Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy
Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2009

Maryland Training Directors Association

Members Attending:
- James Hamrick, University of MD – President
- Katie Goodwin, AA County – Vice President
- Carl Brooks, Harford County – Secretary
- Gary Vernon, Harford County
- Joe Offer, MD Natural Resources
- Debbie King, MD Transportation Authority
- John Moses, Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy
- Dennis Murphy, MD Police and Correctional Training Commissions
- Lenny Armstrong, MD Highway Safety Office
- Melissa Clark, Frederick County
- James Beatty, Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy
- Joe Bangert, Baltimore County
- Ed O’Brien, Eastern Shore Criminal Justice Academy
- Eric Burnett, Montgomery County
- Hank Stawinski, Prince George’s County
- Bill Lynn, Prince George’s County
- Patrick Grossman, Frederick City

Called to order at 1020 hrs

Presentation from Dennis Murphy

- Mr. Murphy indicated that Lee Goldman, MPCTC, had been gone for some time due to lung cancer. Mr. Goldman had returned on 7/20/2009 and resumed his duties as Deputy Director of the MPCTC
- Ray Franklin is the Acting Director of the MPCTC until a full time appointment to the position is confirmed. Mr. Franklin will not be making any sweeping changes to policy or procedure and will maintain the direction of the MPCTC. If there are any projects that need development forward them through the proper channels to the MPCTC as usual and do not wait for a permanent director to be chosen
- Pat Bradley was offered a position in a newly created role in the Commitment Unit when he stepped down as director of the MPCTC
- Several capital projects, specifically those involving the MPCTC ranges, have been approved and money has been appropriated for those projects
- At the meeting of the MPCTC on July 14 several waivers were requested and granted. The Crisfield Police Department, the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office, and the Morgan State University Police were all granted waivers to allow
various members to assume sworn positions. These waiver requests were heard and granted by the Commissions

- The new standard for minimum training academy hours was raised from 600 hours to 750 hours
- SWAT (tactical) teams will have a mandatory reporting guideline that is to be followed. Mr. Murphy equated this reporting guideline to that currently in place to record motor vehicle stops
- Major Hamrick questioned how the public is to learn of items posted on the Maryland Register. Mr. Murphy will look into this to determine how the public in general can view these items
- At the MPCTC meeting on July 14, Colonel Sheridan, MSP, requested of the MPCTC to include a standard that compels lateral officers to take a physical and mental health examination when applying for another agency. This will be placed in the Maryland register as well
- The NHTSA SFST curriculum was proposed to become mandatory for entrance level training. This will be voted on at the next Commissions meeting
- The MPCTC executive directors position will be advertised in September
- A possible outcome of the changes at the MPCTC may include the merging of the MPCTC and PDTD
- The next MPCTC academy will most likely be in 2010
- The POLEX school still has spots available
- The instructor conference for the MPCTC is October 29, 2009
- The pursuit policy T for T still needs classes scheduled
- CompStat and Gang training is a priority for the MPCTC

Old Business

- At the Association meeting on 5/12, Lisa Cornberg presented a class on LE dealing with deaf and hearing impaired individuals. The class received many favorable responses. The MPCTC is currently working on an in-service class for this topic
- The topic of the Association obtaining a seat on the MPCTC was again discussed. It was recommended that the Association work on preparing a packet of information for presentation to a legislative representative. This packet will facilitate obtaining sponsorship for a bill to propose the Association gain a seat on the Commissions. Major Hamrick will work on getting the information together for the packet
- At the last meeting of the Association it was voted to pass the committee report regarding comparative compliance. A letter was sent to Pat Bradley requesting formal adoption. Mr. Murphy will attempt to locate that letter and forward it to the appropriate administrator for approval
- Mr. Murphy will look into if there will be a formal comparative compliance test to determine candidate eligibility for comparative compliance classes
The committee for the Association by-laws has not met as of this time. Joe Offer will attempt to locate the Association by-laws

New Business

The Association discussed the selection of the new MPCTC director. It was agreed that the Association will maintain neutrality and will operate in a non-partisan manner. John Moses suggested that the Association send a letter requesting to be part of the interview process for the selection of the new Director. It was decided however, that the Association will be reactive and not proactive in the selection process

Good of the Order

University of Maryland
  o Graduating a class on July 31st
  o Interview class in August open to participants
  o Seeking assistance will Sgt promotional process
Montgomery County
  o Next academy most likely to start in January, 2010
Prince George’s County
  o 90 new recruits start in August
  o New director of training
Eastern Shore Criminal justice Academy
  o Graduated a class in June
  o Started a class in July
Baltimore County
  o Graduated a class in June
  o Started a class in June
  o Administrators class September 14
Frederick City
  o Graduated a class in June
Natural Resources
  o Class in now that graduated September 18
  o Sponsoring enhanced instructor school
  o Switched to Smith and Wesson .40 handguns
MD Transportation Authority
  o Started new class in July with new objectives
  o Interview class August 18-20
AA County
  o 2 concurrent classes for the first time in agency history
MPCTC
  o Current class in now has had 3 different academy directors
MD Highway Safety Office
  o DUI institute graduated
  o Managing traffic enforcement programs class is available
• Frederick County
  o Unsure of state of next academy due to budgetary issues
  o New building is approved
  o Hosting a mountain bike instructor school

Meeting adjourned at 1150 hrs

Next meeting scheduled for September 22, 2009 at the Prince George’s County police Academy