



POST ACT SME Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: July 14th, 2023

Location: Mesa County S.O. Grand Junction, CO

Membership:

Chair: Ivan (Ike) Beers, Lakewood PD	Present
Vice Chair: Kevin Smyth, Aurora PD	Present/Zoom
Board Rep Shawn Mobley, Otero County SO Sheriff	Excused
Brandon Bertsch, Alamosa PD	Present
Brian Rumbaugh, Montrose PD	Present
Craig Klukas, Denver PD	Excused
Jake Abendschan, El Paso County SO	Present/Zoom
James Hiromasa, Civilian LE Trainer	Present
Kenny Sherman, Adams County SO	Present
Levi Borst, Pitkin County SO	Present
Logan VanDuzer, Silverthorne PD	Present/Zoom
Lucas Hebert, Colorado State Patrol	Present
Marco Montez, Mesa County SO	Present
Richard Stensgaard, Civilian DPD (Retired)	Present
Roman Castro, Pueblo PD	Present/Zoom
Suzette Freidenberger, Grand Junction PD	Excused

Guests in Attendance:

Janelle Rasmussen: POST rep
Catherine Rodriguez: POST Rep
Mary Vekasy: POST Rep
Chris Hanson: 9 News media member

Quorum:

Yes: 13—9 attending in person/4 by Zoom meeting

Agenda Items:

1. **Call to Order at 0815 hrs. by Committee Chair** Completed
2. **Introduction of guests.**
3. **Discussion about the term “excited delirium” and its impact on training.** Discussed
 - Following an article published by 9 news concerning the use of the term “excited delirium” during deaths that often involve police interaction, the committee discussed whether a response was necessary regarding ACT training in the area of Custodial Care where the term is found and covered in academies. Although the term was coined in the medical field and passed on to law enforcement, it has been used in law enforcement training to identify certain observable physical cues a person exhibits that may be suffering a medical event needing to be assessed by emergency medical personnel immediately. Police training has been in place for years in response to this type of situation, but there has been public concern in deaths where this term is attached by Coroner’s offices as the contributing factor or cause of death. Because of this, the committee agreed it would be prudent to explore this issue to provide the POST Board with feedback where the committee stands with current training expectations outlined in the Arrest Control Program Custodial Care section that includes “excited delirium”.
 - Sub-committee proposal Approved
The committee voted to appoint a sub-committee to explore this issue and report back to the full committee by the time we have our next meeting if possible.
4. **Approval of June Meeting Minutes** Approved
 - Items were reviewed to ensure no further discussion was needed during today’s meeting.
5. **SME Application Review** Tabled
6. **Full Skills Review and Approval** Completed
 - Candidate 1 Tabled
7. **Additional Business** Discussed

- Several members met with Academy Staff to discuss their attempt at formalizing a hybrid ACT program for their recruit academy. After the details of what constitutes getting a hybrid program prepared and approved were discussed, the staff decided that at this current time, they were going to continue using their program.
- Academy Inspection Update

Meeting was adjourned at 1115 hours.

Next Meeting:

Friday, September 8th, 2023
0800 hours
Glenwood Springs, CO