



Law Enforcement Advisory Meeting Notes

Date: April 30, 2026
10am/12pm
Meeting Place: PSTC 5-111
Conference Room

Call to order: 10:05 a.m. **Chair(s):** Marc Hammill/David Whitham **Note Taker:** Lisa Hernandez

Committee Members' Present: David Whitham/Director-AHC, Public Safety; Christopher Williams/Chief of Police - Santa Maria PD; Jorge Magana/Perishable Skills Coordinator-AHC; Deborah Pirman/Dean-LVC/AHC; Kevin Martin/Chief of Police Lompoc PD; Bill Brown/Sheriff, Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office; Dave Culver/Chief of Police Arroyo Grande PD

Committee Member's Present via Zoom: Nate Paul/Chief Deputy, Santa Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office; Kelly Gordan/Chief of Police, Santa Barbara Police Department

Committee Members Absent: Marc Hammill/LE Coordinator-AHC; Bryan Millard/LE Training Managers Assoc.; George Hughes/Chief of Police, Cal Poly PD; Mario Moreno/CA Commission on POST; Amy Watkins/Chief of Police, Morro Bay Police Department; Rick Scott/Chief of Police, San Luis Obispo Police Department

Others Present:

Call to order – Whitham

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions – Whitham

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Agenda No. 1 Special Olympics Presentation – Christopher Williams, Chief of Police/SMPD

- Discussion:**
- Presentation Video shown on LE Torch Run Honorary Recruit Program, presented by Irwin Rosenberg, LETR.
 - The program promotes inclusion and acceptance of individuals with disabilities within the Law Enforcement community.
 - Committee members are concerned if there will be a burden on their staff and

recruits.

- Chief Williams explained to the committee that the Honorary Recruit Program, if adopted will be at the discretion of the Academy Coordinator. The coordinator will choose the days and what activities the Honorary Recruit will participate in. A program staff member will always be with the Honorary Recruit.
- The program wants the agency or academy to fully embrace the program at the comfort of their level.
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- Chief Brown - there will be differences in the level that each athlete can do, recruits will need to learn to collaborate with these people on the streets. The impact of the program will be a positive view on the community for the agencies. The program badge must be distinctive to the program per any Penal Codes.

Action:

Deadline:

Responsibility:

Agenda No. 2	Academy Vehicle Presentation/TESLA - Magana
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- The company Uplift held a conference in Los Angeles at LA County SO track with upfitted Tesla patrol cars.
- The upfitted Tesla's are amazing on the track and outfitted exceptionally.
- Uplift wants to come out to PSTC to give us a demonstration of their outfitted-patrol vehicle.
- The committee voiced their concerns about the price of the outfitted vehicles, and maintenance of the e-vehicles.

Discussion:

- Chief Culver explained to the committee that the cost of the Y-Model Tesla is equal to or less than their explorer and gas prices versus electric charging is less than the cost of gas. The outfitted Y-Model Tesla patrol car cost about \$26,000.
- The Y-Model Tesla full charge takes about 8 hours and about 15 minutes for two hundred miles. The e-vehicles run 240 miles on a solid full charge.
- Is there an interest in us hosting a day for Tesla to come out and provide us with a demonstration and test-drive date?
- Committee members watched a Tesla Outfitted Patrol Vehicle Video and agreed that

they would participate in a demonstration at Public Safety.

Action: Schedule Tesla demonstration for local agencies during the summer semester at PSTC.

Deadline: **Responsibility:** Jorge Magana

Agenda **Class 131 (update) – Whitham**
No. 3

Discussion:

- We currently have thirty-five recruits and started with forty-six.
- One failure with Arrest and Control. The recruits have five chances to remediate for this certification.
- Seven failures on shotgun, in remediation now.
- Rifle training is after the academy because independent recruits cannot take this training per CA Laws. We have shotgun training in the academy for independent recruits.
- We will keep shotgun as training but not as a testing certification.
- Chief Culver- keeping shotgun training is a step toward long gun when they need to certify with the agency.
- Chief Gordon – as a POST Commissioner she has knowledge that most commissioners are reluctant to remove shotgun and add Patrol Rifle to the academy. Patrol Rifle will make the academy longer and most agencies do not want this.
- Committee members agree to keep shotgun training for training only without certification.

Action:

Deadline: **Responsibility:**

Agenda **Class 132 (adding active shooter) - Whitham**
No. 4

- Adding active shooter to the academy – adds 16 hours to the academy
- The academy will now be 889 hours



Action:

Deadline:

Responsibility:

Agenda **Academy Graduation and Patrol Rifle - Whitham**
No. 5

- Graduation change- from Wednesdays to Fridays starting with the next academy.

Discussion:

- Patro Rifle training- the following Monday and Tuesday after graduation.

Action:

Deadline:

Responsibility:

Agenda **POST Consortium - Whitham**
No. 6

- Discussion of 4 hr. PC 320, the military version has safety, SIGS for civilians and law enforcement do not have safety

Discussion:

Deadline:

Responsibility:

Agenda **Academy Class Size Max. 44 - Whitham**
No. 7

- The maximum class size that we can accommodate is forty-four. We started with forty-six for this class.
- We must have a conditional letter and student id number, to reserve a guaranteed seat.
- The maximum per POST is forty and we can go over by four seats.

Discussion:

Action:

Deadline:

Responsibility:

Round table and other business

Chief Gordan –reminded the committee that she is a POST Commissioner and for committee member to feel free to reach out to her anytime with questions.

Hammill- we are holding a Training Manager/Coordinator meeting on May 21, 2026, and we are holding an AICC course this summer in July.

Meeting Adjourned

- 11:28 a.m.

Next meeting

- October 2026