



DPSST Newsletter

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Academy Training Update

By Captain Teresa Plummer

At DPSST, we appreciate the hard work of our APT's, volunteers, agency loaned instructors and role players. We also recognize the importance of staying connected and providing you with up to date information about changes that occur on our campus. Although we have been sending out monthly newsletters for the last few publications, we realized that it may be more effective for you and our staff, if we provided quarterly updates instead. Notwithstanding, if there are budget issues or changes to our staffing levels, we pledge to send out that information as we receive it to keep everyone informed.

There are many activities that have been occurring over the last several weeks. Additionally, for the next few months, there will be a flurry of activity around our campus with classes that are either coming or going.

On February 25, 2013, two classes checked in to begin their DPSST training experience.

- Basic Police 336, which has 22 students registered, has Lt. Don Sedlacek as their primary class coordinator.
- OLCC03 also checked in that same day and they will be training for the next 4 weeks at our facility with Lt. Lee Farmer as the primary class coordinator.

For the spring quarter, the following activities will take place:

- March 4th - Basic Telecomm 84 will begin with Lt. Jan Myers as the primary.
- March 15th - Basic Telecomm 84 will graduate.
- March 18th - OSP Pre-Academy 22 will begin.
- March 25th - EMD 45 will begin with Lt. Jan Myers as the primary.
- March 29th - Basic Corrections Local 11 will graduate with Lt. Ryan Keck as the primary.
- April 22nd - Basic Police 337 will begin with Lt. Lee Farmer as the primary.
- May 13th - Basic Corrections Local 12 will begin with Lt. Ryan Keck as the primary.
- May 13th - Basic Telecomm 85 will begin with Lt. Jan Myers as the primary.
- May 17th - Basic Police 335 will graduate with Lt. Rob Anderson as the primary.
- May 25th - Basic Telecomm 85 will graduate.

We invite any of our instructors and role players to provide feedback and ideas for our newsletter so that we may tailor this information to what it is you need or want to know. Please feel free to call me at 503-378-2191 or email me at teresa.plummer@state.or.us if you have any suggestions.

Trivia Question: How many acres does the DPSST campus sit on?

(*Answer will be in the next newsletter)

Survival Skills Section Update

By Captain Roger Eaton

We have picked up the pace with the ushering in of the new year. The Survival Skills Section is looking forward to the numerous upcoming classes over the next few months. BP335 began on January 28th and they have already completed their first defensive tactics class and several PT classes. On January 18th we start Basic Corrections Local 011 and a week after that, we start BP336. The Skills staff is looking forward to having a full house of activities in the D Building once again and we anticipate that our spring instructor schedules will be busy.

The firearms program is equally busy and from February 18-22, we will hold a Parole and Probation Firearms class for

those P&P officers that have graduated and are authorized to carry firearms.

Tactical Skills Section Update

By Captain Suzy Isham

Patrol Week was again the focus down in Tactical Village from February 18 through 21, 2013, for BP 334. The recruits handled challenging calls for services ranging from domestic violence calls to thefts and assaults to dignitary protection and an ammunition factory protest. The recruits handled themselves well, learning in our controlled environment, surrounded by the most professional, talented and theatrical role players and skilled evaluators. With the expert coordination of the Tactical Team, this week went without a hitch and there were plenty of lessons learned for the recruits. Nice job team!!!

It is with a bit of sadness, but great excitement that I announce that I will be leaving my post as the Tactical Training Supervisor on February 25, 2013. While I will remain an active APT for DPSST, I will be starting my new position as the Director of Campus Safety at Clackamas Community College on February 26, 2013. This is a wonderful opportunity for me and I am ready for the challenges that await me.

I was hired with the Marion County Sheriff's Office in 1992, attending BP176 with Captain Bill Garland Sr. as my Training Coordinator. It was at this time that I realized what a special and unique place DPSST -BPST, at the time- was. In 1995, I started my training career with DPSST as a loaned SFST instructor from the Marion County Sheriff's Office. In 2002, I was hired on full time as the Traffic Safety Training Lieutenant with DPSST. I have promoted and moved around the ranks these last ten plus years, supervising Regional/Advanced Training, Curriculum, Operations, Training Administration, and Tactical. I have moved from offices at Capitol and Gaines in Salem, to Western Oregon University in Monmouth, to the new Academy in Salem. I have seen talented and professional co-workers come and go through the ranks. I have seen the morph from eight to ten to sixteen weeks for the Basic Police course. For me, this has been an

incredible place to work, with opportunities that I would have never experienced anywhere else and an all-around staff that

has an insatiable need to support and provide the highest quality training!

For the Tactical Training Team, I leave you in the most capable hands of Mr. Ninman, Lt. Westerberg, Lt. Thiessen, Ms. Mathews, Mr. Snyder, and Cpl. Benson. This is an incredible team of individuals, who have such a heart for training and know the village inside and out! I know that the administration is working on filling the Tactical Training Supervisor's position and will find the right fit for the village and for the Training Division, as a whole. You all should not even notice the transition, as I know that the Tactical Training Team, with Captain Eaton and Captain Plummer's support, has things well in hand in the interim.

I want to thank all of you: full-time staff, part-time staff, loaned instructors, and volunteers. I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication that you bring to the Academy, because it only betters and readies the recruits that we strive to provide those waiting communities. I want to thank you all for your continued and infallible support and friendship! I value all of you, each for your own perfect self!

I look forward to working with you again in the future! If you are ever in Oregon City, please stop by the campus and look me up! I hear the campus coffee is fabulous!

Stay safe!!

Suzy

Fire Training Section Update

By Captain Mark Ayers

DPSST was pleased to host the Northwest's largest fire training seminar.....the 2013 Winter Fire School. This is one of the largest fire training events in the northwest and features training classes from the National Fire Academy, Oregon Fire Chiefs Association, and DPSST. More than 324 students attended this event held on February 23-24, 2013 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. This event was held free of charge to participants and the weekend included lodging, meals and some of the best (and timely) fire-related training given within the United States of America.

Courses instructed included the NFA's Incident Safety Officer, Health and Safety Officer, Politics and the White Helmet, Strategy and Tactics for Initial Company Operations, Preparation for Initial Company Operations, Decision Making for Initial Company Operations and Department Wellness Coordinator. Vehicle Extrication and the Instructor I Distance Learning Program were also taught along with Modules 1, 2, and 3 of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association Toolbox program.

During the opening ceremony, Director Gabliks and Fire Certification Supervisor Julie Olsen-Fink spoke about the *National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation* and the *Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial*. As part of this process, a fire fighter's helmet was passed around the hall and the group donated over \$840 to this worthy charitable organization. This outstanding contribution will be used to off-set costs associated with this year's *Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial* to be held on September 19, 2013 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy @ 1300 hours.