

## 1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Nick Neisius at 10:35 AM. Nick Neisius served as the chairperson for this meeting.

## 2. Introductions

- **In-Person Attendees:**
  - Steven Potter, Director, Public Safety Training Center
  - Peggy Ruby, Administrative Assistant, In-Service PSTC
  - Tony Carrancho, In-Service Training, Public Safety Training Center
  - Donna Prak, Administrative Assistant, Police Academy, PSTC
  - Sasha D'Amico, Captain, Novato PD
  - Rachel Smith, Career Education, Director, SRJC
  - Nick, Neisius, Corporal, Mill Valley PD
  - Dan Marincik, Captain, Santa Rosa PD
  - Sean Jones, Lieutenant, Sonoma County Sheriff's Office
- **Zoom Attendees:**
  - Chief Tim Mattos, Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety
  - Don Maiden, Napa County Sheriff's Office
  - Sgt. Erin Bai, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office
  - Chief Brian Miller, Petaluma PD
  - Domenick Yazzolino, Marin County Sheriff's Office
  - Mackenzie Galindo, Career Counselor, SRJC
  - Lisa Holton, POST Representative, Field

## 3. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting (May 2024) was made by Chief Tim Mattos and seconded by Nick Neisius. All in favor, no objections. Minutes approved.

## 4. Public Comments

- No public comments.

## 5. Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business was carried over from the last meeting.

## 6. Basic Police Academy Overview and Update

- One Police Academy is in session, with 43 students representing 16 agencies. Graduation is set for December 7.

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- The January 2025 class (BPA 216) is already full, with 45 reservations. Steven Potter emphasized the priority of serving local agencies in Sonoma and surrounding counties before opening seats to other agencies across the state.

## **7. Regional Academy Status and Future Planning**

- Agencies from across the state, including as far as Monterey and Eureka, are struggling to secure academy seats due to the limited availability of Police Academy slots.
- Napa's Police Academy remains closed, and no new academies are opening in the area.

## **8. Active Shooter Training and LD 43 Updates**

- The updated Active Shooter Learning Domain (LD 43) will add 16 additional hours to the Basic Academy, increasing it to a 21-week program by January 2026.
- The curriculum is being designed to incorporate hands-on, scenario-based training, and key instructors have been assigned to develop the program.

## **9. In-Service Training Updates**

- The 2025 schedule for in-service training has been finalized, with three ACO academies and 2-3 dispatch academies planned.
- There is a need for firearms instructors, and efforts to secure funding and equipment for PIT instructor courses are ongoing.
- PSP numbers are low
- Requalification course hopeful to have in 2026
- Lisa Holton POST rep wants to have a more robust catalog at PSTC. Tony Carrancho and Steven Potter both support this vision for more classes.

## **10. Dispatch Academy and Recruitment**

- Due to the increased training hours for the Dispatch Academy (now 40 additional hours), recruitment is underway to fill the instructor gap. Many instructors retired this past year and instructor interviews will be happening soon. There will be three classes planned for 2025 if the demand remains high.

## **11. Roundtable Discussion**

- Chief Mattos expressed appreciation for the responsive training staff.
- Domenick Yazzolino asked about updates to the training based on new case law regarding high-risk vehicle stops. Steven Potter confirmed the curriculum has been updated accordingly.

## **12. Announcements**

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Nick Neisius announced that POST will come out on November 15<sup>th</sup> to observe Scenario Testing, and he is hoping to recruit more role players for that day.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2025, at 10:30 AM. At Rohnert Park DPS.

### **13. Adjournment**

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM by Nick Neisius.