

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

01/28/2020 1300 hrs.

Hennepin Technical College

Next Advisory Board Meeting Scheduled: 8/18/20 @ 1pm

- i) Two year degree update
 - i) System office previously has turned down the proposal for HTC to have a two year degree program in Law Enforcement.
 - ii) New attempt working with MNState system office. Their directive is to include more diversity and inclusion in the program. These talks are in the preliminary stages.
 - iii) Looking to tailor the elective classes more towards Law Enforcement degree.
 - iv) This would allow HTC to become the PPOE and be able to award the degree.
 - v) Looking to partner with Mankato. HTC would award a 2 yr. AA degree and Mankato would be able to award the bachelor degree.
 - vi) This would give HTC sustainability and not need to rely on other colleges.

- ii) Critical Incident Training, CIT of MN
 - i) CIT of MN will be using the Inver Grove Heights location as its southern training location.
 - ii) A meeting with HTC is scheduled Thursday to discuss using the LECJEC building as a northern training hub for ongoing training. CIT will continue to use their own instructors and role players.

- iii) Advisory Board Dinner 03/24/20 at 1700 hrs.
 - i) The advisory board dinner will be held at 5pm. If the time has changed a notification will go out.

- iv) Update on the firearms class.
 - i) All but 1 student were successful for the fall 2019 semester.

- v) Update on summer skills (Metro State and HTC).
 - i) 16 students are signed up for the Metro day class, 27 students for the night class.
 - ii) 34 Students for HTC classes.

- vi) Possible MPD cadet class in August
 - i) Minneapolis has not determined if they will use HTC or Rasmussen College for new cadet training.
 - ii) Minneapolis asked if HTC would be able to be ready for classes for September 2020. Tom Drape indicated that is possible.

- vii) Customized training looking to bring speakers in about EMS suicide and wellness
 - i) 15 -20% of officers attend this type if the training is not mandatory.
 - ii) The State Patrol have been making it mandatory since 2018 to attend emotional resilience training, opening in up to spouse and significant others. The feedback has been positive.

- iii) Tom E. has been in contact with Carol Castle. She is connected with Safe Call Now and Armor Up.
- iv) If national speakers are brought in, it was suggested to have more than one session for opposite shifts so all officers would have access to the training.
- viii) Wellness conversation with Christian Eriksen from the UMN
 - i) Mr. Eriksen asked the question, “How is Spiritual care offered, and what do you feel is needed?”
 - ii) There are several different models being used to address this need in each department.
 - iii) It was agreed that it is important to find the right character in a Chaplin that will build trust and maintain privacy so officers feel comfortable in confining in the individual.
 - iv) It is also important to offer extended training to Chaplin’s that address the issues Police Officers are facing in their communities.
 - v) The idea of a clearing house for Chaplin’s was discussed, but having someone that knows the community is vital.
 - vi) Raising funds through a grant was discussed, paying the Chaplin’s a stipend to increase volunteer reliability.
 - vii) Mr. Eriksen also asked if the Board felt the current Chaplin’s are denominations and culturally balanced.
 - viii) It was agreed that a strict process and structure is needed.

9. Metro State and St Paul doing a skills program.

- i) Metro State has begun the process of meet with committees to add teaching the skills programs in their program.
- ii) They are trying to complete the process by April, they currently have a couple committees to go through to complete the process.
- iii) Members on the board felt that moving back to an Academy structure would hurt other agencies recruiting efforts.

10. HTC is in need of SUV and vehicles that are similar to what is being used out in the communities currently.