

# **LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **Minutes**

**May 21, 2019 – 9:00 am**

**PRESENT:** Jim Mork, Fridley Police Department  
Mike Goldstein, Plymouth Police Department  
Dave Burbank, Minneapolis Police Department  
David Rock, State Patrol  
Jeff Swiatkewicz, Plymouth Police Department  
Matt Sackett, Eden Prairie Police Department  
Pete Underthun, Crystal Police Department  
Mike Harcey, St. Louis Park Police Department  
Jess Irimter, Eden Prairie Police Department  
Justin Malone, Airport Police Department  
Mark Holden, Hennepin Technical College  
Tom Draper, Hennepin Technical College  
Leanne Rogstad, Hennepin Technical College  
Peggy Anderson, Hennepin Technical College

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019: 1:00 pm

Chair Mike Goldstein called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

### **UPDATE ON METRO STATE & ST. PAUL PD**

St. Paul is in discussion with Metropolitan State University about providing their own Skills Program for their new cadets/officers. The program would use St. Paul PD officers as the instructors. St. Paul believes that by running their own Skills program, this would save time, possibly eliminating 6 months of training. David Rock commented that the State Patrol does 26 weeks of training their officers.

### **QUALIFICATION IN FIREARMS**

Ten students in the Skills Program Spring Semester failed Firearms. They were unable to reach 80% on the Qualification. They have been offered the chance to come back in June to re-take the class. HTC has been asked to reduce the passing rate from 80% to 70%. Alexandria Technical College uses 70% passing but a missing the silhouette is a Fail. Individuals at the meeting stated that 80% is what they use at their departments, and it is more demanding. Discussion followed about the targets used and whether missing the silhouette equals a Failing grade. Missing the silhouette and failing is only used for SWAT members' qualification. The Committee agreed that the Qualification should continue at 80%. A point deduction for missing the silhouette should remain in place.

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### **2 YEAR DEGREE**

Hennepin Technical College was not awarded the 2 year Associate in Science Degree. This was denied at the System Level. Other Colleges voiced opposition to HTC offering the degree. The College can re-apply at a later date.

### **CRITICAL INCIDENT TRAINING (CIT)**

HTC will be offering through Customized Training 3 classes: Mental Health Awareness October 22, 2019 and November 5, 2019. Bias & Cultural Diversity on October 23, 2019 and November 6, 2019. CIT certificate training December 2-6, 2019. These courses will cover the POST requirement. Would CIT refresher courses be offered? Follow up is required. This CIT would be open to Fire and Medical personnel, as well as dispatchers. Check the College's web site for specific times and registration information. Deb Hanssen, who was the Customized Training Representative, is no longer employed at the College.

### **PASSING RATE FOR HTC**

Tom Draper stated that HTC's passing rate for the POST exam is at 97%. This statistic was given him at the last POST Coordinators meeting. How did this compare to our Skills' schools? That information was not made public at the meeting.

### **FALL 2019**

Enrollment is good for Fall. There will be 3 cohorts made up of approximately 30 students each – one each in the morning, afternoon, and evening. There will be 2 cohorts made up of 30 students for Skills courses: Morning and Evening. Hennepin Technical College Law Enforcement Program is still accepting applications for the Fall.

### **SUMMER 2019**

The College is offering a Skills course for Mpls PD cadets. This program runs from April-July of 2019. Metropolitan State University is here for a day and evening/Saturday program. Hennepin Technical College's Summer program begins June 3, 2019 and runs through July.

### **STATE PATROL**

The State Patrol will be having an academy that will use Rasmussen College. HTC is hoping to get that contract back here.

### **SKILLS PROGRAM – 8 CREDITS TO 12 CREDITS**

There has been discussion to increase credits for the Skills Program from 8 to 12. Because the degree needs 68 credits, students would be taking too many credits. Financial Aid for 12 credits is full time so this would be beneficial. More discussion is needed.