

Law Enforcement Training Center Joint Board			
Meeting Minutes: February 3, 2020	Loca LETC, 4210 E. 1		Prepared by: Aaron Norton Management Intern
Attendance			
Voting Members (three is a quorum)		Voting Designees	
Sheriff Jeff Easter, Sedgwick County		Colonel David Mattingly, Sedgwick County	
Chief of Police Gordon Ramsay, City of Wichita		Captain Brian White, City of Wichita	
Commissioner David Unruh, Sedgwick County		Commissioner David Dennis, Sedgwick County	
Mayor Jeff Longwell, City of Wichita		Vice Mayor Bryan Frye, City of Wichita	
Dr. Andra Bannister, (Chair) Wichita State University		Dr. Michael Birzer, Wichita State University	
Other attendees:	Crystal Stegeman (Wichita State University), Aaron Norton (Sedgwick County), Tania Cole (Sedgwick County), Rusty Leeds (Sedgwick County), Jeff Weible (Wichita Police Department), Tracy Spreier (Sedgwick County), James Bohannon (Wichita Police Department), David Mattingly (Sedgwick County), Eason Bryer (Wichita State University), Lem Moore (Wichita Police Department)		

Dr. Andra Bannister, Chair, called the February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 meeting to order at 3:04 PM. A quorum was present.

I. Approval of Minutes

Colonel Dave Mattingly, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 4, 2019. Chief of Police Gordon Ramsay, Wichita Police Department (WPD), seconded the motion. The approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

## II. Old Business

A. <u>Memorabilia Display Update</u> – Tania Cole, Assistant County Manager of General Government, said the memorabilia display is nearing completion. The shelves for the unit have arrived but there is an issue with the software for the display. Valerie Kaster, Project Services Manager, is working with the vendor to resolve the issue. Cole aims to have the project finished within three weeks.

Cole went on to address the possibility of an Honor Wall, featuring photos of officers who have fallen in the line of duty, in the LETC lobby. She said the project is estimated to cost \$25,000, and since it was not part of the original



capital improvement plan (CIP) for the facility, and amendment would have to be voted on by the Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners.

David Dennis, County Commissioner for District Three, asked if there is enough money available in the CIP fund for the project. Cole confirmed there is.

Chief Ramsay asked if the wall would feature officers from both Wichita Police Department and the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office. Cole confirmed both organizations would be represented.

No style or design has been decided on and Cole said the board would have several options to choose from if the project moves forward.

Lieutenant Tracy Spreier, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, asked if any progress had been made on the bronze plaques that will hang next to the Sheriff Mike Hill and Police Chief Richard LaMunyon commemorative plaque in the LETC lobby. Cole said the additional plaques will be hung after the wall is reinforced to accommodate the weight.

## III. New Business

A. <u>Building and Maintenance Status</u> – Crystal Stegeman, Wichita State University Property Manager, said construction remediation for the facility has gone well and that roof repairs have been finished. Repairs were made by Crossland Construction as they were considered warrantied maintenance. She said heavy spring rains would be the true test of the repairs.

Rusty Leeds, Assistant County Manager of Public Safety, asked if there have been any other construction or remediation issues that have recently come up. Stegeman said there have been no other issues.

B. <u>Building Use and Activities</u> – Lieutenant Spreier noted that 89 detention recruits had completed the academy in 2019. The Sheriff's Office did not have a commissioned/patrol class in 2019, though the fall 2018 class graduated 17 recruits in February 2019. A commissioned/patrol academy is currently underway with a class of six recruits.

There are three detention recruit academies scheduled to take place at the LETC in 2020 and two possible commissioned/patrol academies. Commissioner Dennis requested that the Board of County Commissioners receive an invite to the detention recruit graduations going forward.

Captain Jeff Weible, Wichita Police Department, said 73 police recruits and one Airport Safety recruit had graduated in 2019. The spring 2020 recruit class started



on January 13 and has 34 recruits enrolled. WPD also held two Citizen's Police Academy classes in 2019, with a total of 78 attendees. The Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) meets at the LETC monthly.

In 2020, the WPD will conduct classes on advanced search and seizure techniques, and background investigations at the LETC.

Chief Ramsay said the Crime Gun Intelligence Center has received 680 ammunition casings over 2019 and currently has a 60% successful identification rate. The center is reaching out to law enforcement partners across the state, encouraging them to submit casings for cataloging. Ramsay anticipates having to bring more analysts to the center to keep up with demand.

## IV. Other Business

A. Commissioner Dennis asked why the Sedgwick County Emergency Communications Director is not a member of the governing board since the backup 911 call center is located at the LETC. Leeds explained that the original contractual make-up of the board was between the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, the Wichita Police Department and Wichita State University, so Emergency Communications was not included. But, Emergency Communications is kept informed of developments at the facility, and the Director has presented to the board before.

## V. Adjournment

Dr. Bannister made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:24 PM.