

Commission to Improve First Responder Interactions with Persons with Disabilities:

Basic Academy Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2021

I. Call to order at 9.05 a.m.

Subcommittee Chair Janet Larson called to order the Basic Academy Subcommittee meeting of the Commission to Improve First Responder Interactions with Persons with Disabilities at 9:05 a.m. on December 15, 2021 held virtually on Zoom.

II. Roll call

The Chair conducted roll call. The following persons were present:

- Chris Gulli
- Terrence Gordon
- Janet Larson
- Jennifer Roberts
- Courtney Schwartz
- Mary Vekasy
- Catherine Rodriguez

III. Public Comment

- No public attendees

IV. Review of Basic Academy Mark-up:

- Components of a POST course curriculum: Will define the purpose of the general learning goal and the role of the specific performance outcome. How does the source material inform the wording of an SPO?
 - Discussed the difference between being more general regarding addressing disabilities vs. adding curriculum for each identified disability

- Jennifer advocated for some specific disabilities to be addressed and will note sources.
 - Discussed the difference between jail and patrol training – there are no requirements for jail deputies – those are set by the Sherriff. Patrol are all certified Peace Officers who have gone through an academy.
- What skills are needed in any law enforcement interaction with a person with a disability, e.g., communication, accommodation, awareness that a disability may exist, etc. Can we look at CIT training to offer a model?
 - Lengthy discussion about the curriculum – used the actual curriculum mark up created by the Commission members and made changes, additions, subtractions, recommendations in draft form.
- What reliable sources exist?
 - Request of specific sources, not links to entire website, so the authors of the lesson plans have specific sources to turn to.

V. Next Steps: Academy Subcommittee will continue working through curriculum

- Subcommittees:

Basic

Janet – Chair

Jennifer

Daniel

Josh

Terrence

Chris G.

In-Service

Shannon - Chair

Jill

Debra – last meeting is 12/22/21

Chris S.

Erika

VI. Agenda Setting

- Each subcommittee chair will send agendas to POST.

VII. Adjournment

Janet Larson adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Courtney Schwartz