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GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Regular Scheduled Meeting, May 25, 2016

President Bolen calls the meeting to order challenging Sheriffs to take information regarding Grand Theft Auto presented in Phil Chalmer's presentation on *Why Teens Kill* back to their communities.

The current National Sheriffs' Association/Western States Sheriffs' Association President Sheriff Danny Glick of Laramie County Wyoming made the opening remarks.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Jail Standards-Sheriff Wilde, Chair

A motion to accept the minutes from February 2, 2016 meeting was made by Sheriff Wheeler, seconded by Sheriff Carter, motion was approved.

Tim Higgins of the Idaho Department of Corrections provided an update on programs. New programs are in place to reduce the rider programs from three to one. The number of offenders being sentenced to riders is dropping. All offenders housed at out of state facilities have returned to Idaho. IDOC is reducing the number of offenders in jails by utilizing probation instead of incarcerations. Currently there are 563 IDOC inmates in the county jails.

Major Kim Edmondson provided an update on the Jail Administrators efforts to draft new language in Idaho Code 2607 regarding the collection and amount of reimbursement jails can collect for an inmate's stay. Currently, the law allows \$25 per day however actual costs to house an inmate are \$90 per day. As a result, legislation is being drafted to increase the amount to \$45 per day bringing it closer to actual costs. In addition, Jail Administrators are reviewing the recent solitary confinement study.

Executive Director Vaughn Killeen provided an update on the Jail Inspections and scheduled IPREA Audits. To date seventeen jail inspections have been completed, fifteen have passed, two have not. The jail inspector plans to finish the remaining inspections in June and July. August through the end of November IPREA/PREA will be conducted.

The committee will be discussing putting persons together to review the updates on the Operations Manual written by Jail Inspector Cindy Malm. Participants from a

large, medium and small jail along with Sheriff Wilde, Cindy Malm and Vaughn Killeen will review the manual to determine changes and what is mandatory verses recommended. Due to Ms. Malm's schedule, the earliest the group will be able to meet is February 2017. Board decided FY17's budget will include room and board expenses for participants to travel to Boise to meet and review the manual over a two day period.

The Jail Standards Committee Operations Manual was recently amended and updated by Vaughn and Cindy. Motion to approve the Operations Manual was made by Sheriff Nielsen, seconded by Sheriff Thomas. Motion passed.

Russ Morehead of LCA provided Canyon County expansion Jail plans. Plans can also be viewed on line www.idahosheriffs.org, contact staff for password. Sheriff Wilde pointed out some "blind" spots that may need additional camera placement. The new facility will provide a female work release center that is nonexistent in the current jail. Staffing of the new facility will require 40 to 45 additional positions to the 15 already vacant positions. Motion to pass the jail plans based on meeting Idaho jail standards was made by Sheriff Rausch, seconded by Sheriff Rowland. Motion passed.

Operations Committee: Sheriff Sanders, Chair

Gary Raney provided an update on the policy manual that has been created for small to midsize agencies. Larger agencies may want to remain using Lexipol, as the new policy manual was not designed for larger facilities. Idaho Policing Manual is in the works. Manuals will provide video trainings currently being produced. Everyone is welcome to participate in the online discussion of the manual's needs. In addition to the Sheriffs, Idaho's Chiefs of Police have also been invited to collaborate. There is currently no cost for the manual however after October 1, 2016 cost will be on a sliding scale based on county/agency size.

There was no update on Waterways.

Sheriff Collins requested guidance on Search and Rescue fund requests regarding reimbursements for extrications from vehicles at crash scenes. He is receiving requests for these types of non-traditional search and rescues. Sheriff Giddings motioned that funds be used for traditional search and rescue operations and exclude request for extrication at vehicle crash scenes. Sheriff McFall seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Joel Shultz of Watch System provided an update on the interface between ISP's vendor and the Offender Watch program. Continued testing is going on in Canyon County. Most of the work needed is on the part of ISP. In addition Joel encouraged Sheriffs to promote Offender Watch in their communities during Halloween. Watch Systems has found notifications on offender's triples during this time. Press release and other media and print materials will be provided as we get closer to that date. Furthermore, this is a great resource for SROs.

Executive Director Vaughn Killeen spoke briefly about being contacted by Rapid Responder, a program currently being endorsed by WSPC and Oregon Sheriffs' Association. More information was requested. Ex. Dir. will schedule a presentation to the board at the September meeting.

Sheriff Donahue provided information on a series Boise Channel 7 is airing on smuggling routes. It is a series of four 20 minute documentaries. Links will be provided on the listserv.

Training Committee: Vacant Chair

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The Training Committee chair was vacant due to the recent resignation of Sheriff Klingler who also did not run for re-election. The Board recommended Sheriff Nielsen to fill the vacancy. Sheriff Donahue motioned to appoint Sheriff Nielsen to the chair of the committee. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Bunn. Motion passed.

A New Sheriff's School Committee was created comprised of the Training Committee Chair, and three other sheriffs to be determined. The Committee will meet and report to the board in September.

POST Update provided by Sheriff Rausch. A more in-depth report will be presented at Thursday's meeting by Victor McCraw. The budget was created based on prior revenue. Due to a reduction of arrests and citations, revenue is down resulting in a struggle to make payroll month to month. Other agencies like IDOC and Misdemeanor Probation pay into POST but it is still not enough. Liquor tax has not been increased for a while so there may be some exploration into this avenue of raising funds. POST is now requiring agencies provide their own ammunition to reduce costs. Some agencies like Boise and Meridian Police Departments are looking into starting their own academies. In addition there has been ongoing discussion regarding the requirement to be free of marijuana use for three years before being hired. With neighboring states legalizing marijuana this has affected bordering counties employee candidate pool. There has been talk of reducing it to one year however Idaho Chiefs of Police strongly oppose the idea.

Tammara Tarvin presented on Detention Officer Training. Attendance was down this year. Eight percent of agencies statewide are attending the trainings. Board instructed ISA staff to explore feasibility of smaller agencies attending block training at larger agencies.

Legislative Report-Mike Kane, Lobbyist

The board was pleased with the legislative session. Mike Kane reported a settlement for Track Phone lawsuit will require the companies to pay four million dollars to the state for uncollected fees that fund emergency communications. Agencies will receive funds based on the population of the county. Anticipated issue to come up next year involves bail bonds hiring inmates to promote their business. Membership does not believe this is currently occurring.

Other legislative issues include an anticipated effort by the Indian tribes to seek state law enforcement authority. The Nez Perce are exploring this effort and the Coeur d'Alene's are supporting.

The Bounty Hunter bill which failed last session will be back. This bill places minimal requirements on bond agents.

Dispatch certification draft legislation was discussed. The draft is a product of a subgroup of the current Emergency Communications Commission chaired by ISP Lt. Kevin Haight. Sheriffs need more clarification on the draft and Lorin Nielsen motioned to not support the draft and Kieran Donahue seconded. Motion passed. Following the vote Vaughn Killeen recommended setting up a conference call between sheriffs and Kevin Haight and other appropriate parties to resolve sheriffs concerns. Sheriffs Lorin Nielsen, Len Humphries, Ben Wolfinger and Dave Sanders were appointed to a subcommittee to participate in resolving this issue.

Additionally, it was decided that EMD certification was not to be included in dispatch certification requirements.

Director Report-Vaughn Killen, Executive Director

ISA continues to maintain a positive balance in the accounts with over \$310,000. Numbers on the Balance Sheet of income and expenses are fluid. Administrative fees from operations are offsetting the outgoing expenses.

A new accounting firm, Harris and Co., is now providing audits for IAC and ISA. A letter identifying issues of concerns provide to IAC has now been corrected. Audits are completed in an appropriate time frame. The audit is available on line.

Donations from Direct Mail are lower this year than last. Mail provider advised this is a trend this year among other clients as well. Scott Kimbro of Starset believes this is a result of election year in which many people are making contributions to candidates.

The Victim Fund collection is stabilizing. ISA will increase percentage for administrative fees to match ISP's. ISP takes a 5% fee; ISA has been collecting a 3% fee. Please refer to Program Manager's Report on the website for more complete details.

Detention Officer Training netted \$5,000 from training registrations.

Money from the DEA is less this year, \$265,000 is available. Requirements are stricter. Prior approval for equipment purchase is required. Gooding County will be providing field training.

Danny Martinez presented on the Telmate Guardian program. They will be working with agencies on the product. To date it hasn't been initiated.

POST Issues-Victor McCraw

Expect changes at POST due to funding. POST does not have the funds to take on Dispatcher Certification at this time however they are supportive of the requirements and changing PERSI to rule of 80 for dispatchers. In addition, POST is creating an investigators' course for agencies to have their own staff complete thorough background checks. Unfortunately some hires fell through the cracks and were employed while on the sex offender registry as one example. The course will include topics such as checking a person's credit and providing tips on documentation. The hope is to reduce the work load by providing electronic submission to ISP for approval.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 on Thursday, May 26, 2016.