

Law Enforcement Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 7, 2025

Location: Public Safety Training Center, Windsor, CA

Time: 12:00 PM

Attendees

- Sgt. Adam Schermerhorn
- Cpt. Dan Marincik
- Lt. Shaun McCracken
- Chief Tim Mattos
- Deputy Chief Nick McGowan
- Lt. Sean Jones
- Lt. Donald Maiden
- Sgt. Erin Bair
- Captain Jim Correa (proxy for Cpt. Sasha D'Amico)
- Rachel Smith
- Megan Rhodes
- Jeff Weaver
- Tony Carrancho
- Steven Potter
- Mackenzie Galindo
- Chris Lorange
- Peggy Ruge
- Donna Prak

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chief Tim Mattos at 12:00 PM.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous advisory meeting were reviewed and Sgt. Schermerhorn made the first motion and Lt. Sean Jones second. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

No public comments were presented.

Basic Police Academy Update – Director Steven Potter

- The current class of 39 recruits is on track to graduate December 5, 2025, at the SRJC main campus gymnasium.
- The January 2026 Academy is full with a significant waitlist. Local agencies' needs have been met, and the waitlist primarily consists of agencies outside Sonoma and Marin counties (e.g., Napa PD, San Francisco SO).
- Agencies must provide a CJO and completed background to reserve a seat.
- April Academy (30 seats) and July Academy (45 seats) are now open for reservations.
- Beginning January 2026, the Academy will expand to a 21-week format, adding sessions on lifetime fitness, active shooter/force-on-force, and radio communications.
- Discussed statewide academy seat shortages and future expansion efforts in Placer County.

- Discussion on the San Francisco Police Academy recruit death and preventive measures regarding hydration and pre-screening.

In-Service Training Update – Tony Carrancho

- Dispatch Academy began this week with 26 students.
- IA School and regional courses are in the early planning stages to be offered at PSTC
- ACO Academy canceled due to low enrollment; minimum 22 required to hold a class.
- DT Instructor School (December) and Firearms Instructor Course are full with waitlists.
- POST instructor update requirement by 2029; PSTC to host all regional 1070-series updates.
- 2026 training schedule released with Long Beach PD Use of Force/De-escalation and ACO Academies.
- Fee increases coming for EVOC and Rifle courses due to rising instructional costs and budget constraints.

Roundtable Discussion

- Captain Jim Correa: Inquired about supervisory courses; confirmed for December and January.
- Megan Rhodes: Asked about AI in law enforcement; discussion included AI in body cams, Axon dispatch automation, and report writing.
- Mackenzie Galindo: Observed for student guidance on law enforcement pathways.
- Chief Mattos thanked Rachel Smith and Career Education budget for providing meeting lunch

Legislative and Program Updates

Director Potter announced that Governor Newsom signed AB 992 (October 1, 2025), repealing major portions of AB 89. Implementation moved to December 2031, allowing agencies three years to comply. Equivalency options now include military or out-of-state law enforcement experience and associate degrees.

Graduation Format and Feedback

Committee members praised shorter graduation ceremonies and private award events. Recruits and families appreciated the streamlined and personal approach.

Next Meeting

- May 12, 2026 at Sonoma County Sheriff's Office
- Hybrid Option: Zoom available
- Lunch: Provided by SRJC Career Education

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 PM.