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The 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the County Probation and Parole Officers' Firearm Education and Training Commission convened at 9:00 a.m. on May 20, 1997. The following members were present: Chairman Larry Straitiff, Marshall Davis, Jolene Grubb Kopriva, John Holt, and Chester Kope, Executive Director. The following guests were also present: Ronald Copenhaver and Scott Roy, Esq.

**I.** Chairman Straitiff called the meeting to order. A quorum of members was established. A motion was made by Commissioner Holt to accept the April 29, 1997 meeting minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Kopriva. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

## **II. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. CURRICULUM**

Commissioner Holt gave a brief overview regarding changes in the qualification course of fire and recommended that the Commission send it to the NRA for review and approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Holt to increase the number of targets used to shoot the qualification course of fire.

**MOTION** - Commissioner Holt made a motion to use two B-27 targets to shoot the qualification course of fire. After an officer shoots the 25 and 15 yard lines the target would be replaced with a new target and the officers would shoot the remaining course of fire. An aggregate score of both B-27 targets would be used to determine the shooters total score. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kopriva. A vote was taken and unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Holt made a second motion to approve the course of fire.

**MOTION** - Commissioner Holt made a motion to approve the current course of fire, as amended, for the Basic Training and the waiver range exams. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis. A vote was taken and three Commissioners voted to accept the course of fire and one voted against the motion. The motion carried.

A copy of the Examination Study Guide was distributed and discussed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Holt made a motion to accept the study guide.

**MOTION** - Commissioner Holt made a motion to accept the Examination Study Guide to include Mr. Scott Roy's legal material. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kopriva. A vote was taken and was unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners discussed the need to include all the information that is currently in the Examination Study Guide. Commissioner Davis made a motion to change the guide.

**MOTION** - Commissioner Davis made a motion to decrease the amount of material that would be included in the Examination Study Guide to only the first two pages of the guide. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kopriva. A vote was taken and two Commissioners voted for the motion and two Commissioners voted against the motion. The motion did not carry.

## **B. POLICY**

Commissioner Davis had nothing to report.

## **C. FINANCE**

The Executive Director distributed the financial reports and the form that would be used by the counties to claim reimbursement for basic training hotel expenditures.

## **III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Contact was made with Fort Indiantown Gap to use their facilities for the basic training. Ranges were available to use on August 11-15, 1997 and August 25-29, 1997. Specifically, Range 5 could put 30 shooters on the line at one time. Commissioner Kopriva made a motion to use Range 5 to conduct basic training.

**MOTION** - Commissioner Kopriva made a motion stating that the Commission should use Range 5, if available, to conduct the basic training on the dates specified. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holt. A vote was taken and unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

A copy of a draft safety guide to be used by instructors conducting the waiver range qualifications was distributed for review and approval. The Commissioners decided that the Executive Director should send a letter to the counties informing them that the proposed basic training sessions planned for August 1997 may be their only opportunity to participate in basic training this calendar year.

## **IV. LEGAL ISSUES**

Chairman Straitiff requested that Mr. Roy respond to the May 1, 1997 letter requesting his legal opinion regarding the September 1, 1997 training deadline he said we had to meet at the last Commission meeting held on April 29, 1997. Mr. Roy stated his opinion has not changed and the Commission has until September 1, 1997 to complete the basic training.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.