



WASHINGTON STATE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION
19010 1ST AVENUE SOUTH, BURIEN, WA 98148

COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, March 11, 2015
10 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Myers (Chair), Chief, Hoquiam Police Department
Bill Elfo (Vice Chair), Sheriff, Whatcom County (telephonically)
Dan Satterberg, Prosecuting Attorney, King County
Darell Stidham, Deputy, Spokane County Sheriff's Office (telephonically)
John Turner, Sheriff, Walla Walla County
Kenneth Hohenberg, Chief, Kennewick Police Department
Laura Wells, Citizen at Large
Ned Newlin, Chief of Corrections, Kitsap County
John Hillman, Assigned Counsel to CJTC, Attorney General's Office

GUESTS PRESENT:

Shawn Berry, Assistant Chief, Washington State Patrol (for Commissioner Batiste)
Cheryl Sullivan-Coglazier, Department of Corrections (for Commissioner Warner)
Bob Heimbach, Chief, Quincy PD
Mike Catlett, Chief, Brier PD
Amy Warrior, King County Emergency Management
Linda Culley, King County Emergency Management
Cleo Subido, King County Emergency Management

WSCJTC STAFF PRESENT:

Sue Rahr, Executive Director
David Bales, Deputy Director
Marisa O'Neill, Executive Assistant
Brian Elliott, Manager, Financial Services
Sonja Hirsch, Manager, Human Resources
Tisha Jones, Manager, Certification
Ronald Napenias, Manager, Information Technology
Wesley Anderson, Manager, Facilities
Lee Brandt, Program Manager, Advanced Training
Gayle Pond, Advanced Training
Cory Ahrens, Program Manager, Advanced Training
Russ Hicks, TAC Officer, Basic Training

OPENING

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM with a quorum present and thanked everyone for attending.

Marisa O'Neill conducted a roll call of the Commissioners. **A quorum was present.** The Chair asked guests to sign-in if they want to be accounted for in the meeting minutes.

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

The Chair and **Director Rahr** presented the award for Instructor of the Year for 2014 to Ms. Amy Warrior. They also presented the award for Inspirational Leader of the Year for 2014 to TAC Officer Russ Hicks.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Hohenberg made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 10, 2014, with corrections. The first, to note Cheryl Sullivan-Coglazier's attendance for Commissioner Warner. The second, a correction to the upcoming meeting date. Commissioner Newlin seconded the motion. *The motion passed unanimously.*

CHAIR'S REPORT

Jeff Myers, Commission Chair

The Chair welcomed Sheriff Turner from Walla Walla County as the newest Commissioner to the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC). **Commissioner Turner** thanked the Commission for the welcome and provided a short autobiography.

The Chair shared the Performance Development Plan for Executive Director Rahr for 2014 is complete, and he thanked Commissioners for their assistance.

The Chair provided an update on a few bills the WSCJTC and stakeholders are watching during this legislative session. **Commissioner Wells** requested that, at the June meeting, there be a discussion on how to best educate legislators. **ACTION:** Marisa add this to the agenda.

VARIANCE REQUESTS

Tisha Jones, Certification Manager

Variance Request: Steven Fox, Brier PD

Background: WSCJTC received a variance request from Brier Police Department in February.

Chief Catlett addressed the Commission and provided a short biography. Mr. Fox attended BLEA (440) in 1991 and served as a King County Deputy Sheriff for one year. Mr. Fox then left law enforcement to serve in Corrections as a Corrections Officer. Mr. Fox has also served as a Reserve Deputy with Edmonds PD and Brier PD. Chief Catlett officially requested a variance to allow Mr. Fox to attend the Equivalency Academy in order for Mr. Fox to be hired in a lateral police officer position with Brier PD.

The Chair asked for clarification regarding the BLEA attendance dates with King County. **Chief Catlett** advised that Mr. Fox attended BLEA in 1991; however, he did not make FTO. He then separated with King County and joined Edmonds PD as a Reserve Officer for one year before transferring as a Reserve Officer to Brier PD where he has been for 14 years while serving as a Corrections Officer full time. Following a short

discussion, hearing no motion proposed on the item, **the variance request was denied.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sue Rahr, Executive Director

Director Rahr opened with a legislative update.

- March 18th a work session will be held regarding fostering trust in vulnerable communities.
- We are still working on our Building Public Trust Initiative and it appears to have quite a bit of support.
- The dorm remodel is still on track and alive in the proposed budget. Senate staff asked questions about charging stakeholders per diem as a way to recoup the expenditure. We are not too alarmed by it, because as an agency we would withdraw the request if they required it for mandated training.
- There is strong support for the additional BLEA classes.

Director Rahr shared a copy of the Interim 21st Century Task Force on Policing Report. She highlighted page 9 & 10 as the very first recommendation is to adopt a guardian mindset. Page 10 highlights specifics that take place here at the WSCJTC. She also pointed attendees to Pillar 5, as it specifically details training; it recommends Crisis Intervention Training and Federal funding for studies such as our partnership with Seattle University.

Director Rahr recapped a few of the different news stories covering the WSCJTC.

Deputy Director Bales updated the Commission on the Blue Courage Program.

- Deputy Director Bales discussed the two-day Blue Courage presentation at Command College, which received wonderful feedback. **Cheryl Sullivan-Coglazier** thanked Deputy Director Bales for allowing her to audit the class at Command College and shared how well she received the message personally and is excited to see it move into the Corrections realm.
- Deputy Director Bales also shared that Kent PD will be hosting four Blue Courage Overview Sessions with Michael Nila.

Deputy Director Bales provided a Basic Training Division update on behalf of Commander Bowen.

- Deputy Director Bales advised there are currently eight classes on campus and one in Spokane. He spoke a bit about the collaboration taking place to ensure that the eastside presence remains.
- Deputy Director Bales advised the BLEA wait time is approximately 6-8 weeks.
- Deputy Director Bales shared stakeholder requests to add a COA class.

NEW BUSINESS

CERTIFICATION HEARING PANELMEMBER REQUESTS

Sonja Hirsch, Hearing Coordinator

Sonja Hirsch presented applications for those interested in volunteering to serve as a hearing panel member. She asked they all be voted on as one motion.

- Sheriffs:
 - Sheriff Gary Simpson, Kitsap County
He has been a member of the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office for 30 years serving in almost every aspect of their office. He was elected to Sheriff of Kitsap County effective January 1, 2015. He is a certified peace officer, and his Peace Officer Certification is in good standing.
 - Sheriff Ty Trenary, Snohomish County
He has served the residents of Snohomish County for over 23 years. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice. He is a certified peace officer, and his Peace Officer Certification is in good standing.
- Chief:
 - Chief Carol Cummings, Bothell PD
Over the past 33 years she has worked for two county sheriff departments; 27 years of those with the King County Sheriff's Office. Since 2011 she has served as the Chief of the Bothell Police Department. She is a certified peace officer, and her Peace Officer Certification is in good standing. She has a letter of support from Bothell City Manager Robert S. Stowe.
- Professor:
 - Professor Stephen Rice, Ph.D., Seattle University
He has served as Assistant Professor in the Department of Law and Police Science at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at Seattle University, and currently serves as Associate Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at Seattle University. Dr. Rice has a very strong teaching and scholarship background relevant to police integrity issues. He has taught courses in the areas of criminal justice policy, criminal justice organization theory, as well as race, ethnicity, crime, and social justice. He has a very extensive and impressive curriculum vita and comes highly recommended by Seattle University Associate Professor Matthew J. Hickman, Ph.D. Dr. Hickman currently serves as a panel member and usually as the presiding member.
- Line-level with 10-years of experience:
 - Detective Sergeant Sean Madison, Sequim PD
He has been commissioned since 1992 and is currently a sergeant with the Sequim Police Department. He has extensive experience in investigations, training, crisis negotiation, supervision, management, and labor relations. He has letters of support from Deputy Chief Sheri Crain and Chief William Dickinson. Chief Dickinson said, "In my 44 years of police service and 22 years as a Law Enforcement Chief Executive, I can tell you that he is one of the most thoughtful and balanced law enforcement officers with whom I have had the pleasure of working." He is a certified peace officer, and his Peace Officer Certification is in good standing.

Commissioner Hohenberg motioned to approve the appointments. Commissioner Newlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Tisha Jones gave an update on the Canine WAC sharing that the workgroup is still in the process of making recommendations to be shared at the June Commission Meeting.

The Vice Chair updated the Commission on the Reserve Workgroup he chairs. A meeting is scheduled for next week. Information will be shared at the June Commission Meeting.

Director Rahr followed up on the definition of "full time." Tisha Jones shared the WSCJTC draft policy on this in order to make determinations for certification purposes. The question to be answered with this policy is: Is the person working enough hours to maintain proficiency? Director Rahr reiterated this policy does not have anything to do with retirement. Discussion took place, with a decision made to push this to the June Commission Meeting.

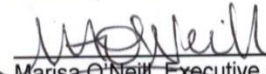
The Chair approved extending the June Commission Meeting to allow for a deeper dive into some of the old business. A working lunch will be provided.

The Chair called for any additional comments or questions. None were expressed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am.

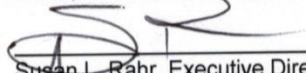
Next Meeting: June 10, 2015, 10 am, CJTC

Written by:


Marisa O'Neill, Executive Assistant

06-01-15
Date

Reviewed by:


Susan L. Rahr, Executive Director

6-10-15
Date

Approved by:


Jeff Myers, Commission Chair

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