

WLEA Advisory Board Meeting

24 April 2023

Attendees:

Chuck Bayne, Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy
Jesse Curtis, Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy
Kurt Taboga, Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy
Warren Steele, Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy
Kyndal Gudahl, Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy
Megan Doneski, Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy
Craig Smith, Wyoming Game and Fish Department
Mark Francisco, Cheyenne Police Department
Forrest Williams, Division of Criminal Investigation
Scott Matheney, Campbell County Sheriff's Office
Jeff Hodge, Crook County Sheriff's Office
Shaina Smith, Smith Psychological Services
Levi Dominuez, Sheridan County Sheriff's Office
Bridget Hill, Attorney General's Office
Megan Pope, Attorney General's Office
Roy Eckerdt, Powell Police Department
Jeremy Tremel Casper Police Department (*observing*)

Meeting called to order

Membership

- Welcome Shaina Smith, new Member-at-Large
- Welcome Levi Dominguez, new Sheriff – Small Agency
- Roy Eckerdt is willing to stay for another term
 - New term expiration is April 2025
- Forrest Williams is retiring from DCI

Review minutes from the 16 November 2022 Advisory Board Workshop

- Vote to approve the minutes as written:
 - Motion: Roy Eckerdt
 - Second: Mark Francisco
 - Vote: all aye, none opposed

Basic Training Overview

- The percentage of in-class & online training have remained the same over the last 3 years
- The full training report is available in the packet provided to members

Detention Officer Basic Job Task Analysis

- This review determined that WLEA training is very closely aligned with the job tasks identified by agencies throughout the state
- The tasks that need to be added to DOB are listed in the packet provided to members
- The biggest change noted since 2008 is regarding basic first aid and CPR
 - These hours likely need to be added to DOB, due to their high criticality
 - There is currently no first aid training in DOB
- The Detention Training Advisory Board's recommendation was to add this topic and have it be mandatory for all students (i.e. no exemptions for those students who are already CPR certified)
- Fire Procedures, ICE, and Courtroom Testimony were determined to be not necessary and can be removed from DOB
- WLEA is aiming to implement these changes by B Basic of 2024

Medical Clearance Forms

- The question for the Board is: should the current 90-day window be extended to 1 year?
 - If the form is completed more than 90 days prior to the start of the training, the student will sign affirming that their status has not changed
- Based on data from the last year, the completion date of a student's Medical Clearance Form hasn't shown any correlation to the student's end result
- Overall agreement from the Board to extend the window to 1 year
- Motion to accept Medical Clearance Form for 12 months from the date of the form's completion, with the beyond 90-day affirmation statement
 - Motion: Mark Francisco
 - Second: Levi Dominguez
 - Vote: all aye, none opposed

Basic Training Cumulative Exam

- WLEA has noticed a lack of motivation from the students to accurately complete the cumulative exam that occurs at the end of both POB and DOB
- Currently, the cumulative exam score does not count towards the student's final grade
- The idea WLEA presents is for the exam to count towards the student's grade, but not towards the 3-strike rule (3 exam failures result in removal from training)
 - Students who fail would take a retest
 - If they fail the retest, they would have 30 days to take it a 3rd time
- Roy Eckerdt agrees that the exam should count
- Scott Matheney agrees
- Jeff Hodge noted that he received feedback from a student who had previously attended WLEA, that there is less discipline now vs 10 years ago
- Jesse Curtis responded that WLEA does not hold the students' hands, there is less structure, and instructors are not telling students what to do all the time
 - This makes students responsible for their own learning, increasing engagement
- Call for the cumulative exam for both POB and DOB to be counted towards the student's grade, requiring a passing grade in order to receive certification

- Motion: Scott Matheney
- Second: Roy Eckerdt
- Vote: all aye, none opposed

Mental Health First Aid

- Goal is to add this 8 hour training to POB, DOB, and Communications Basic
- Goal is also to have 5 regions with trainers throughout the state, to provide regional trainings
- 3-day training is coming up 22-24 May
 - 15 students registered
- For 3 years, the grant will cover costs of the training, including books, materials, and instructor time
- What is the time commitment once you become a trainer?
 - 3 trainings per region per year

Communications Basic

- WLEA ran the first delivery of the new curriculum in March
- 55 hours increased to 83 hours
- Added PT sessions
 - Yoga and walking
- Added Courtroom Testimony
- People have expressed interest in modular training of the new parts of this course for already certified Dispatchers

Advanced Training Report

- CPAG Briefing coming up in June
 - This is a 4-hour briefing provided by the United States Secret Service Critical Protective Analysis Group
- New class offering: Advanced Ground Fighting
 - Course Dates: 10-12 July 2023
- FLETC UOF Instructor in September
 - The last running of this course had excellent reviews

Meeting adjourned

- Motion: Mark Francisco
- Second: Craig Smith