

MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE/WORTHINGTON

LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 22, 2019

Noon in Room 207

MEMBERS: Michael Cumiskey, Troy Appel, Chad Cummings, Beth Van Orman, Logan Waldner, Beth Bents, Trisha Heidebrink, Kayla Westra.

Matthew Sorenson (Excused), James Jorgenson (Excused), Jeff Markquart (Excused), Kenneth Willers (Excused), Dustin Roemeling (Excused), Gary Nordseth (Excused), Shawn Haken (Excused), Kevin Flynn (Excused), Tyler Olson (Excused), Dawn Gordon (Excused), Matthew Loeslie (Excused), Andrew Dirks (Excused), Bruce Peterson.

Michael Cumiskey called meeting to order at 12:07 PM.

Approve minutes from last meeting: Chad Cummings moved to approved, Troy Appel Seconded to approve, unanimously approved.

New Business:

1. Program status fall of 2019 and Transfer Pathways–Mike
The program is the largest it has been. In the past was in 2005 we had 32 student. This year we have 22 in second year and 21 in first year. We graduated 10 in the spring.

We are working on a 12 month AAS Program. It would be ideal for someone coming out of the military for example. It would start in January. Mike is trying to model it out of an academy. We are stilling putting pieces together and then it will go to the cabinet. No one in the state is doing it. Kayla noted that they have met with the VA person and Troy commented we could probably access Pathways dollars.

Pathways if student comes in and want to be a police officer in two years we put them in the AAS program. If the student wants Criminal Justice we put them AS so they can transfer. You can transfer with the AAS, but you would need more of your generals

2. Summer skills update – Mike we graduated 9 out of the skills. They were from all over: one from Rochester that went to Western Technical in WI, Hastings; 1 from IA; 3 from Inver Hills; 1 from Ridgewater; and 2 from our program. There are some that were from out of state. Ten Students attended the program. If a student doesn't pass a skill during the year. They can attend this program in the summer.
Last year we had 10.

Instructors are from the Police Department they are: Ken Willers, Tim Gaul, Andrew Dirks, Brandon Piel, Tyler Olson. Jim Jorgenson, Andrew Dirks.

Mike noted we are always looking for instructors.

3. MN West Pre-law enforcement EVOC Course

EVOC is a required for all AAS students. There is a required EMR Course that is part of the program. EVOC is not part of the program, but they must have it. They usually take it between 1st and 2nd year.

All Minnesota West had to do was to meet EVOC learning objectives to run an EVOC course. Bruce Berdahl and Brandon Peil were the instructors.

We had 18 in the class plus the 9 from the skills. We did it at the Merit Center in Marshall. We just redid the contract for the Merit Center, so we will have it again. Logan said he learned a lot and had a lot of fun. Logan said, they are just putting the track down so next year will be even better.

EVOC is a full 2 day course. We use it for firearms program. We teach those that have never used a gun on this. Bruce also does the night driving with students. They have doubled the track and added a skid pad.

We bought 5 vehicles from the state patrol.

4. Update: Vehicles 8, 1 is surplus.

Milo was updated in the last year. We use it for firearms program. We teach those that have never used a gun on this. The Police Department will be here to use it. Milo is open to Law Enforcement to use anytime we are not using it.

Zuercher we are still using this program, Radios all up to date Armour radios. Dave comes out once a year to update them. We now have lab space, we updated a classroom for crime scene processing.

5. Customized Training – What is Law Enforcement looking for that we could maybe partner with? Troy commented de-escalation, Cultural, Mental health they need 16 credits.

Beth commented on security and active shooter training. Troy said, they do offer active shooter training. School is doing Alice there also is the run, hide, fight. Chad discussed the de-escalation for EMS and First Responders. Troy said, they do have go to people for debriefing after an incident.

National Organization Vehicle Assistance program that we could partner with to do customized training. This community needs to have the help available.

6. Your input on how to improve the program and new members – Advisory Board Members

We do offer EMR for Law Enforcement, not EMT. Logan commented, the teacher Pam is phenomenal.

Mike would like to add a Jujitsu.

Mike likes to have Local Law Enforcement here to teach. Troy will encourage his officers to keep being involved.

Troy asked what they can do to help this program and how we gets kids to stay here and work. They can't get applicants.

Mike responded that goal is to get 25 employable police officers from the program every year. They need to be from around here. You lose your best guys to State Patrol and or DNR. Logan feels a big part of people not staying in Worthington is the lack of amenities Worthington has to offer. There is nothing for young people to do at night. Most don't want to stay in the area because they want to branch out and they want things to do. Worthington quit focusing on bring in industry. Now it is how we can we bring people to town.

Talked about having alumni participating in the Getting connected day. Trisha will send Troy the information.

Looking for more members. Troy mentioned Ryan Kruger.

Old Business:

None

Next meeting: TBD