

**Board on Public Safety Standards and Training
Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
May 21, 2009**

The Executive Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training (BPSST) held a teleconference on May 21, 2009 at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST). Chair Andrew Bentz called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Attendees

Committee Members:

Andrew Bentz, Chair of the Board and Chair of the Police Policy Committee
Mark Prince, Vice-Chair of the Board of Public Safety Standards and Training
Rob Poirier, Chair of the Telecommunications Policy Committee
Jeff Martin, Chair of the Private Security Policy Committee

DPSST Staff:

John Minnis, Director
Eriks Gabliks, Deputy Director
Charlene Barber, Executive Assistant
Jan Myers, Telecomm Training Coordinator



1. Approval of March 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Mark Prince moved to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2009 Executive Committee meeting and Jeff Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

**2. Polygraph Licensing Advisory Committee (PLAC)
Committee Member Re-appointment**

Rob Poirer moved to accept Director Minnis' recommendation for Richard L. Cowan reappointment for the Polygraph Licensing Advisory Committee and Mark Prince seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

3. Basic Telecommunications Course – Recommended Curriculum Changes

Summary provided by Lt. Jan Myers

The Curriculum Committee would like to eliminate Incident Command Assistant 100 & 700 from the basic telecommunication curriculum and would like to provide more relevant classes such as; Domestic Violence, Missing Persons, and Critical Incidents.

As a Curriculum Committee member and DPSST instructor, Rob Poirier shared that the 100 & 700 are not being required with the other disciplines as a prerequisite for anything or certification, however, the discussion will be continued and nothing has been adopted.

It was questioned why the “Demonstration” section was removed from the Domestic Violence Awareness Lesson Plan Performance Objectives. Wording is an issue, if the word “Demonstration” is used, DPSST would be required to produce lab sheets for a four hour class. It takes several hours to produce the lab sheets and create testing software; this is not feasible for a four hour class. Students will still be accountable for the information in the written test.

Jeff Martin moved to accept the recommended curriculum changes to the Telecommunications course and Mark Prince seconded the motion. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

4. DPSST Update

Presented by Director John Minnis

Budget Released:

- The 30% proposed reduction is actually 18.1% which will allow DPSST to provide 14 basic police, 6 local county corrections, and 2 parole and probation classes for the next biennium. Total target reduction reduced 171 full time employees to 142 employees, 29 FTE eliminated.
- Some of the Regional Training program was retained but the Leadership program was eliminated.
- DPSST applied for three different grants from the Federal Cops program that are not included in the co chair’s budget.
- DPSST accepted a grant from OSP for an additional basic police class; BP313 class is underway now.
- The Legislative Fiscal wants to look at the fire insurance premium tax revenue forecast to determine if they are in position to spend 2 million for the fire building and equipment.
- The fire forms project is ongoing; DPSST is trying to set up electronic forms using the fire insurance premium tax money.
- DPSST shifted one of the Compliance Specialists from CFAA funding to FIPT funding to meet the needs of the Fire Program.
- The agency will be losing DOC as a tenant, as of June 30, 2009.
- If DOC starts delivering their training, DPSST will retain the responsibility for approving and auditing their curriculum. The \$500,000 for the audit function is not

included in the Co Chair's budget. If the SB357 doesn't pass and DPSST is required to provide corrections training, there isn't money in our budget to deliver the training.

- Funding of the bomb squad switched from the general fund to FIPT, just fewer than 1 million dollars. The concern is two million dollars was taken out as part of the reduction sweep a while ago and now there is another million gone. Down the road there may be some compression between the DPSST, Fire Marshal, the State Police Arson and Bomb Unit.

Legislative Update:

- **HB2315** (BPSST) is scheduled for a hearing next week on the Senate side.
- **HB3790** (public records) has moved through both the House and Senate and currently in the Governor's office.
- **SB257** (DOC) is still hanging out there.

Sheriff Bob Skipper:

- Sheriff Skipper is scheduled to attend a Basic Police class starting June 22, 2009. The agency received several information requests on Sheriff Skipper. Sheriff Skipper has contacted the Governor's Office asking for political consideration to force DPSST to grant Skipper a waiver.

5. Good of the Order

Corrections Policy Committee approved the new curriculum for the city and county correctional officers and a high brid course for those certified as police officers that also work in correctional facilities.

Telecommunications has a full fledged Consolidation Task Force that's been meeting regularly under the direction of General Caldwell and Paula Evans from the Governor's Office. Telecommunication folks are trying to define their need. Cost savings to locals would be 18-30%, local 9-1-1 tax collected.

Private Security purposed house bill that would have provided for light bars on Private Security response vehicles for armed and unarmed security died.

Police Policy Committee has a vacancy. OSSA needs to send the interest form for who they want to nominate.

There being no further business to bring before the Committee, Chair Andrew Bentz adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm. The next scheduled meeting for the Executive Committee is June 11, 2009 at 1:30 pm.