



**Palomar College
Police Academy Advisory Board Meeting
April 14, 2016**

Meeting Minutes

Shanon Dreyer called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. in the Public Safety Training Center, room 2B. Shanon made introductions and thanked the Advisory Board for their attendance and responsiveness to issues that involve the academy and our ability to provide qualified recruits to their agencies.

Shanon also reviewed the purpose of the Advisory Board Meeting for the benefit of first time attendees.

Police Academy Update

- a. **Modular Format** – Handouts of the new Course Outlines were provided for AJ 93, AJ 94A, AJ 94B, AJ 95A, and AJ 95B which comprise the courses for the Police Academy. This is the first year that Palomar College has offered the modular format; it was designed to meet the needs and workplace requirements in North County since there is no Level 1 academy in close proximity.

The enrollment numbers are down this year. Typically, there are 80-90 applicants and this year we only had 50 applicants.

- b. **Academy Requirement for Acceptance** – This year we went through the normal testing process for Module III. The Physical Agility test has been an issue for some recruits. Since PAT is not required to complete Module III, we will no longer require the Physical Agility test or assessment for those entering Module III; however, recruits will be required to pass the PAT at the end of Module I. We will continue to interview applicants as a means to discuss disqualifiers and future employment opportunities. Since Module III qualifies for PC 832, recruits would be eligible for non-sworn jobs and Reserve Officers.
- c. **Current Enrollment/Module 1 Start Date** – Julie Barnes provided a handout on Program Details for the modular format. Completion of the academy also fulfills many of the requirements for an AS Degree in Administration of Justice. The start date for Module I is June 28th and graduation is December 17th. We currently have 14 recruits from Module II who will continue to Module I and 15 recruits enrolling from Imperial Valley College and Grossmont College.

There are many agencies that come to the Academy to recruit and our Academy Coordinator can set up a date a time if you're interested. Recruiters usually come 45 minutes before class and our recruits are invited to attend.

- d. **Equipment** – Shanon made a request for surplus equipment and volunteers for scenarios. Palomar College can provide evaluator training which is a POST course and will go on an individual's POST profile.

Roundtable Discussion

The duties that Reserve Officers could perform were discussed. Level III Reserves could work in the station and transport. Level II Reserves could work in the field with an officer and Level I could be assigned duties and write reports. San Diego PD and Escondido PD will hire Level I Reserve Officers; however, they are difficult to get due to the time commitment and expense.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.