

**OACP District 1
Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 20, 2012
Hosted by Mike Brining, OCJS-TS**

In Attendance:

Steve Robinette, Grove City
Brian Quinn, UA
Larry Banaszak, Otterbein
David Wiseman, London
Michael Brining, OCJS-TS
Karhlton Moore, OCJS
Dwight Holcomb, Dispatch
Doug Francis, Hilliard
Bobby Fisher, Hilliard

Joe Morbitzer, Westerville
Chris Robertson, ODPS-OCJS
Paul Denton, OSU PD
Jen Thrasher, AG
Ken Hinkle, Obetz
Russ Martin, Delaware
Greg Ryan, Madison Twp
Dave Suciu, Reynoldsburg
Steve Farmer, Dublin

Steven Sarver, Newark
Rocky Nelson, Oh Org Crime/AG
Julie Reid, recorder, Westerville

Pledge of Allegiance

Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting

Executive Board Updates

Chief Martin outlined some of the goals contained in the 2012-2014 Strategic Plan. Among them is the promotion of more training around the district including violence against women and Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) The committee is working on increasing membership around the state and getting more funding sources. A social media impact is also being considered. Staff at the office is working to develop our social media efforts in order to increase communications.

OHLESIN

The repayment of the OHLESIN grant is still being discussed and we are partnering with the Ohio Department of Public Safety to see if we can work out a plan. We have been in touch with Director Charles to figure out a solution.

Chief Martin encourages anyone with any questions or interest in the financials to contact him, as the Executive Board has no secrets and remains transparent.

Old Business

Alternate Membership Fees

Chief Martin said a bulletin has been sent out regarding the trial membership options that have been instated to get membership up. We are currently down from previous years, as there were 821 members in 2010 and there were 762 members in 2011. He encourages having your number 2 in command become an active member.

There is also some discussion of changing the total number of years served to become a life member.

V.I.P.S.

Chief Morbitzer reported that Ohio Citizen Corps has over 15,000 credentialed members in 5 branches. The branches are V.I.P.S., Volunteers in Fire Services, Medical Reserve Corps, Neighborhood Watch, and C.E.R.T. If volunteers are needed, utilize the organization, as it is a great resource. People can be credentialed on the scene to be sent with groups and teams as needed. Franklin County is striving to organize a countywide V.I.P.S. program as an opportunity to get uniform training for academies like Youth Police Academy and Citizen's Police Academy. Homeland Security has money earmarked for these types of programs.

Speaker

Director of Ohio Organized Crime Commission, Rocky Nelson wanted to reaffirm that the relationships they have with Chiefs and Sheriffs are important and that the Commission strives to be accessible and to assist whenever necessary. They can offer assistance on things like video and photo enhancement and they also have equipment that can be borrowed on a lend basis. Among their offerings is a class on pole cameras that will show how to make one, and then after the class is completed, the camera can be taken back and utilized by the department.

Director Nelson went on to explain the structure of the Organized Crime Commission Board. It consists of 2 prosecutors, 2 sheriffs, and 2 chiefs. The Commission is chaired by the Attorney General.

Committee Reports

Advisory Services-Chief VonEckartsburg, Chief Sarver, Deputy Chief Hyrtzik, Lieutenant Newcomb

Chief Sarver reminds everyone that promotional processes can be facilitated by the OACP and that many of the assessors are nationally recognized.

OACP/LEF Finance-Chief Martin

There has been terrific civilian participation. The board is working to develop new revenue streams/sponsorships. Chief Martin has traveled all over the state to help get participation back after contributors stepped away and thanks to his hard work along with Donna Braxton and staff, the association is getting back on track. Anything that can be contributed to the LEF is appreciated and seized drug funds can be contributed.

Awards -Chief Hinkle, Chief Morbitzer

Only 2 chiefs have been nominated for an award, so everyone is encouraged to nominate someone deserving. The nomination can be completed on the OCAP website. Members of the Executive Board cannot be nominated.

Education-Chief Francis, Chief Martin, Commander Bowling, Chief Wiseman

The committee is currently working on the Chief's In-Service training. They will bring in someone from the Metropolitan Museum of Art as a speaker. Bobby Smith and Bruce Gower are also slated to speak. The Knox County shooting will also be a topic.

The new chief's workshop is also being planned.

LE Special Olympics Torch Run-Chief Hinkle, Chief Morbitzer, Chief Wiseman

The Polar Bear Plunge is scheduled for February 18th at 10 a.m.at the Columbus Zoo . Chief Morbitzer and Chief Hinkle are participating in this event. They encourage your participation and/or donation to support this worthy cause.

Legislative Committee-Chief Hinkle, Chief Oppenheimer, Captain Pijanowski

Chief Hinkle reports that they will be meeting next month. He said there has been some payment confusion for prisoner medical bills. ORC 341.192 states that departments are required to pay the Medicaid rate only for prisoners. If there are concerns regarding these bills, we do have a pipeline to the senate.

Chief Hinkle also reminds us that John Gilcrest has continued to be our liaison for no charge and even though they have had their hours and money cut, there has not been a decline in service.

Life Membership-Dee Holcomb

Dee Holcomb reports that the committee keeps in touch via email and their newsletters are highlighting retired chiefs.

Line of Duty Deaths-Chief Morbitzer

No recent reports.

New Chief's Mentor-Chief Vest, Chief Martin, Chief Morbitzer

Chief Cheney has stepped down, however chief Vest continues in the program. This free program is done with the IACP and matches a new chief with a more experienced one in a similar demographic. Chief Morbitzer feels that this is a valuable way to volunteer time.

Professional Services-Chief Schwind

No report

Publications-Chief Hinkle, Deputy Chief Hyrtzik

Chief Hinkle reports that fantastic articles have recently been submitted by sergeants who are PELC and STEP graduates. They are published online. He encourages anyone to feel free to submit articles on any variety of topics.

Law Enforcement Foundation-Chief Martin

The number of S.T.E.P., P.E.L.C. and C.L.E.E. attendees are growing. S.T.E.P has 33 graduates, P.E.L.C. has 30, and currently there are 16 in the C.L.E.E. graduating in February 2012

Good of the Order

Chief Martin-About 5 years ago when CART was introduced, there were 1500 law enforcement officers trained. Since then, the teams have fractured and lost touch. Chief Martin reports that Chief Vest has brought 40 people together from various disciplines to begin to reorganize and revisit the CART program statewide. He's

talking with LERP, FERP, and OHLEG to see how the platforms already in place may be able to be integrated.

Lieutenant Steve Farmer-Dublin is looking into forming a theft task force and asks that anyone interested please contact Chief VonEckartsberg or Steve Farmer.

Chief Sarver- was very impressed by Bruce Gower's presentation at IACP and recommended that he speak at the chief's conference. He will also be speaking at Newark for an 8 hour presentation. The charge will be \$80 per person. If 3 or more people are attending from the same department, the fee will be \$60 per person. Please contact him for more information.

Chief Robinette- reports that a video has been released on completing the new OH-1. The new OH-1 will be optional in 2012, but mandatory in 2013. This is available at eopota.

Mike Brining-says that the communications calendar for the Department of Public Safety has been given out.

He encourages officers to attend SFST classes.

If there is any equipment that departments are going to be auctioning, let him know so that he may be able to facilitate giving the equipment to other departments who have faced budget cuts.

Dee Holcomb- thanks the 21 agencies that sent cruisers in support of the Channel 10, Salvation Army and Walmart food drive that was held over the holidays.

Jen Thrasher- reports that there is free training coming up for train the trainer pistol qualification. She also passed out brochures on VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday).

Chief Hinkle- reports that an active shooter role play exercise they performed was a real eye-opener. He encourages every department to get with their fire departments and define their roles. He recommends A.L.I.C.E. training and reports that Gahanna has a very active A.L.I.C.E. program. If you want to have training, please let him know so that he can pass the information along to facilitate.

Chief Francis-advised of a potential grant through the Emergency Management Association sponsored by the Ohio Department of Health for partnership recovery programs.

Chief Morbitzer-suggested departments evaluate their ability to serve citizens at risk. As we know, the department of rehabilitation and corrections has reduced their population tremendously. The DYS has cut their population by 50% and the mental health care facilities have reduced their client base. Additionally, the DR&C and DYS have reduced their field staff of parole officers. Compounding these issues, state funding has been reduced for many of the restorative efforts. This will result in local jurisdictions and county jails handling more at-risk clients.

Therefore, it is extremely important that our staff understand and practice the philosophy of crisis intervention team training and empathetic/sympathetic intervention.

Chief Denton- as the representative for the Ohio Peace Officer Training Council, there is current legislation seeking a funding stream for mandatory annual police officer training. This legislation will also restructure the required annual mandatory training process. This would give administrators authority to determine what would qualify for acceptable training. Currently the OACP is looking for a legislative sponsor for the bill.

LEAP Update

The Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals conference is May 2, 2012 at the Everal Barn in Westerville. Civilians connected to law enforcement professions are encourage to attend this training for networking and education.

Meeting Dates

Next meeting date 3/16 hosted by Dee Holcomb at the Dispatch production facility at 5300 Crosswind Dr.

I have attached a committee roster.

If you have been excluded from a committee listing, please let me know.

Please see the attached article from Law and Order in reference to Crisis Intervention.

2012 meeting dates and locations are as follows:

May 18: Reynoldsburg PD, Chief Suciu

July 20: London PD, Chief Wiseman

September 21: Newark PD, Chief Sarver

November 16: Grove City PD, Chief Robinette