

College of Public Safety Administration advisory meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Members Present: Charles Crowther (SPC-PSA) , Kimberly Gaskin (SPC –PSA), Guy Kiern (Pinellas Park Fire Department), Mark Berger (Pinellas Park Police), Kenneth Afienko (SPC-PSA), Carol Rasor (SPC-PSA), David Romine (Retired SPD), Kevin Thomas (SPC-PSA), Geoffrey Brown (SPC-PSA), Rick Graham (Lealman Fire District), Rosanne Beck (SPC-PSA)

Members Absent: Sally Bishop (Pinellas County Emergency Management), Brian Frank (Dean, SPC-PSA), Michael Hughes (SPC-PSA), Dale Koning (Pinellas Park High School), Greg Mason (PSCO Forensics Department), John Mauro (PSCO) , Deborah McDonald (FDLE Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center) , Deborah Mortellaro (SPC), Keith Murray (Pinellas County Public Safety Services – **No longer on board**), John Romeo (FDLE Tampa Bay Regional Operations Center), Dorene Thomas (SPC-PSA), Sandra Brooking (Pinellas County EMS & Fire Administration- **new**).

- **Welcome and Announcements**

Guy Kiern, Charles Crowther and David Brumfield and are set to retire within the 2017-18 Academic Year.

- **EAM / Fire Science**

Charlie: The Fire Science Program has been on a downward slide for about the last 5 years. Before we shared the program with Valencia College, we did an online program in partnership with 15 other colleges. More and more lately, the college has tried to implement this program. At this point, as far as enrollment is concerned, we are somewhere between 3-5% over the last semester. In the last 15 years or so, the EAM program would graduate somewhere between 5-12 students. Last year, we only had three graduate. The program was on the brink of shutting down, but it was delayed due to enrollment picking up again.

Firefighters would use completed courses taken elsewhere for certificates and when they come here for degrees, use the courses toward something related to the subject matter they are interested in, which bolsters the number in the program but does not bolster the number of graduates. To help move the number of graduates up in that program, Pinellas County and Pinellas County police chiefs came to our training division on the law enforcement side, to implement a program for dispatchers. We put together that program, which is in the process of being certified with 100 hours online, 50 hours in classroom and 40 hours of practical experience at 4 different locations throughout the county. Once students complete that program, we are going to implement a program where it will articulate into the EAM degree program. Basically, they will get somewhere between 9-12 credits toward that degree for having completed. This is an effort to increase enrollment in that program so that it is not eliminated.

- **Criminal Justice Lakewood High School Initiative**

Lakewood High school and some of the other local high schools are putting together a program within their advisory groups that will allow students to enter into a law enforcement-based dual enrollment program so that they will get some College credit while completing their high school requirements and then they can move into a Criminal Justice program if they decide. Last year there were only three students involved, this year there are 15.

As for the Fire Program, at this time, college credit is an issue. If students have Firefighter I certification, they will move on to the Firefighter II program.

- **Public Safety Upper Division**

The program is up by approximately 5.5 % versus the college being up 3%.

- **Open Discussion**

Discussion will be needed to decide who replaces retiring members of the advisory board. Should people be replaced, Dave Romine willing to step up where needed.

- **Adjourned.**