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WASPC GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING 2013 SPRING EXPOSITION & TRAINING CONFERENCE SPOKANE CONVENTION CENTER · SPOKANE, WA THURSDAY, May 22, 2014 · 10:15 A.M.



CALL TO ORDER:

President Elect Olsen called the meeting to order at 9:49 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 23, 2013:

Garry Lucas made the motion to approve the November 20, 2013 General Business Meeting minutes as written. Tim Quenzer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no resolutions presented.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS:

Sheriff Richard Lathim presented the Nominating Committee Report. There are currently four positions open on the WASPC Executive Board. The positions are Sheriff, Chief, Treasurer, and Vice President.

The Nominations Committee has nominated Chief Ken Hohenberg to fill the Vice President position. There were no nominations from the floor.

Steve Tomson made the motion to close nominations for the Vice President position. Ed Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Nominations Committee has nominated Chief Ken Thomas to fill the Treasurer position. There were no nominations from the floor.

Steve Tomson made the motion to close nominations for the Treasurer position. Ken Hohenberg seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Nominations Committee has nominated Sheriff Mark Nelson to fill the Sheriff position. There were no nominations from the floor.

Steve Tomson made the motion to close nominations for the Sheriff position. Mark Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Executive Director

The Nominations Committee is putting forward four names for the Chief position: Chief Ron Schaub, Chief Bob Torgerson, Chief Ed Green, and Chief Steve Strachan. There were no nominations from the floor.

Steve Tomson made the motion to close nominations for the Chief position. Tim Quenzer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chief Hohenberg, Chief Thomas, and Sheriff Nelson had the opportunity to address the membership.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BOATING SAFETY—BILL BENEDICT

Hoyle Hodges was introduced at the new Washington State Parks Marine Law Enforcement Director.

The BUI law change impact study that was to be presented to the committee has been pushed to the fall conference due to incomplete and/or unreliable data. State Parks still has the lead on this.

Having probable cause of a violation of boating safety laws as a requirement to initiate an on-water boating safety inspection was discussed. Having probable cause is recommended by the Boating Safety Committee and is being taught in the Boating Safety Academy curriculum.

Undersheriff Clay Meyers from Kittitas County reported on the small human powered vessel subcommittee chartered by State Parks. No changes to current practices for registration and life vest wear were made.

Steve Tomson made the motion to approve the Boating Safety Committee Report as presented. Jeff Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRECTIONS—KEN BANCROFT

A Corrections Committee Report was provided; however, technical difficulties occurred and the report was not recorded.

Andy Hamilton made the motion to approve the Corrections Committee Report as Presented. Mark Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TRAFFIC SAFETY—KEN BANCROFT

The Traffic Committee met on May 20, 2014. The Committee received a briefing from NHTSA, Glenn Kramer, concerning issues arising in Colorado on THC infused food & drink. He showed "how to instructions" were being published on cooking with THC infused food/drink. It is obvious what is happening in Colorado will also show up here.

The new powdered alcohol was discussed and its possible deployment will be monitored.

WTSC representative, Janna VanDyk, briefed the Committee on the upcoming data surveys to be conducted by the Pacific Institute for Research & Evaluation (PIRE- pire.org) within the state of Washington. These paid random surveys will begin in early June 2014. Data will be available approximately seven months later (one month of data collection).

Lt. Rob Sharpe of the WSP briefed the Committee on the new BAC machine deployment, which is undergoing certification. Deployment of the new BAC Instrument will most likely begin near the end of the year. He also stated DRE training will be in August (exact date unknown) in Leavenworth, WA. Those interested in this training should see an announcement soon. ARIDE training is also available and you should contact him for this training.

It was also reported that there will be, as expected, some returned grant funds. This money will be allocated to the "mini-grants" not funded in January 2014 and additional request from agencies not able to be granted in January.

Mark Nelson made the motion to approve the Traffic Safety Committee Report as Presented. John Turley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS (CONTINUED):

Chief Steve Strachan had the opportunity to address the membership. Active and Life Members proceeded to vote on Executive Board Elections.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED):

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL—KIM GOODMAN

The Finance and Personnel committee met on May 19, 2014. The financial statements were reviewed and approved for presentation to the Executive Board on May 20, 2014.

The 2013 audit has concluded. The Committee discussed the audit and potential audit findings.

The Full Service Correctional Options offices in Puyallup and Shelton were closed March 31, 2014.

Rex Caldwell made the motion to approve the Finance and Personnel Committee Report as Presented. Ed Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INTELLIGENCE/HOMELAND SECURITY—

The Committee is working to review the State-Wide Intelligence Plan. An update on the WAGang database was also provided.

Steve Tomson made the motion to approve the Intelligence/Homeland Security Committee Report as Presented. Ed Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

INDIAN COUNTRY LAW ENFORCEMENT—RORY GILLILAND

The Committee met on May 20, 2014. Bruce Bjork presented an overview of the 24/7 Sobriety Program. Christina Sanders led a brief discussion on Oso Slide Support. Tisha Jones presented information on changes to the CJTC BLEA Training Schedule and provided information on the Reserve Officer Certification study being conducted.

Steve Tomson made the motion to approve the Indian County Law Enforcement Committee Report as Presented. Tim Quenzer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING—OZZIE KNEZOVICH

A Law Enforcement Training Committee Report was provided; however, technical difficulties occurred and the report was not recorded.

Mark Couey made the motion to approve the Law Enforcement Training Committee Report as Presented. Bill Elfo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE—As presented during the Legislative Update Breakfast.

MEMBERSHIP—REX CALDWELL

There were thirty members at the New Member and First Time Attendee Dinner on Monday night. There are currently 245 Active, 467 Associate, and 52 Affiliate members. The Committee will be working to expand our membership.

Matt Hamner made the motion to approve the Membership Committee Report as Presented. Mark Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN—REX CALDWELL

Mary Do has left the Special Olympics.

Chief Caldwell commented on the importance of the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The Torch Run is next week. Summer Games are coming up in June. There are various fundraising efforts continuing for the cause.

No approval needed.

MODEL POLICY—BOB METZGER

The Committee met on May 20, 2014 to review the model policy slated for consideration later in this meeting. The Committee also discussed differences between model policies and best practices. The Committee expects to work on an eye witness testimony policy during the next year.

Rick Johnson made the motion to approve the Model Policy Committee Report as Presented. Ed Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NIBRS ADVISORY—No Report**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES—TOM JONES**

The Committee clarified language for the appeals process. Appeals are confined to the Accreditation Commission. The change was approved by the WASPC Executive Board. Accreditation standards were updated and include two new standards. These updates were also approved by the WASPC Executive Board.

Discussion regarding standards for CALEA agencies wishing to move to WASPC Accreditation occurred. The Committee agreed that CALEA agencies will apply for re-accreditation, similarly to WASPC agencies. Discussion regarding PREA standards occurred. Jail Accreditation Standard 28.2 has been suspended until July 1, 2015.

The Accreditation Commission was expanded to include two jail manager positions. This was approved by the WASPC Executive Board. Curt Lutz and Ned Newlin have been appointed to the Commission.

The Committee discussed and clarified the submission of sex offense files to WASPC. Agencies are required to be compliant with this standard.

There has been one LEMAP conducted since the last conference. There are two police chief selection processes in the hopper.

Jeff Myers made the motion to approve the Professional Services Report as presented. Ken Bancroft seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SONAR—MARK BROWN

A SONAR Committee meeting was held on March 12, 2014. SB 5735 did not pass during the 2014 legislative session. The bill will need to be brought to the legislature next year as a new bill. HB 1791 did pass, adding certain human trafficking crimes to sex offender registration requirements.

Reminders:

- Based on *State vs. Taylor*, individuals convicted of indecent liberties, without force, do not have to register as sex offenders.
- Please maintain relationships with tribal jurisdictions to work together on Adam Walsh compliance.
- If you encounter folks who have out-of-state convictions and are not in the OffenderWatch System, please add them.
- Juveniles on deferred disposition for offenses requiring registration should be registered until the sentence is revoked or dismissed.
- The next OffenderWatch user group meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2014 in Kennewick.
- The RSO Coordinator Conference will be held in Wenatchee on October 6-8, 2014.

Ken Bancroft made the motion to approve the SONAR Committee Report as Presented. Tom Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SMALL AGENCY—BONNIE BOWERS

The Committee met on May 20, 2014. A report on the status of certifying reserve officers was given. CJTC will be sending out requests to agencies to complete notice of hire/termination so that they will have a record of all certified reserves. Also a reminder that reserves can only be used for short term provisional employees. General Authority positions require BLEA certification.

Public disclosure requests are especially difficult for small agencies to process. Often outside resources are hired to accommodate the request.

CJTC reported that the BLEA backlog is at 7 month. Director Rahr has added more sessions in 2015. Thank you Sue! Please consider loaning instructional staff.

A question was raised about conducting internal investigations in a small agency. Another member offered to assist the requesting agency and some resource information was provided. There was some discussion about sustainable funding for LE in small communities. Some have passed the 3/10 of 1% for Public Safety.

There was some discussion about PERC rulings and the difficulty in reinstating officers in small agencies.

Recruiting and retention in small agencies was discussed. Many agencies are still having success with repayment contracts.

Matt Hamner made the motion to approve the Small Agency Committee Report as Presented. Rick Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TECHNOLOGY—No Report

UNIVERSITY POLICING—No Report

EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS (CONTINUED):

Congratulations to Chiefs Hohenberg, Thomas, and Strachan and Sheriff Nelson for your election to the WASPC Executive Board.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED):

NIBRS ADVISORY—MITCH BARKER

Director Barker reminded the members of action related to NIBRS taken at the March 2014 Executive Board Meeting.

1. The 2013 Crime in Washington (published in 2014) will be completed using the same format as the 2012 edition with different sections for NIBRS and Summary statistics; all data will be forward to the FBI and the WA State Treasurer for the criminal justice assistance funding calculations.
2. The 2014 Crime in Washington (published in 2015) will be published with NIBRS data only; all data will be forward to the FBI and the WA State Treasurer for the criminal justice assistance funding calculations.
3. The 2015 Crime in Washington (published in 2016) will be published with NIBRS data only; all data will be forwarded to the FBI only.

LIAISON COMMITTEE UPDATES:

EXPLORERS—IRA CAVIN, MICHELLE BENNETT, AND LEE GASKILL

Officer Cavin recapped the awards presented yesterday:

- Explorer of the Year—Abraham Botcranick (sp), Oroville Customs and Border Patrol
- Advisor of the Year—Adrian Diaz, Seattle Police Department
- Post of the Year—Seattle Police Explorer Program
- Scholarship Recipient—Mark Lutelbachenko (sp), Bellingham Police Department
- Scholarship Recipient—Brandon Kondeing (sp), Olympia Police Department
- Scholarship Recipient—Bryceon Troutland (sp), Spokane County Sheriff's Office

The National Explorer Conference will be held in July in Indiana. There are about ten posts from Washington who will be representing our State.

The Washington Explorer Academy will be held in Yakima in August. WLEA was able to purchase ten firearms for use at the Academy.

Chief Gaskill commented on his experience with WLEA and recognized the WLEA Board Members.

JAIL MANAGERS FORUM—NED NEWLIN

The Jail Managers met on May 20, 2014. Mark Westerhaven from the Health Care Authority presented valuable information on how to enroll offenders in Medicaid. Ric Bishop from Clark County presented information on their efforts to reduce inmate suicide. Mike Ormsby and Natalie Asher shared information regarding ICE detainers and discussed how to move forward. Dawn Larsen provided information on JBRS and VINE.

LEIRA—JEANNE JOHNSON-JACOBS

LEIRA will be holding their Fall Conference at Alderbrook on October 8-10, 2014.

There is an epidemic of public records requests. LEIRA is working to provide training in this area.

Ms. Johnson-Jacobs shared information a public records request that is spanning several agencies and includes multiple injunctions.

Jeanne encouraged agencies to participate in training opportunities.

LINX—No Report**LEGAL ADVISORS—VIRGINIA GLEASON**

The Legal Advisors are currently working on public disclosure issues; issues related to body cameras; and preparation and writing of Amicus Briefs.

The Legal Advisors are looking to reformat the legal advisor training offered at Spring Conference. Instead of presenting a full-day CLE for attorneys, the group is proposing a half-day legal training focused on providing legal training to non-lawyers.

PAST PRESIDENTS—No Report**BUSINESS:****DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INVESTIGATIONS IN A MEDICAL FACILITY—MITCH BARKER**

Executive Director Barker outlined the proposed policy, as provided below. This policy was drafted as a result of collaborate efforts with victim service agencies in the 2013 legislative session.

When law enforcement officers respond to medical facilities regarding an injured person, officers should attempt to determine prior to contact with the victim or reporting party whether or not the injury was the result of domestic violence. Officers must take into account that the victim of a domestic violence may be subjected to additional threats and violence due to the intervention of law enforcement authorities.

Officers should contact the medical facility representatives out of view and hearing of the victim and any potential suspects unless there are specific circumstances making that impractical. The officer should attempt to gather as much information regarding the incident from the medical facility representatives with special attention to the future safety of the victim. The officer should work with the medical facility representatives and available community advocates to assist the victim with safety planning.

The officer should make contact with the victim out of view and hearing of any potential suspects. The officer should discuss the victim's future safety as part of the initial interview and refer the victim to advocates who can assist in ongoing safety planning.

The officer should attempt to contact the victim and advise of any plans for contact with the suspect or other actions taken as part of the investigation to include interviews with witnesses and the timing and manner of planned arrest.

Jeff Myers made the motion to approve the Domestic Violence Investigations in a Medical Facility Model Policy as presented. Ed Holmes seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT DISCUSSION—MITCH BARKER

Extensive discussion regarding this topic occurred.

Rex Caldwell made the motion to postpone discussion on this matter. Bill Benedict seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Further discussion regarding this topic occurred. Clarification regarding discussions with WAPA occurred.

Ozzie Knezovich made the motion to take a straw-poll on the topic to provide Director Barker direction for future discussions on the topic, including discussions with WAPA. John Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The straw-poll yielded the following results:

- Maintain Capital Punishment—Overwhelming Majority
- Abolish Capital Punishment—3
- No Opinion—1

Likely, a series of resolutions on this topic will be presented to the membership for consideration at the 2014 Fall Conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chief Robert Perales from the Granger Police Department won the end-of-conference Apple iPad give-a-way.

ADJOURN:

Rick Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ed Holmes seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 A.M.