

**BLET REVISION COMMITTEE MEETING
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Apex, NC
April 15, 2011**

Jennifer Fisher called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Western Piedmont Community College, Morganton, NC. Kristi Jernigan called the roll.

Members Present:

Mack Creson
Alfred Ellis
Louis Ingram
Wrenn Johnson
Wayne Lamm
Jeffrey Robinson
Steve Warren

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Mark Dearry, Criminal Justice Standards Division
Autumn Hanna, Sheriffs' Standards Division
David Shick, NC Department of Justice

Staff Present:

Jennifer Fisher, NC Justice Academy
Kristi Jernigan, NC Justice Academy

Visitors Present:

Dan Worley, NC Justice Academy
Jeff Slagle, NC Dept. of Justice, Training & Standards
Gordon Knight, Mitchell Community College
Jason Whisnant, Morganton Police Department

Jennifer introduced herself and called the meeting to order.

Kristi called the roll.

Jennifer recognized guests, asking them to introduce themselves, stating their agency.

- Dan Worley, NCJA
- Jeff Slagle, NC Dept. of Justice, Training & Standards
- Gordon Knight, Mitchell Community College

Jennifer asked for approval or correction of the 14 January, 2011 meeting minutes. Steve Warren made the motion to approve the minutes. Wayne Lamm seconded. **The motion was approved.**

OLD BUSINESS

Child Fatality Task Force

Jennifer stated members had been mailed the proposed changes. She advised that she was pleased with the outcome of sitting down with Lisa Mayhew, Child Death Scene Investigator Trainer, to discuss proposed revisions to the criminal investigations block. A brief discussion was held for each addition or revision.

Wayne Lamm made a motion to accept the revisions as proposed. Wrenn Johnson seconded. **The motion was approved.**

National Alliance on Mentally Illness

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is working on a major revision for the “Individuals with Mental Illness or Mental Retardation” block of instruction. Jennifer attended their first meeting, providing the NAMI procedural information. Since Jennifer is not a content expert in this area, she will not serve on the committee, but will attend their next meeting. Pam Pope and Julia Lohman are on the committee to provide guidance and to answer some of the procedural questions.

Update of BLET videos

Jennifer stated that acute issues are presenting themselves when editing videos. These issues will need to be handled logistically. Example: Deleted about a three second segment from the *Patrol Techniques* video dealing with placing someone uncuffed in the backseat of the patrol car while writing a ticket. Because of the change, it will now show 2011 instead of 2009, resulting in the need to purchase a new video.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Appointment

Jennifer announced that Associate Attorney General Dave Shick, of the North Carolina Department of Justice, replaced the vacant membership once held by Joy Strickland.

POPAT Re-Validation Project

Jennifer stated that members were mailed a memo provided by subject matter expert John Combs. POPAT, as written, has been submitted to John Aldridge and the DOJ for a legal review. Until the review is complete, no pilot program will begin. A meeting was held in Charlotte in February where discussions were held about the outcome from the 2008 task analysis, how to recreate it based upon the task analysis, making it more applicable to law enforcement.

Members expressed many concerns surrounding the course requirements of wearing ballistic vests: heat exhaustion, cost to purchase, various vest sizes, sanitation, storage responsibility, etc. – and the realistic view of some topic areas.

SCAT Revision

The SCAT video has been revised for inclusion of a segment on weapon retention to go along with the lesson plan. Jennifer stated that the video was included in your packet for review. Jeff Robinson made a motion to accept the SCAT video. Alfred Ellis seconded. **The motion was approved.**

Driver Training Revision

Jennifer stated that the proposed changes, including the cone course video, were mailed to the members for prior review. Dan Worley, Chairperson of the Driver Advisory Committee, presented the recommended revisions to the Driver Training block of instruction to the Committee.

Members expressed many concerns and an extensive discussion was held to clarify the revisions to be made. Concerns consisted of the following:

- Use of the Attorney General Model Pursuit Questionnaire – take out/leave in or make it mandatory/optional
- Make revisions to the course description package, adding language to the course
- Edit the video on the cone course to remove the tire squeal and spinning, which during the cone course is a two-point deduction. Maintaining the tire squeal and spinning adds the human element to the video, as well as does hitting the cone(s) and failing to signal.
- Reasoning behind going to the right to turn around in the precision turn, “y” turn – This is a historical issue, preventing students from having to go left of center.
- Legal and liability responsibilities – 99% of agencies have a pursuit policy. Recommendation to add a note and/or paragraph to state this is a high liability area. Suggestions to add stronger language about liability.

Jennifer summarized the revisions to be addressed: accepting the proposal from the Driver's Advisory Committee, revise the paragraph discussing the model pursuit policy, and add an instructor note discussing the element of human error.

Mack Creson made a motion to accept the revisions summarized by Jennifer. Steve Warren seconded. **The motion was approved.**

Criminal Justice Standards Division Report

Mark Dearry stated that there was no report.

Sheriffs' Standards Division Report

No one present to present the report.

Legal Council Report

Dave Shick stated that there was no report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jeff Robinson expressed a concern that online training, specifically online testing, needed to be made as secure as possible. There is one known incident where the test has been compromised.

Jennifer advised that she has made several minor revisions and made the Committee aware of those changes.

- New age requirement
- Addition of the new Human Trafficking block of instruction
- Handout with the Domestic Violence block has been replaced with a new handout, updated stats
- Anti-Terrorism block was updated – Terrorist advisory alert
- First Responder block
- Criminal Investigation block, based off the proposals from Lisa Mayhew
- Rapid Deployment video, the date at the end was changed. No revision to the actual content of the video.
- SCAT video will go E&T for review as well as the Driver proposal since they both are major revisions.

- Patrol Techniques - Building Search video is incorrect. That was reviewed by several subject matter experts and some of the techniques and that several announcements prior to the entrance of the building was found to be incorrect, so that entire segment of patrol technique video has been removed.
- Techniques of Traffic Enforcement - Uncuffed person in the back of the patrol car being a bad tactic; that segment was removed.

Ms. Carolyn Holland is retiring at the end of April. A retirement ceremony is planned for April 20, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Justice Academy Cafeteria, in the conference room to the left of the cafeteria, if any of you would like to come to join us. Light refreshments will be served.

Chris Anderson provided information about Adobe Connect, which is basically a program that is part of the Adobe suite, for consideration in short, future meetings. Jennifer will obtain more information and distribute for review.

Jennifer called upon Sergeant Whisnant, Morganton Police Department, to comment on the POPAT Re-validation Project. There are several concerns about participants wearing ballistic vests such as causing medical emergencies (e.g., restrict breathing), the costs associated with acquiring vests because one size will not fit all, and that agencies do not have vests to spare.

Next Meeting

The next BLET Revision Committee meeting is scheduled for July 29th in Apex, NC at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.