

PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER MEETING
MARCH 26, 2014

Attendees: Barbara Cipriano, Paul Friedman, Lee Streicher, Liz Carracher, Jo Shapins, Jamie Smith, Geoff Cooper, Larry Schroeder

Paul

- Discussed the new house bill concerning book adoptions and how that will impact our programs. If you must keep the text for three years what happens if there are new editions published? Also possible new requirement that the chosen book must be posted for an extended period of time prior to the start of the class so students can book shop
- The joint training exercise with FEMA was well received, very valuable, and enjoyed by the CSI students
- CJ will be moving to the old academy buildings in the fall
- CJ will be adding a “body farm” type of area for forensic anthropology training
- CJ added one full time faculty to their program – Mark Jones
- Innocence Witness project, individually spent 30 years on death row then was cleared through DNA. Brining this group in to speak in the near future, no specific date has been set.

Lee

- Recently completed both a fingerprint classification and a blood pattern analysis training programs, one in Tampa and one south of Miami, lots of travel but good courses and very diversified student population.

Geoff

- Looking at offering the state fire test in our testing center. This is a PearsonVue product so this may make it easier for the system to be added to our testing center. With the addition of this test requirement and possibly more with both EMT and paramedic we should seek additional dedicated PearsonVue computers in the testing center or possibly our own testing site.
- Recently received a portion of the air-pac order, currently have packs from three different manufacturing periods but soon will have enough of the most modern version to outfit an entire academy class.

Jamie

- Looking for an online solution for their EMS testing. Have found that when looking at the national registry testing, some areas need to be emphasized that are not emphasized in the state curriculum.
- Our program is the only program in the state that is Co-Aps accredited, this will give them a huge heads up if they move to national standards
- Recently hired a new lead instructor – Neal Myers
- This summer there will be a paramedic program running, this is the class that started in the spring, not a new startup.
- Indian River SC currently has no paramedic program due to the requirement that the instructors hold a master’s degree in that subject.

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Jo

- EMT program is working hard on moving more to an online platform, currently video taping proper techniques and putting them on blackboard for students to review prior to class.
- EMT has seen a good improvement of their student's pass rate on the state exam.
- Recently hired a new instructor – Mike Ondo

Liz

- Working with fire trying to become more competitive when it comes to course offerings, improving contracting practices, all towards increasing the number of courses that can be offered.
- Recently conducted training classes for WPBFD and PBFD
- SUIDS training is being conducted for multiple agencies
- This is the recert. year for both EMTs and Paramedics.

Larry

- April 17 and May 1 graduations
- 4 law enforcement and 2 corrections academies in session
- New training vehicle was purchased off the capital budget
- 911 Telecommunicator Conference being hosted here April 7 through 11, with Gordon Graham as the speaker on Friday.
- FDLE has changed the curriculum for the BRTP Law Enforcement, Corrections to Law Enforcement Cross-Over and the Law Enforcement to Corrections Cross-Over. All agreed and acknowledged the changes.