

## **WLEA Advisory Board Workshop**

16 November 2022

### Attendees:

Chuck Bayne, Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy  
Jesse Curtis, Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy  
Kurt Taboga, Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy  
Justin Smith, Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy  
Warren Steele, Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy  
Megan Doneski, Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy  
Forrest Williams, Division of Criminal Investigation  
Allen Thompson, Sheridan County Sheriff's Office  
Mark Francisco, Cheyenne Police Department  
Scott Matheny, Campbell County Sheriff's Office  
Craig Smith, Wyoming Game and Fish Department  
Roy Eckerdt, Powell Police Department  
Bridget Hill, Attorney General's Office

### *Meeting called to order*

#### Introduction of new WLEA Staff Instructors

- Darin Wong
- Steve Miller
- Bob Laing

#### Review & approval of 22 April minutes

- Motion: Forrest Williams
- Second: Mark Francisco
- Vote: all aye, none opposed

#### CRI-TAC Final Report

- COPS office determined that anything developed or presented in this course of this project would become public property, which hampered the efforts of the project.
- The final "deliverable" was not what was anticipated and discussed at the beginning of this process.
- The full deliverable is available for review in the packet provided to the Board.

#### Detention JTA Update

- Currently 60% of the way through the process
- So far, 87% response rate to the survey
- Val Lubans will be at WLEA in December to meet with the technical committee again.
- Lubans' final report will be available at the end of January.

- WLEA anticipates presenting any changes in Detention Officer Basic curriculum to the POST Commission at the end of 2023.

#### Mental Health First Aid

- Roy Eckerdt states that the grant funding for a Train the Trainer course is likely to come through.
  - It is currently in the contract-writing stage.
- The cost is \$26,000 for 1 week of training for 16 people.
- The grant would cover this cost for WLEA instructors as well as individuals from agencies across the state.
- WLEA is looking to incorporate the Public Safety Module of this course into all Basic Trainings in the future.

#### Facility Report

- An entirely new facility is currently cost-prohibitive, so WLEA is making improvements to the current facility.
- Classrooms have been updated cosmetically, and have new technology installed.
- 2 large projects currently in the planning phase:
  - Build a 300-yard range
  - Upgrade old locks to electronic key cards

#### Communications Basic

- The updated Communications Basic curriculum is available for review in the packet provided to the Board.
- There are several new topics that were not previously taught
  - Critical vs Non-Critical incident management
  - Physical fitness & nutrition (Wellness)
  - PT activities such as yoga and walking
  - Mental Health First Aid
- The new schedule has the class on campus for 2 weeks
- Current practicals are not advanced enough, as most students come to basic with about a year of experience working as a dispatcher
  - The new practicals would have students act in 2 roles: the dispatcher and the officer (or the officer's shadow, providing the communication).
  - Adding the aspect of playing the officer is something new they likely have not done.
- CTAB has approved the updated curriculum.
- WLEA will present the new curriculum to the POST Commission in the January 2023 meeting.

#### Training Report

- The full report is available for review in the packet provided to the Board.

Business from Members

- This is Allen Thompson's last meeting as a member of the Board.

Next meeting – 24 April 2023

- Monday afternoon before the WASCOP Leadership Conference

*Meeting adjourned*