with Amarillo PD 9: Hacked, Attacked, and Where's That (Dispatcher Training) – Amarillo 10: Cultural Diversity: Ripped from the Headlines (NOT TCOLE #3939) (Dispatcher Training) – Amarillo 11: Interacting with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Drivers #7887 (Morning & Afternoon Sessions) - Amarillo 13-16: TEEX Basic County Corrections Physical Skills Train the Trainer – Amarillo 27-31: TCOLE Basic Instructor Course #1014 – Amarillo 27-31: Jail Mental Health Officer Course #5900 – Amarillo <u>February</u> 3-28: TCOLE Basic County Corrections Course #1120 – Amarillo 24-28: TCOLE Basic Instructor Course #1014 – Amarillo <u>March</u> 5: Dispatcher Training – Topic TBA – Amarillo 6: Dispatcher Training –Topic TBA – Amarillo <u>September</u> 28-October 23: TCOLE Basic County Corrections Course #1120 – Amarillo From September to November we did host 17 Legislative Update classes for officers in Amarillo, Dumas, and Hereford. With the help from Amarillo Police Dept. CIT Team we were able to hold 12 CIT 40-hour classes. With the help from Potter County we were able to hold FTO classes With the help from Randall County we were able to hold jail school twice a year February and October. TEKS has a jail class online. But the physical skills part has to be done in person. So, Amarillo College will put on Train the Trainer class so if smaller agencies send their people through the online jail school their people will also get the physical skills part. Thanks to Sheriff Heck for wanting this course. Motion - Bill McLean made motion to accept in-service training report. Brent Harrison 2nd the motion and motion was carried.	Eric Wallace
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Specialized Training	Eric informed the board of the following upcoming specialized training, and he also asked if there was any additional specialized training that anyone needed. No special requests were made. <u>January</u> 14: Advanced Search & Seizure: Warrantless Searches – Amarillo 15: Advanced Search & Seizure: Traffic Stops – Amarillo 16: Advanced Search & Seizure: Narcotics Investigations – Amarillo 28: Sexual Assault Exams: What You Should Know – Amarillo <u>April</u> TBD: TVGTF/OAG Panhandle Region Gang Training – Amarillo 16: Child Abuse Training with Julie Brand – Amarillo 20-22: Building Better Shooters: Advanced Instructor Development Course – Amarillo 23-25: Texas CIT Conference – Amarillo <u>May</u> 14: Calibre Press: Legally Justified; But was it Avoidable? – Amarillo <u>June</u> 1 to August 7: NPA Basic Polygraph School - Amarillo 15-18: TCOLE #41502 SBLE Intermediary Course – Amarillo 16-19: TCOLE #41501 SBLE Intermediary Course – Amarillo 23-26: Breath Test Operator School – Amarillo Building Better Shooters and Advanced Search & Seizure classes not PRPC sponsored. We have a new training contract with PRPC for the next fiscal year. Motion - Bill McLean made a motion to accept specialized training report. Wendi Swope 2nd the motion and the motion was carried.	Eric Wallace
Committee Roundtable	No roundtable discussion today.	Dale Davis
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.	Dale Davis
Date: 03/10/20	Secretary Signature: Janet Workman 	Next Meeting: May 13, 2020