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Meeting Minutes

The 15th meeting of the County Probation and Parole Officers' Firearm Education and Training Commission convened at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 1997. The following members were present: Chairman Larry J. Straitiff, Richard P. Campbell, Jon E. Clark, Marshall R. Davis, John D. Holt, Nicholas P. Muller and Chester Kope, Executive Director. The following guests were also present: William Erickson, Ronald Copenhaver, and Scott Roy, Esq.

I. Chairman Straitiff called the meeting to order. A quorum of members was established. A request was made to make a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Davis to accept the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Clark. A vote to accept the minutes was taken. There were five votes to approve the minutes and one vote to disapprove. The motion carried.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

A. CURRICULUM:

Commissioner Clark distributed the revised copy of the Basic Firearm Training Program Instructor Guide to the Commission. The program was revised to be presented over six days, seven hours a day for a total of 42 hours. The Commissioners discussed whether they should require the officers to shoot the waiver and basic qualification course of fire using concealed weapons. The Commissioners decided that they will not require officers to shoot the qualification course of fire using concealed weapons. However, a portion of the basic training will be designed to require officers to practice shooting concealed weapons.

Commissioner Clark reviewed the current qualification course of fire. Commissioner Holt distributed copies of a revised course of fire that was developed by Commissioner Gunderman. The Commission discussed the course of fire from the 25 yard line. It was decided that the revised course was better because the current course of fire was confusing.

MOTION - Commissioner Clark made a motion to use Commissioner Gunderman's revised course of fire. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Muller. A vote to approve the motion was taken. There were five votes to approve the motion and one to disapprove. The motion carried.

The Commission decided to require all students to bring 1000 rounds of ammunition to the Basic Training Course. In addition, the ammunition must be factory new ammunition; no reloaded or remanufactured ammunition would be permitted.

Commissioner Clark said he would revise the instructor's guide and that he would have the student study guides and the exams ready for the beginning of the pilot training session.

MOTION - Commissioner Clark made a motion to accept the Instructor's Guide with recommended visions to use for the pilot training session. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. A vote to approve the motion was taken. There were five votes to approve the motion and one to disapprove. The motion carried.

B. POLICY:

Commissioner Davis had nothing to report.

C. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Kope distributed copies of the financial report. As of 3/17/97 the current available balance is \$153,366.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Kope distributed information regarding the waiver applications, basic applications, and certified county firearms instructors. To date the Commission has only received 30 applications for Basic Training. The Commissioners decided to put a hold on the RFP to contract for the Basic Training, and wait until the next meeting to determine if its feasible to contract for training or attempt to do it with volunteers.

There were 315 officers that were approved to take the waiver exams. Mr. Kope conducted a telephone survey of the counties that applied for waivers to determine if they had any certified firearms instructors and if the county would be willing to volunteer their instructors to assist in giving the waiver range tests. There were 12 counties that said they would assist the Commission. The Executive Director was directed to schedule and conduct the statewide waiver tests.

There were no further issues or comments and the meeting was adjourned.