



Law Enforcement Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: May 7, 2024; Tuesday, 10:30 am

Location: Santa Rosa Police Department Training Room

In Attendance:	
Cpl. Nick Neisius	Mill Valley
Sgt. Domenick Yazzolino	Marin County SO (Proxy for Brad Kashack)
Sgt. Ronda Cordero	San Rafael PD
Capt. Dan Marincik	Santa Rosa PD (Proxy for Ryan Corcoran)
Lt. Justin Haugen	Sonoma County SO Proxy (Proxy for Mike Raasch)
Lt. Don Maiden	Napa County SO (Proxy for Kyle Eddleman)
Chief Jim Naugle	Novato PD (Proxy for Sasha D'Amico)
Director Tim Mattos	Rohnert Park DPS
Chief Brian Miller	Petaluma PD
Nicole Frantz	SRJC Counseling
Rachel Smith	SRJC CE
SRJC PSTC Staff	
Steven Potter	Director/Associate Dean
Charisse Arnold	Director/Associate Dean
Jeff Weaver	Coordinator
Peggy Ruge	Admin Asst.
Donna Prak	Admin Asst.

1030 Call to Order – Chief Mattos

Welcome and Introductions - Everyone in attendance introduces themselves

Basic Police Academy Overview and Update – Director Potter

- BPA 213, 214, and 215 Update
 - BPA 215 Academy is full. We are prioritizing local agencies.
 - Napa Academy closure- we are feeling the pinch. Sacramento area agencies are reaching out. They are waitlisted
 - Chief Mattos asked if Napa Valley Junior College Training Center will open again?
 - Steve Potter said that there are no plans to reopen. Napa got rid of all their academy equipment.
 - College of the Redwoods could be closing as well. They have 9 recruits in their academy. This is not sustainable.
 - Chief Mattos wants to know how POST will help handle this problem. There needs to be more police academies available.
 - Chief Naugle said that his agency called around to see what academies had space and only Seaside had availability. Every other academy was at capacity.
 - Chief Mattos asked how Firearms retesting went? Steven Potter said with 13 re-testers we had one recruit fail.

- Steve Potter stated that BPA 214 has 30 recruits, and he anticipates that we will soon lose one recruit due to a medical injury.
- Steve Potter announced that POST added additional hours for curriculum. This will push the academy out for an additional weekend. He has been adding weekend dates to help keep us at a 20-week academy but this will not likely be sustainable after additional hours are added by POST. There are too many instructional hours that moving forward the academy will likely be increased to a 21 weeks format.
- Jeff Weaver shared that High-Risk Vehicle Stop instruction during the Basic Police Academy has changed. The same techniques had been taught since 1980. In 2021, the Santa Rosa Police Department began exploring a new technique, wherein officers are positioned behind their vehicles and three officers clear the suspect vehicle. Following a Subject Matter Expert meeting at the Public Safety Training Center, instruction has been modified to focus on the new technique while still exposing recruits to the classic technique.
- Nicole asked what the Academy is telling unsponsored individuals who are trying to get into Academy. asked about seats for Self-Sponsor – Steve Potter said the law requires us to hold 5% of our seats for non-sponsor. We've set aside five seats out of 45 for non-sponsored and there are those five seats that are filled – this will continue to be the trend for BPA classes.

In-Service Overview and Update – Director Arnold

- Charisse Arnold- passed out In-Service Schedule. By August she will have a similar schedule for the new academic year. Local agencies can reserve seats with a TBA.
- Please reach out if there is a need for a class.
- She mentioned the extra hours to the dispatch class. The class will go from 3 weeks (120 hours) to 4 weeks (160 hours). The changes are to show additional topics and extended hours to the curriculum. She does have instructors retiring and needs to find new instructors. She will be reaching out to agencies/Training Managers to recruit new dispatch instructors. It does take a year to make changes to the curriculum, so she is expecting the next dispatch class to be offered in the Fall 2025. There is a chance that POST will not move forward with these changes but as it stands now, they are. The additional topic will include human trafficking and additional hours to certain topic in the current curriculum
- There are only two presenters that are looking at offering the dispatch class now in region one.
- ACO graduation was 36 correctional officers. Mainly from the Sonoma County Sheriff Offices. And another 30 spots reserved for the Fall corrections academy.
- Sgt. Yazzolino asked if there was any discussion to bring back the supplemental Corrections Core course.

Round Table – All

- Chief Mattos received confirmation from Steven Potter that the BPA graduation will be on May 24th at 10am

Next Meeting Date – October 8th, 2024, at 1030 hours.

- Location – to be determined.

Adjournment – Chief Mattos