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Legal Corner

By Lorraine Anglemier

For this installment of Legal Corner, I wanted to let everyone know about a recent development in case law, which affects our ability to successfully investigate and prosecute violations of ORS 163.575, Endangering the Welfare of a Minor. As you may know, there are numerous subsections, and therefore theories of violation, in this statute. We will focus on subsection (b) for purposes of this discussion. It reads as follows:

A person commits the offense of endangering the welfare of a minor if the person knowingly...

(b)Permits a person under 18 years old to enter or remain in a place where unlawful activity involving controlled substances is maintained or conducted....

In December 2015, the Oregon Supreme Court in *State v. Gonzalez*, 358 Or 451, ruled that the phrase, “a place where unlawful activity involving controlled substances is maintained or conducted,” refers to a place “where a *principal or substantial use* of the place is to facilitate unlawful drug activity.” We have already been instructing Basic Police students that the “legalization” of marijuana, brought about by Ballot Measure 91 in 2014, as implemented by House Bill 3400 last year, significantly affected our ability to prosecute violations of subsection (b). Legalization obviously changes what activity will still be deemed “unlawful.” Now, the challenge will be establishing that a “principal” or “substantial” use of a place is to facilitate drug activity. When the place is a residence, or a vehicle, as were the facts in *Gonzalez*, this may prove to be quite difficult. Consequently, deputy district attorneys involved in the work of drug crimes prosecution may be seeking a legislative “fix” from the 2017 Oregon Legislature. Stay tuned. Until then, it is likely that only a fairly dramatic set of facts will satisfy this new judicial definition of “place.”

Questions? As always, feel free to contact me at lorraine.anglemier@state.or.us

Center for Policing Excellence Section

By Dr. Steve Winegar

The Center for Policing Excellence continues to lead innovative thinking throughout the public safety system. On January 28, Steve Winegar from CPE conducted a webinar in cooperation with the US DOJ Office of Justice Programs (OJP) on organizational change titled “Adapting to Change: Avoiding the Success Trap.” The webinar was based on classes in the Supervisory Leadership Academy and Organizational Leadership and Management Academy offered at the Academy. OJP wanted to do the webinar because our classes are at the leading edge of teaching supervisors and middle managers to use information in decision-making.

Sara Tribbey and Ryan Keck attended classes in February on how to assess the effectiveness of training based on the Kirkpatrick Model. The Kirkpatrick Model is considered THE model for evaluating the effectiveness of training, going beyond student reaction (level 1) to student learning (level 2) to on-the-job behavior (level 3) to organizational/industry results (level 4). In the CPE we are looking at ways to better evaluate the effectiveness of the training we provide here at the Academy, and improve the product we deliver. We will be looking for ways to incorporate Kirkpatrick’s ideas into the evaluation of training here at the Academy.

CPE’s Kevin Rau is becoming very popular – OK, so truth be known, it is really the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) that is making Kevin popular with constituents. Kevin, along with the yet to be hired trainer with a clinical mental health background, will be spreading CIT throughout the state. Kevin has already collaborated with CIT personnel in central Oregon, and is going to Klamath County to assist with the development of a local CIT program in that area. Additionally, CPE is providing a series of specialized mental health trainings throughout 2016. The first offering (March 29) will be on the topic of mood and trauma related disorders. The second course (May 17) will focus on PTSD in the veteran population.

On January 20th, we graduated the tenth cohort of the 160-hour IPSLEI Leadership Development Program, and two weeks later we started the eleventh cohort of the Program. Once again we have a diverse group of students, including police, corrections, parole & probation and even DPSST staff. This cohort will graduate on June 9, 2016.

The next endeavor that CPE will be undertaking is developing training on Police Legitimacy/Procedural Justice. We sent some people to Oakland, California Police Department to go through their training, and then brought their class back to Oregon for a core group of interested participants. We are developing the curriculum for the class in Oregon, and hope to have the class ready to deliver later this spring.

Academy Training Section

By Captain Roger Eaton

As we crack open the New Year, 2016, the Academy Training Section is continuing its robust schedule of basic classes. Basic Police (BP) class 352 graduated in December 2015; BP353 graduated in January; and BP354 graduated in February. We have started BP356 and 357 in January and February, respectively, and BP358 will start in March.

We completed Basic Telecommunications class 91 in January, and Emergency Medical Dispatch class 59 also in January. Basic Corrections Local 021 started in January and will graduate in February. Basic Parole and Probation class 071 started on February 8th and will graduate on March 18th.

Staffing the Academy Training Section has brought two new Basic Police Training Coordinators: Rick Igou and Andy Bechdolt. Additionally, Katherine Edwards has filled a vacant Office Specialist position. The hiring of new staff is finally allowing us to catch up with the increase of four Basic Police classes and two Basic Corrections local classes in this biennium.

Regrettably, George Dominy, who has excelled as a Class Training Coordinator for BP354, which graduated on February 19th, will return to APT status after four months of temporary full time status. Words cannot adequately express what a splendid job George did in coordinating BP354. We are grateful for his dedicated service. George is representative of the many talented and committed instructors who work part time for DPSST.

Thank you for your support of Academy Training. We simply cannot conduct the quality and quantity of basic training at the Academy without your enthusiastic and dynamic support.

Tactical & Regional Training Section

By Captain Teresa Plummer

Spring is just around the corner, and with the improved weather, we expect to be involved in several construction projects to make the scenario village a better training venue. Lt. Vince Wan has been an integral part in securing several training props and materials to either make training more realistic or create a better environment for the instructors, role players and students. Below are just a few examples of the things to come over the next 6 months:

Bus Shelters

Lt. Wan has been in an ongoing conversation and negotiation with the Cherriots – Salem Keizer Transit Department to obtain several donated bus shelters. These shelters, which are being retired and replaced with newer models, will be positioned in several locations around OPSA village. Not only will these shelters act as bus stops to be used in scenarios, but they will also be utilized as warming stations and a dry place to debrief students when the weather is less than cooperative. These shelters are fully enclosed on three sides and have a bubble type roof. The bus shelters measure approximately 8'L x 5'W x 7.5' H and are constructed with an aluminum frame.



Since these shelters will need to be permanently affixed, we will need to wait for the weather to get a little better before we start sinking concrete into the ground. We anticipate that about 8 shelters will be installed in the summer of 2016.

New Scenario Props

Lt. Wan also obtained a variety of magnetic signs, branded clothing and accessories for use in a taxi, Uber car service, TriMet bus driver uniforms/hats/patches, FedEx delivery, US Postal Service, Fox News and additional motorcycle gang paraphernalia. All these items either assist in the creation of new scenarios for training, or add realism to scenarios already in place that lacked realistic props. Anyone who was a role player or evaluator during the January patrol week saw the Fox News crew in action during the Thursday missing child call. It certainly added a whole new dimension of realism to the day.

Donated Firearms for props

After several years of discussions, negotiations, intergovernmental agreements and city council meetings, DPSST obtained seventy-nine firearms that were donated by the Portland Police Bureau. These firearms were set to be destroyed, but Lt. Wan was able to explain the value in scenario based training at DPSST to members of the Portland Police Bureau and indirectly to their City Council members. Several agreements and expectations were established,



including disabling the firearms by welding and filling the barrels with a liquid steel product. We will also ensure compliance with our own policies and procedures by painting the barrel and stock of the guns blue so everyone knows they are training aids. The lot of firearms include: derringers, semi-autos, single & double action revolvers, and even cap & ball muskets. In the long gun department they provided everything from .22 rifles, hunting rifles & shotguns, tactical shotguns and assorted assault style

rifles. We anticipate converting the pawn shop into a gun shop in the near future where a myriad of scenarios could take place with these firearms including forgery, FICS (firearms instant check system) issues, robbery, burglary, and a host of others. We will also be able to use these firearms in other scenarios to include vehicle stops, building search, etc.



EVOC New Instructional Format

Recently, Lt. Steve Westerberg reported on the success of the new EVOC instructional format during EVO #1 – 5. Students are given a pre-test, mid-term, and final evaluation on steering, braking, acceleration and road position. Lt. Westerberg said, “As we continue to evolve this process with data acquisition and improved time on specific exercises directed at class needs as determined by both pre-test and mid-term evaluations, we should continue to see performance skyrocket.” I want to congratulate Lt. Westerberg, the DPSST tactical staff and all of the EVOC instructors for their work and support of this project. It will certainly be a valuable tool as we continue to train to and achieve those higher expectations from students in the area of driving. Below is a screenshot of some of the results from this project.

d	Pretest	Pre-Test (EVO #1)				Mid-Term (EVO #4)				
	Score	Steering	Braking	Acceleration	Road Position	Total	Steering	Braking	Acceleration	Road Position
	12	2.00	1.00	1.50	1.00	5.50	3.00	2.50	3.00	
	9	1.50	2.00	2.00	1.00	6.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	
	17	2.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	6.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	
	8	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00	2.75	3.00	2.25	
	13	1.00	1.50	1.00	1.00	4.50	3.00	2.50	3.00	
	9	1.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	7.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	
	11	1.00	1.00	2.50	1.00	5.50	2.00	1.50	2.00	
	11	1.50	2.00	2.00	1.00	6.50	4.00	2.50	3.00	
	13	2.00	1.50	2.00	1.00	6.50	3.00	2.00	3.00	
	12	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.50	5.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	
	12	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00	2.50	2.00	3.00	
	10	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	4.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	
	10	2.00	1.50	2.50	1.00	7.00	2.00	1.50	2.00	

Chemeketa Students in Scenarios

In the last newsletter, I reported that we had entered into a partnership with Chemeketa Community College to have students volunteer as role players. I am happy to report that we have had several students participate in patrol week and other scenario based training for basic students. I spoke with them at the January patrol week and several asked if they could come back and volunteer above and beyond what their class requirements were. I look forward to a continued relationship with the college and believe that their participation adds a significant amount of realism to our venues. Thank you to Lt. Steve Westerberg, Lt. Vince Wan, Lt. Corbin Lantz, Lt. Brandon Herring, Cpl. Terry Snyder and Cpl. Rick Benson for spearheading and guiding these young law enforcement protégés.

Survival Skills Section

By Captain Gary Ninman

As the theme around the OPSA in recent months continues, the Skills Training section has been extremely busy keeping up with the demands of the basic training classes, as well as various advanced and developmental training deliveries. The Skills staff offered a Basic Defensive Tactics Instructor course in mid-January. This course is designed to give public safety training officials all the tools needed to train at their agency or become a DPSST certified trainer at the Academy in the topic of DTs. The class was, as usual, a big hit with all participants and very sought after by agencies throughout the state. As the basic training schedule permits, more offerings similar to this will be forthcoming. In addition to the DT IDC, some other classes have been offered to include an advanced striking class, NRA Law Enforcement Handgun Instructor Course, and a Tactical Athlete course.

Our staffing within the Skills section has increased with the addition of two more full-time trainers. We are incredibly happy to announce the latest additions to the full-time Skills team, Cpl. Ben Klecker and Cpl. James Noragon. Ben comes to DPSST by way of Lincoln County Sheriff's Office where he spent the past six years as a Deputy. He held positions in both the corrections and patrol side of the office. While there, Ben gained the requisite experience needed to apply and become a certified trainer at DPSST. That experience, coupled with Ben's passion and skill as a trainer, has proven to be an amazing combination. We are very excited to have him on board. James (Jim) Noragon will begin with DPSST on March 1st and comes to us by way of Tualatin Police Department. Jim retired in February from Tualatin PD after 25 years of dedicated service. Jim held many positions while at Tualatin to include various special duty positions, many having a direct correlation to the departments training programs and instructing new officers. Additionally, Jim has been a certified instructor at DPSST for over 10 years. Upon retiring from Tualatin, Jim held the rank of Sergeant. Jim's incredible amount of law enforcement experience and his perfected skill of instructing basic recruits will be invaluable to our training programs.

The firearms curriculum workgroup that I have spoken of in the past is still making good progress with the firearms curriculum re-write. The group's members are all highly skilled in the topics of firearms and use-of-force and represent a very diverse perspective and insight to the topic. Recently, we have established dialog with the California Highway Patrol and their firearms division in particular to gain insight on training methodology, testing and equipment used by a large department. The group is committed to developing a program that has real world, outcome-based results that serve our recruits, constituents and the communities they serve as best as possible.

Take care all,

Gary

Fire Training Section Update

By Rebecca Carroll

DPSST was pleased to host the Pacific Northwest's largest annual firefighter training event – the 2016 Winter Fire School. This training event features classes from the National Fire Academy, the Oregon Fire Chief's Association, and DPSST. This year over 300 students attended the event that was held the weekend of February 20-21. Winter Fire School is held free of charge to participants; this includes their lodging, meals and all of the training provided.

This event is offered as part of OPSA's efforts to prevent firefighter injuries and deaths. Attendees have a dozen different classes to choose from like vehicle extrication and rescue tactics, and they received hands-on skills working on cars delivered to us by junk yards. The National Fire Academy courses that were offered included: Incident Safety Officer, Health and Safety Officer, Preparation for Initial Company Operations, Training Operations in Small Departments, Strategy and Tactics for Company Operations, Decision Making for Company Operations, and Leadership III. The Oregon Fire Chief's Association instructed Modules 1, 2, and 3 of the Chief's Toolbox course. Vehicle Extrication was instructed by members of the Dallas Fire Department, and our very own DPSST Instructors taught the Live Fire course. During the opening ceremony, Director Gabliks and Fire Certification Supervisor Julie Olsen-Fink provided information about the National Fallen Fire Fighters Foundation and the Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial. As part of this process, a firefighter's boot is passed through the audience for donations that will help off-set the costs associated with this year's Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial event. This year our attendees donated over \$750!

This was the first Winter Fire School where DPSST offered hands on training with basic hose handling skills and live fire. On Saturday morning, Firefighters used the skills pad down at EVOC to negotiate hoses through an obstacle course and were taught proper nozzle techniques. Saturday afternoon, Firefighters attacked the Car Fire Prop and received safety training on Tower use. Sunday, Firefighters conducted ground level live fire attacks in the tower, and in the afternoon they attacked from the second floor to the first floor simulating a basement fire. All went extremely well with no injuries. Our plan is to expand hands on and live fire training for next year's Winter Fire School 2017

Overall, the Winter Fire School event was a great success. A big thank you to everyone who attended, contributed, and helped make it all possible.