



Training Committee MINUTES

Ohio Private Investigators & Security Services Commission

JUNE 5, 2012 1 P.M.

Location: Ohio Dept. of Public Safety
1952 West Broad Street, PISGS Conf. Room
Columbus, Ohio 43223

Committee Members Present:

Cohen, Mike - International Security - **Chair**
Hollenbaugh, Gregg, Cal Crim Inc.
Owens, Ted, Ohio Special Services Group LLC
Mack, Earl, Dep. Director, PISGS
Sever, Wayne – Highland

Members Absent:

Armstrong, Rodney - Securitas Security Service USA, Inc
Korn, Howard, International Protection Group
Watts, Kim, Brink's

Also Present:

Booker, Robert, Exec. Dir., OIU

- **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 1:20 pm.
- **Roll Call** – Roll call was taken by LaNese Powell, and a quorum was present.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the May 10, 2012 meeting were presented for review and approval. Mr. Owens motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Mr. Sever seconded the motion; there was no further discussion; the vote was taken, and the minutes for the May 10, 2012 meeting were approved as presented.
- **The Ohio Training Module Design** – Chair Cohen asked for updates from D D Mack. D D Mack advised the photos have been received, and we need to pick two dates from next week to have photos taken. He stated we will select a particular person to use from the photos. D D Mack further discussed the misunderstanding that the pictures would be used as the actual photos. He said Mr. Armstrong will supply the generic uniforms with generic identification and tools for the photo shoots. D D Mack added that we will need to put together the video, and the video will need a voice over of someone reading the script. D D Mack advised that he had no particular person in mind for the voice over. After brief discussion, Mr. Owens volunteered to do the voice over for the video, and the committee accepted his offer. D D Mack shared the photos he received with the committee. He advised we only need to select one or two of the photos to use, then select a person from the photos. The photos will be still shots of the person performing functions. Mr. Hollenbaugh suggested we use a minority, a Caucasian, and a female for the video. He added this would represent everybody. Mr. Cohen asked about the functions. D D Mack advised there will be still photos of what the uniform should look like with patches, the ID card the same, and then a person would be dressed in generic uniform performing functions such as looking into a car and so on. He added he only needs a couple of the still photos to put into the module for pricing. Mr. Cohen confirmed there will be a person in a blazer photo. He further

confirmed the photo shoots for next week. D D Mack added the Department's video production team is quite busy right now but he is hoping they can fit us in within the next two to three weeks. Mr. Cohen asked if the Committee could see the photos from the shoots prior to them going to production. D D Mack agreed. D D Mack continued that the Department's visual communications team will put the video with the pictures, and the voice over to be taken to Trivantis for them to do what they do with them to get pricing. That should take about two days. Mr. Cohen asked about the grant. D D Mack advised the grant window is still open. D D Mack added, if the grant option fails, we need to look at having a price for the training to offset costs. Mr. Cohen stated he thought the cost for the training would go to the provider of the training. Mr. Hollenbaugh interjects we discussed the cost for training to offset the development of the program. D D Mack responds that has not been settled yet. He continues that the Department is the host of the training program and there are associated costs that need to be paid. Mr. Cohen asks for a timeline on finishing the video and bringing it to the Commission. D D Mack responds it should take about a month to complete the video module and get the cost back from Trivantis. Mr. Cohen stated the July meeting date needs to be late in July to allow time to finalize pricing for the module and bring it to the Commission. Mr. Hollenbaugh questioned the terms of the grant approval. D D Mack advised he needs a cost for the training program from Trivantis in order to apply for the grant. He advised he already spoke with Tracy and EMA, the fiduciary for the grant money, regarding funding for the training program, and both feel the training program fits into their guidelines.

- **Information Updates** -Mr. Cohen advised the Legislative Committee is moving along. They met last week, and they will probably have one more meetings before they are done. Mr. Hollenbaugh stated he thought they asked this committee to verify rule on FAB training. There was discussion regarding the OPOTC training. Mr. Cohen stated we previously discussed that OPOTC is out and the Department of Public Safety will make decisions regarding approval of all FAB instructors. Mr. Cohen stated we now have the two ten hour days (20 hours) for firearms training, then asked who will determine the required courses when the Department of Public Safety takes over the training for private security officers/investigators? Mr. Cohen asked about the law enforcement courses. Mr. Hollenbaugh responded he thought the law enforcement training was discussed relative to re-qualifications, not the security officer training. D D Mack confirmed the law enforcement training was discussed for re-qualifications. He further explained they are two different things: there are qualifications for requalification, and there's training. D D Mack continued the law enforcement course is for requalification. We need to narrow down what we want the training to be. He continued that he thought the Director wanted us to use the OPOTC curriculum. There was open discussion regarding adopting the OPOTC curriculum for use. Mr. Hollenbaugh added we need to give the Ohio Department of Public Safety the right to establish the curriculum, and they can copy anybody's curriculum. Director Booker added we need to be sure instructors receive OPOTC equivalent training, and the course they teach is OPOTC equivalent. Their certificates should reference the completed training they received. He added that the actual training would fall under a business arrangement between the instructor and the provider. Mr. Cohen stated the current requirement is a minimum of twenty hours, but they can do more hours of training if they want. He continued that if something changes, and the Department of Public Safety chooses to go with the changes, then that's what we'll do. D D Mack references the 20 plus 5 for any other firearm requirement for the shotgun. Mr. Hollenbaugh asks about using the certificate or the score sheet. D D Mack responds there's nothing in stone that we need a score sheet; we need the certificate. D D Mack further adds that we need to look at the weapon the guards are qualified for and be sure they are carrying that specific weapon. We need to narrow legislation down to be more specific regarding the weapons the guards are qualified to carry. The current legislation is not specific enough. Director Booker suggests a rule instead of changing the legislation. Mr. Cohen opened discussion regarding the make and model of the weapons security officers are carrying. Mr. Cohen asked D D Mack if there is a real problem right now with the fact the identification card doesn't say specifically state make and model of the weapon. D D Mack responds there are no real challenges now, but there can be when a grand jury comes into play and the weapon training, and the make and model of the weapon is questioned. There was discussion regarding the qualification weapon paperwork retention by instructors. Mr. Cohen expressed he feels 4749 should not dictate that we must specifically state the weapon. Further discussion included the requirements for tasers and taser instructors. After continued discussion regarding make and model of weapons carried by the security officers, Director Booker suggested the certificate of completion state "Firearm: shotgun or sidearm". After more discussion regarding the weapon specification it was agreed that the Department make a decision regarding how specific the weapon notation is on the identification card. Mr. Owens asked about someone relocating from another state. Director Booker

responded that credentials could be compared side by side with Ohio credentials and only require them to take training in the areas where they are lacking. There was brief discussion regarding military firearm training.

- **Conclusion** – The Department of Public Safety will have charge of determining if all credentials meet requirements for certifying instructors and the firearms notations. DD Mack stated the new cards will probably be implemented within the next two months or so. The new cards will reflect “shotgun, revolver, or semi-automatic”. He continued that a sample of the new cards will be presented at the upcoming Commission meeting on Thursday.
- **Next Meeting** - Mr. Cohen stated this committee should wait until the training module has been put together before scheduling the next meeting. He asked that copies of the training module with the photos inserted be forwarded to each committee member for review prior to the next meeting.
- **Adjourn** – There were no further discussions. Mr. Sever motioned to adjourn. Mr. Owens seconded the motion. The vote was taken. The meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.