

Region XV Training Advisory Council Meeting

Monday, August 14, 2023

2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Region XV Training Advisory Council meeting was held on Monday, August 14, 2023, at the Florida Public Safety Institute in the Conference Center Building.

Chairman Burt Himmer called the meeting to order at 2:09 PM. Chairman Himmer noted that this was a public meeting and that future meetings would be held virtually and in-person to provide multiple avenues of attendance and participation by members and the public.

Director Logan Lane, FPSI Continuing Education, conducted a roll call, and a quorum was present.

The following members were present:

| Voting Member Agency | Member Name | Present (Yes/No) |
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| Agriculture and Consumer Services | Captain Jason Ross | NO |
| Agriculture and Consumer Services (alternate) | Major Keith Klopfer | NO |
| Department of the Lottery | Director Steven Harriett | NO |
| Department of the Lottery (alternate) | Deputy Director Loren Lowers | YES |
| Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco | Captain Edward Rawls | NO |
| Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (alternate) | Lt. Derrick Ganey | NO |
| Division of Investigative & Forensics Services | Major Burt Himmer | YES |
| Division of Investigative & Forensics Services (alternate) | Captain Karl Morgan | YES |
| Florida Department of Law Enforcement | Chief Chris Johnson | YES |
| Florida Department of Law Enforcement (alternate) | Dan Augustyniak | NO |
| Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission | Major Dennis Post | YES |
| Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (alternate) | Captain Adonious Duhart | NO |
| Florida Gaming Control Commission | Director Carl Herold | YES |
| Florida Gaming Control Commission (alternate) | Chief Dan DeCoursey | NO |
| Florida Highway Patrol | Major Kelly Hildreth | YES |
| Florida Highway Patrol (alternate) | Captain David Folsom | NO |
| Office of the Attorney General | Captain Richard Stonebreaker | NO |
| Office of the Attorney General (alternate) | Inv. Tiffany Streety | NO |
| Office of the Marshall: State Supreme Court | Marshall Sylvester Dawson | YES |
| Office of the Marshall: State Supreme Court (alternate) | Lt. Woodrow Kerce | NO |

Guests present were:

Amy Bradbury
Tawana Carter
Mike Fraser
Janet Hartman

Tallahassee Community College
Tallahassee Community College
Florida Public Safety Institute
Florida Public Safety Institute

Bill Bierbaum
Michelle Sparks-Raymond

Member of the public
FDLE

OLD BUSINESS:

Members were provided an opportunity to review the May 23, 2023 meeting minutes.

Motion: A motion to accept the minutes was made by Major Hildreth and seconded by Major Post. The minutes of the May 23, 2023, meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Update

Director Hartman introduced Michelle Sparks-Raymond from FDLE to the council. Sparks-Raymond gave the council a brief presentation covering the trust fund and its rules.

Director Hartman provided an overview of new changes at FPSI's business office and the introduction of Tawana Carter as the Region's fiscal agent. Ms. Carter and Amy Bradbury, Director of Financial Services, briefly addressed the council about the final quarter of FY '22-'23. Major Hildreth requested that a copy of the current budget be emailed to the council, including the current budget balance.

Chairman Himmer began a discussion about reciprocal funding. It has been long-standing that FPSI does not charge out-of-region officers' tuition as long as the said region extends the same courtesy to Region 15. The council was asked if they wished this to remain the standard or if payment of all out-of-region officers should be sought. After discussion, it was agreed that it was more important for officers to receive training than to receive the reciprocal funding. The Council will not seek reciprocal payments from other regions, to include Region III.

Commission Updates

Executive Director Hartman presented the updates from the CJSTC commission meeting on August 7-10, 2023.

- All prior rules proposed by FDLE regarding changes to various instructor requirements and updated curricula for high-liability topics were approved by the commission (Appendix A). FPSI began following these rules as of July 1, 2023. Correct forms that relate to the new rules were not uploaded correctly by FDLE. As of last week, all forms have been updated and are current.
- Renaming the CJSTC firearms instructor course was discussed since the course dropped rifle and shotgun instruction. No decision was made at this time.
- Following attendance at the Florida Police Chief Conference, the Florida Training Center Directors Association established an adhoc committee to discuss officer mental health and suicide awareness. Region XV members and FPSI volunteered to sit on this council.

Academy Updates

Director Hartman addressed the facility hardships that have recently plagued FPSI.

- Three chillers have gone down in various buildings leading to temporary air condition units being installed. All facilities currently have appropriate air conditioning, and replacement units/parts have been ordered.
- FPSI has been in communication with instructors who teach outside classes such as firearms and vehicle operations. They have been advised to be cognizant of the heat and contact FPSI if they need assistance combatting it.
- Greg Eastman, Facilities Maintenance, is retiring on 8/11/2023. AimsFacility Tracking has been implemented as a way for staff to submit help tickets for facility and maintenance issues.
- FPSI and TCC’s welding program have partnered to build and repair the metal firearms target racks.
- 25Live will be undergoing updates to include a reminder feature.
- The helicopter pad will be refurbished and serve as the future home for Survival Flight Air-Medical.
- Director Hartman wishes to create an advisory council for the new dormitory and how it can best meet agency needs. She requested that each agency provide a representative to serve on this committee.
- FWC has partnered with FPSI to refurbish and build fixed and floating docks for better diving and boating training.
- Moving forward, Chairman Himmer will request updates from all training academies.

Course Updates

- Chief Johnson received an inquiry to look into the possibility of the region supporting the cost of a CJSTC Marshall-specific course. After discussion, more information was needed before a decision was made. Chief Johnson will report back to the council at the next meeting with additional information about the course.
- The council was presented with currently scheduled classes for Region 15. No other discussion was had. It was mentioned that FPSI is working to continue to schedule courses around the state.
- The council was presented with an instructor pay template (Appendix B) that would guide pay caps for region-funded courses. FPSI acknowledged that only Council members determine how instructors are compensated and the overall costs of the individual courses. Monetary amounts were assigned to categories of courses, and FPSI will not pay instructors more than allowed by that category. Costs exceeding the category cap will be presented to the council for discussion and approval.

Motion: A motion to accept the pay template was made by Major Hildreth and seconded by Deputy Director Lowers. The instructor pay template was adopted.

- New courses were presented to the council for consideration. See below:

| Instructor/Vendor | Course | Length of Class | Online/In-person | Approved |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------|
| Breno DeOlivera | Defensive Tactics Practicum | 6hrs | In-person | No |
| FDLE | Adult Sex Crimes | 40 hrs | In-person | No |
| FDLE | Physical Fitness Trainer | 32 hrs | In-person | FWC/FHP |
| FDLE | Injury and Death Inv. | 40 hrs | In-person | DIFS/FHP |
| LTRI | Leadership Excellence | 24 hrs | In-person | No* |
| LTRI | De-Escalate | 16 hrs | In-person | No |

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|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------|--------|----------|
| TrainingForce USA | Human Trafficking | 4 hrs | Online | Yes |
| TrainingForce USA | Organizational Leadership | 4 hrs | Online | No |
| TrainingForce USA | Games Inmates Play | 4 hrs | Online | No |
| Blue to Gold | Advanced Criminal Investigations | 8hrs | Online | FHP/DIFS |
| Blue to Gold | K9 Case Law | 8hrs | Online | FHP/DIFS |
| Blue to Gold | Advanced Search Warrants | 8hrs | Online | FHP/DIFS |
| Blue to Gold | De-escalation/Duty to Intervene | 8hrs | Online | No* |
| Blue to Gold | Advanced Search & Seizure | 8hrs | Online | FHP/DIFS |

*The council requested Blue Shield Tactical to teach the topic of de-escalation (FWC/Lottery)

*Injury and Death Inv was requested to be held in South Florida.

*The council requested that FPSI contact LEEDA about their leadership academy instead of the proposed leadership course.

Equipment Purchase

Chairman Himmer asked the council to consider the purchase of foam backers (\$8658) for the next Region 15 firearms course. This would be a material cost to the course, not an OCO cost. After discussion, the council decided to move forward with the purchase.

Agency Updates:

DIFS – None.

FWC – None.

FHP – None.

Lottery – None.

Gaming – None.

FDLE – FDLE has a new director of Professionalism, Chad Brown.

Marshall's Office – Marshall Dawson informed the council of a high-profile case set for trial in the next few weeks. No credible threats have been received, but he will keep the region apprised.

Next Region XV Training Advisory Council Meeting:

The next CJSTC meeting is on October 30-November 2, 2023.

The next Region 15 Training Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., Conference Center Building.

A motion to adjourn was made by Major Post and seconded by Major Hildreth.

Region XV Minutes

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.