

Criminal Justice Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2023

Members Present:

Mr. Troy Cochran, Director Criminal Justice Northern Oklahoma College

Chief Nick Payne, Tonkawa Police Department.

Chief Kevin Main, Newkirk Police Department.

Lt. Jason Filtz, Ponca City Police Department.

Troy Cochran, Social Science faculty welcomed the members and introductions were made.

Troy Cochran asked group to review and add or amend current list of invitees to advisory board. Few recommendations were made.

Troy Cochran advised group of transition to OER resources for entire program. 3 out of 6 courses completed.

Troy Cochran shared stats about the current criminal justice program. Troy Cochran shared stats about current CJ program. Enrollment is going up post pandemic. Online options still strong since pandemic. Chief Payne asked if there's a difference academically. Troy advised that he is currently studying that for assessment and has noticed that the same class taught in person tends to have better grades. Intro to CJ class still popular among non-CJ majors.

Candy Oller with the Foundation stopped by to give an announcement about scholarships. Lt. Filtz inquired about Mike Pool scholarship. Troy Cochran asked group to be on the look out for donors for new scholarship opportunities.

Troy Cochran gave an overview and shared details about the new Micro-credential program. Shared news of MOU with ODOC and current goal to target local county jails. Suggested to add secondary target list of Osage County Jail in Pawhuska, Logan County Jail in Guthrie and Washington County Jail in Bartlesville. Group all

agreed it sounds promising and no one has heard of such an innovative program. Offered Lt. Filtz to bring to local jail staff at Ponca PD as well.

Troy Cochran spoke about the Criminal Justice Internships at NOC still leading the pack with 52 since 2015. Now have intern contacts with local pd's, sheriff's offices, jails and crime scene techs. Forensic techs are still missing. No one had suggestions on that. Suggested adding Tulsa PD for crime scene tech options.

Troy then spoke about his Criminal Justice Society. Updated group on challenge coin and Phil Chalmers fundraisers. All originating from this group last year. Asked for new ideas to further fundraising efforts. Group was insistent that feedback and word out mouth will make Phil Chalmers a hit again. Suggested a custom program, morning session for law enforcement and evening session for public educators. Candy Oller advised of current amount of lectureship series available at approx. \$2,500. Troy suggested we start planning in January 2024 for Spring 2025 program as more funds would need to be found. Lt. Filtz asked if Renfro could sponsor the remaining funds. Troy talked to Candy about that and would set up meetings in January to discuss options. Lt. Filtz will represent Ponca public educators and point of contact with Superintendent Leaming. Chief Payne representing Tonkawa PD as agency host again. Chief Main suggested reaching out to Kay County Detention facility as they have a big budget for training. Troy asked if micro-credential would be more appropriate for that budget. Chief Main said probably both.

Troy advised of Criminal Justice Society organizations upcoming conferences and competitions. Asked if anyone would like to be a guest advisor for future trips. All seemed interested in next years trip to South Padre.

Troy asked the advisory board group about current trends and issues in Criminal Justice specifically related to new technology. AI was common theme among new crimes as well as new policing tools. Specifically, records management systems, crime analysis. Drone technology is also on the verge of new applications. Troy advised of NOC's new aviation program starting up in Enid. Group asked to be kept in the loop. Group also started discussing a county wide communication issue with departments and radios and how technology could help. Half of agencies still use analog radios; the other half use digital. Not many agencies can talk to each other. Troy suggested a possible solution partnership with emergency management and grant funds to consolidate all agency radios. Group thought it was a good idea. (Potential future project)

Troy shared idea on showing up to tech school and CLEET academy graduations with certificate from NOC giving credit for work done. Would require adding all CLEET courses which would take some work. Goal is to show appreciation to our area law enforcement and to encourage continuing education with NOC. Board approved. First target programs would be Pioneer Tech and Enid PD academy.

Troy advised group of new safety and security committee. Priority goal is to increase perception of security on Tonkawa and Enid campus. Troy shared photos of current security vehicles being used on campus. Troy asked agencies to consider donating retiring patrol vehicles to NOC. Advised we could wrap vehicles for \$600 but new vehicles for this purpose cannot be funded at this time. Chief Payne advised of possibility of having 2 options and Chief Main advised he would contact Otoe Missouri PD who just recently had 3 vehicles that could be donated.

Troy asked committee member about their current job openings. Tonkawa PD has 4 openings. Ponca PD has 6 openings and Newkirk PD possibly 1 opening.

Meeting Ended at 1530 hours.