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The County Probation and Parole Officers' Firearm Education and Training Commission meeting convened at 10:45 a.m. on August 26, 1997. The following members were present: Chairman Larry Straitiff, Marshall R. Davis, John D. Holt, Jon E. Clark, Clay R. Yeager, Richard P. Campbell and Chester Kope, Executive Director. The following guests were also present: Ronald Copenhaver, K. Scott Roy, Esq, Robert Reiber and Kelly Cofield, Recording Secretary.

I. Vice Chairman Davis called the meeting to order. A quorum of members was established. A motion was made by Commissioner Holt to accept the July 22, 1997 meeting minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Yeager. The Chair was relinquished to Commissioner Straitiff when he arrived. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. CURRICULUM

Mr. Kope gave the Commission an oral summary of the Basic Firearms Training session held on August 5, and 11-15, 1997. He also gave the Commissioners a written summary of the Student Evaluations of the training.

Both Mr. Kope and Commissioner Davis praised the firearms trainers for their professionalism and expertise they showed during the training. It was also their opinion that the training was a success because the Board Certified Firearms Instructors presenting the training had experience working together as a team. Commissioner Holt added that two of his staff that attended the first training session thought the training provided by the Instructors were excellent.

After a lengthy discussion Commissioner Davis made the following Motion.

MOTION - If students attending the current (August 11-15, 1997 or August 25-29, 1997) Basic Training sessions fail the range qualification course of fire they should be afforded the opportunity to attempt to requalify, if in the instructors opinion they demonstrated range safety and their failure to qualify was due to the lack of fundamental skills. The Executive Director will schedule the requalification session. If they fail the requalification they must take the range portion of the Basic Firearms Training again. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yeager and unanimously approved.

The Commission discussed continuing education and recertification. Commissioner Clark made a motion to pay travel expenditures for consultants to assist the Curriculum Committee.

MOTION - The Commission authorized the Curriculum Committee to spend up to \$3,000 for consultant expenditures. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holt and unanimously approved by the Commission.

B. POLICY

The Commission discussed policy and the lack thereof. Commissioner Straitiff volunteered to be on the policy committee to fill the vacancy created by Commissioner Muller. The policy committee will now consist of Commissioners Davis, Straitiff and Yeager. Mr. Kope stated that the Commission previously approved the Policy Committee to spend up to \$1,495 for consultant expenditures for professional assistance. A lengthy discussion regarding policy followed. Commissioner Straitiff made the following motion.

MOTION - All written qualification scores would stand for one year following the June 5, 1998 date. The motion was seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously approved by the Commission.

C. FINANCE

The Executive Director stated that based on the July, 1997 year-end fiscal data the Commission currently is showing a balance of \$219,000.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. Kope gave the Commission a letter from Mr. Terry Davis, Chief Adult Probation Officer in Dauphin County, requesting a waiver for Ms. Julie Hall who took the waiver range exam and failed. However, at that time of the range exam she was not physically ready to take the exam due to a previous physical injury that both the Chief and Deputy Chief did not know about. Commissioner Holt made the following motion.

MOTION - The Commission permit Julie Hall, Dauphin County Adult Probation Officer to take the waiver Range Qualification Course of Fire on August 29, 1997. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Clark and approved by the Commission, Commissioner Davis abstained.

V. LEGAL ISSUES

Commissioner Clark wanted to know if he could give the video tape, "Making Weapons Safe", to the Deputy Sheriffs to use in their training. Mr. Roy stated as long as there is a disclaimer given prior to showing the tape there would be no legal problem. Commissioner Davis made the following motion.

MOTION - The Commission give Commissioner Clark permission to let the Deputy Sheriffs use the tape, "Making Weapons Safe", for their training. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Campbell and unanimously approved by the Commission.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.