

Region XV Training Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

2:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Region XV Training Advisory Council meeting was held on February 28, 2024, at 2 p.m. at the Florida Public Safety Institute in the Conference Center Building.

Chairman Burt Himmer called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM.

Mike Fraser, FPSI Continuing Education, conducted a roll call, and a quorum was present.

The following members were present:

Voting Member Agency	Member Name	Present (Yes/No)
Agriculture and Consumer Services	Captain Jason Ross	No
Agriculture and Consumer Services (alternate)	Major Keith Klopfer	No
Department of the Lottery	Director Steven Harriett	No
Department of the Lottery (alternate)	Deputy Director Loren Lowers	Yes
Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Captain Edward Rawls	Yes
Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco (alternate)	Major Frank Anzalone	Yes
Division of Investigative & Forensics Services	Major Burt Himmer	Yes
Division of Investigative & Forensics Services (alternate)	Captain Karl Morgan	No
Florida Department of Law Enforcement	Chief Chris Johnson	Yes
Florida Department of Law Enforcement (alternate)	Inv. Paul Peebles	No
Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Director Justin David	Yes
Florida Department of Environmental Protection	Lt. Donteris Andrews	No
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Major Barry Shaw	No
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (alternate)	Captain Mattison Prowant	No
Florida Gaming Control Commission	Director Carl Herold	Yes
Florida Gaming Control Commission (alternate)	Chief Derrick Gainey	Yes
Florida Highway Patrol	Major Kelly Hildreth	Yes
Florida Highway Patrol (alternate)	Captain David Folsom	No
Office of the Attorney General	Lt. Tiffany Streety	No
Office of the Attorney General (alternate)	Major Giovanna Angulo	No
Office of the Marshal: State Supreme Court	Interim-Marshal Woodrow Kerce	Yes
Office of the Marshal: State Supreme Court (alternate)	Vacant	
Office of the Marshal: Second District Court of Appeals	Marshal Jacinda Haynes	Yes
Office of the Marshal: Second District Court of Appeals (Alternate)	Vacant	
Office of the Marshal: Fourth District Court of Appeals	Marshal Daniel DiGiamcomo	No
Office of the Marshal: Fourth District Court of Appeals (Alternate)	Vacant	
Office of the Marshal: Fifth District Court of Appeals	Marshal Aaron Soltz	No
Office of the Marshal: Fifth District Court of Appeals (Alternate)	Chief Deputy Justine Horler	No

Office of the Marshal: Sixth District Court of Appeals	Marshal Charles Crawford	No
Office of the Marshal: Sixth District Court of Appeals (Alternate)	Vacant	

Guests present were:

Tawana Carter	Florida Public Safety Institute
Mike Fraser	Florida Public Safety Institute
Janet Hartman	Florida Public Safety Institute
Shelia Randolph	Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Capt. Adonious Duhart	Florida Fish and Wildlife

OLD BUSINESS:

Members were allowed to review the November 2023 meeting minutes—a typo referring to Region XV as Region III was pointed out and will be corrected.

Motion: A motion to accept the minutes of the November 2023 meeting was made by Chief Johnson and seconded by Major Hildreth. The minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Members were allowed to review the January 2024 meeting minutes.

Motion: A motion to accept the minutes of the January 2024 meeting was made by Capt. Rawls and seconded by Major Hildreth. The minutes of the January 2024 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Update

Fiscal Agent Tawana Carter provided an update on the current budget position as of February 26, 2024. All council members were provided with a copy of the budget position and allowed to review and discuss it. The current budget has a favorable balance.

Ms. Carter discussed funds set aside for reciprocal payments are likely not to be expended due to Region XV not requesting reciprocal payments apart from two training centers. Ms. Carter recommended that the reciprocal payment funds be transferred to the training fund to be expended on classes. A discussion was had about leaving minimal funds in the reciprocal account in the event that a request is submitted. It was recommended that \$2,000 be left in the account and \$17,500 be transferred to the training account.

Motion: A motion to transfer \$17,500 to the training account and retain \$2,000 in the reciprocal account was made by Chief Johnson and seconded by Major Hildreth. \$17,500 will be transferred to the training account and \$2,000 retained in the reciprocal account.

Commission Updates

Executive Director Hartman presented the updates from the CJSTC commission meeting on February 12-15, 2024.

- Discussion was had about the continuing need for firearms instructors to attend the firearm update course before July 1, 2024. Most Region XV officers have attended the update course, and FPSI will hold additional courses to help accommodate officers who still need the update.
- Long gun update: Each agency must teach their officers an agency-specific long gun curriculum. CJSTC is working on an officer/instructor-long gun course. It is not mandatory to take the student course unless the officer wishes to be an instructor. There will be a qualification on long gun and shotgun in the near future (possibly beginning in 2026).
- Discussion was had about incorporating mental health information into the BRC curriculum. The committee discussed implementing this by identifying 24 hours of the current curriculum allocated to this topic. This was a discussion only.
- A rule was proposed to allow Consolidated Dispatch-type organizations to be “support personnel” and be eligible to attend trust fund classes.
- Reminder: Salary incentive reports are due May 31st.

Academy Updates

FPSI

- Director Lane recently traveled around the State and identified several new locations that can be certified as satellite training sites.
- March 19 FPSI will host a Women’s History Month training day. It is titled “Protect my Peace, Serve my Wellness.” Announcements will be forthcoming.
- An ID card will be needed to access the firearms/driving facility soon. Mike Rhodes has asked all instructors needing ID cards to contact him.

DIFS

- Locations are being identified to hold the CJSTC Court Presentation Course and several other training courses around the state. Agencies are welcome to send their officers to these trainings as space allows.
- Director Bierbaum will be hosting a 2-day Major Case online course.

FHP

- The 153rd recruit class will be on campus until August.

FWC

- A 40-person recruit class will begin on April 17. Smaller BRC classes in August will follow until positions are filled.

FDLE

- Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office Corrections has been added as a training center.
- The Training Center Director’s workshop will be the week of April 5th at FDLE.

Course Updates

- The Region asked FPSI to secure a future date for the FBI LEEDA supervisor course. The week of December 9-13, 2024, was secured pending council approval. The course will cost \$17,500 for 24 students with the option to add additional students at a cost of \$700/per student with a maximum of 50 seats.

Motion: A motion to grant acceptance of the FBI LEEDA course proposal for December 9-13, 2024, was made by Major Hildreth and seconded by Captain Rawls.

Instructor/Vendor	Course Title	Hours	Cost	Online/In-person	Approved
Susan Barge	SFST (in Miami/Keys)	24	5000	In-person	FWC/DIFS
Susan Barge	ARIDE (in Miami/Keys)	16	3000	In-person	FWC/DIFS
Arcadia Cognerati (Update)	Navigating High-risk Human Encounters	24	15000	In-person	FDLE/ABT
LECET	Community Engagement	8	5000	In-person	No
RAD Training	Surveillance Techniques	24	5800	In-person	ABT/DEP
EasyDrift	Vehicle Dynamics/Precision Driving	5 days	1500 per student	In-person	FHP/DIFS
Leaders and Training, LLC	Leadership, Planning, Decision Making	40	25000	In-person	FHP/FWC
FPSI	Firearms Update Course	16	4000	In=person	ABT/DIFS

Equipment Purchase

None

Agency Updates:

ABT – None.

DEP – None.

DIFS – None.

FWC – None.

FHP – None.

Lottery – None.

Gaming – None.

FDLE – None.

5th District Court of Appeals – None.

Next Region XV Training Advisory Council Meeting:

The next CJSTC meeting is on May 13-16, 2024.

The next Region 15 Training Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., FPSI Conference Center Building.

A motion to adjourn was made by Major Hildreth and seconded by Chief Johnson.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.