



# DPSST Newsletter

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## Update from the Academy Training Director

This time of the year many of you are thinking about long Holiday weekends, vacations and spending quality time with family and friends. As you all know we continue to conduct training through most of the summer with the exception of one down week which falls June 30 - July 4, 2014. This down week gives all of you the opportunity to enjoy the weather and the ability to take a vacation without impacting class delivery. We also do a lot of catch up work and it allows our facilities folks to work in areas that are typically populated with students.

This also is a time when we work on the upcoming budget for the 2015-2017 biennium. As most of you are aware, the last budget cycle was the first in many that the Agency was not subject to budget cuts. We received four positions back in 2013-2015 and hope that we continue trending in this direction. The fiscal picture continues to look better in Oregon as the economy improves. The latest revenue forecast showed an additional 54 million dollars for the 2013-2015 budget that was not anticipated by forecasters for the General Fund.

To improve upon our curricula and delivery of mental health classes, we will be asking the legislature for additional resources for full-time mental health coordinators for the basic classes as well as regional delivery. It is evident in speaking with our Public Safety partners that calls involving those who are experiencing a mental health crisis continue to be on the rise. In many of these circumstances, the responding officers have no other choice than to use force. If funding is received for these mental health coordinators, it is my hope that additional de-escalation techniques can be developed and delivered to students, both basic and regionally.

In addition to the mental health coordinators, we will be asking for a research analyst for the Center for Policing Excellence as well as iPads for use by all basic students who attend the Oregon Public Safety Academy. As a part of the implementation of the iPads for the basic students, we may be looking at additional support in our Information Services Section to support the devices.

I look forward to another productive and successful summer and the opportunity to work with all of you. Again, we would not be able to accomplish the Agency's mission without your dedicated commitment to the delivery of training to all of our students both at the Oregon Public Safety Academy and Regionally.

## Legal Corner

By Lorraine Anglemier

For this edition of the newsletter, I have chosen to focus on a subject about which I am frequently asked, namely, handcuffing. And more particularly, I am often asked, "When an officer handcuffs a person, are they necessarily under arrest?" Well, as it turns out, no, not necessarily. It is true that in most situations, a suspect is arrested once he or she is handcuffed. There are many Oregon cases which have announced and/or upheld this rule. However, there are also many cases in which the courts have announced the usual rule does *not* apply, *if* the handcuffing is necessary to ensure officer safety, and/or to prevent the flight of an otherwise lawfully detained (stopped) suspect. An example of such language is found in State v. Hebrard, 244 Or App 593, 598 (2011). In Hebrard, the Oregon Court of Appeals declared an officer "may handcuff a person without converting the stop into an arrest, but the stop is converted into an arrest if the officer continues to use force to restrain the person after the officer's safety concerns have dissipated." This language from Hebrard also provides another helpful reminder - that handcuff use represents a use of force, and should be treated as such, and appropriately documented. In particular, the need for handcuffing as a means of mitigating the officer's safety-related concerns, as opposed to some lesser intrusion, such as a pat-down, must be carefully articulated. Similarly, if handcuffing was employed to mitigate a legitimate concern that the suspect presented a flight risk, these concerns must be carefully documented.

Questions? As always, feel free to contact me at [lorraine.anglemier@state.or.us](mailto:lorraine.anglemier@state.or.us)

## Academy Training Section

By Captain Teresa Plummer

With June and the summer quarter upon us, our kids are finishing up the school year and the daily temperatures are getting warmer. Just like the change in seasons, the Academy Training section will also see changes by the end of May. Lt. Lee Farmer, who has been a basic police class coordinator since January 22, 2008, has decided to retire from law enforcement. He has accepted a position as an Operations Manager for Auto Additions, a division of Soncell North America. Lt. Farmer came to us six and a half years ago after 25 years of service and retirement as a State Trooper in Alaska. He has been the primary class coordinator for over 19 basic police classes, one telecommunications class, three basic corrections classes and an OLCC class. He had a direct impact on well over 960 students as their primary coordinator and always modeled the behavior he expected from them.

Lt. Farmer also served as a co-coordinator for many classes and taught a variety of subjects to include: Criminal Investigations, Ethics and Professionalism, History of Law Enforcement, Gang Awareness, Unattended Death Investigations, and of course, his topic of expertise,

Outlaw Motorcycle Clubs. He accumulated thousands of hours of time sharing his knowledge with our basic students to help prepare them for their future in public safety. We wish Lt. Farmer luck in his future endeavors in the private sector and will never forget his dedication, commitment and the care he showed to every one of his students and to the agency.

The following activities took place in the spring quarter:

- March 10, 2014 - Basic Telecommunications #89 began
- March 10, 2014 - Second session of Supervision #2 was held
- March 24, 2014 - EMD 49 began with Lt. Atkinson as the primary class coordinator
- March 31, 2014 - Basic Parole and Probation #67 began with Training Officer Staci Yutzie as the primary class coordinator
- April 21, 2014 - BP344 began with Lt. Don Sedlacek as the primary class coordinator
- April 25, 2014 - BPP67 graduated
- April 28, 2014 - Basic P&P Firearms 21 began with Training Officer Staci Yutzie as the primary class coordinator
- May 12, 2014 - BCL015 began with Sgt. James Webb as the primary class coordinator
- May 16, 2014 - BP342 graduated
- May 27, 2014 - EMD51 began in Lakeview OR

The following activities will take place in the summer quarter:

- June 13, 2014 - BP343 graduates
- June 16, 2014 - BT90 begins with Lt. Tami Atkinson as the primary coordinator
- June 20, 2014 - BCL015 graduates
- June 23, 2014 - Second session of Supervision #3 begins
- July 7, 2014 - POLCOR004 begins with Sgt. James Webb as the primary coordinator
- July 7, 2014 - EMD52 begins with Lt. Tami Atkinson as the primary coordinator
- July 14, 2014 - First session of Supervision #4 begins
- July 21, 2014 - BP345 begins with Sgt. Lisa Trimble as the primary coordinator
- August 15, 2014 - BP344 graduates
- August 18, 2014 - Second session of Supervision #4 begins

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 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](mailto:teresa.plummer@state.or.us) if you have any suggestions.

**Spring Quarter Trivia Question:**

What is the circumference distance of the EVOC track and what is it composed of?

The track is 1.6 miles in circumference and is made up of two different surface types: Concrete and asphalt. The track includes curves, straightaways, intersections, simulated city streets and country roads.

**Summer Quarter Trivia Question:**

What is the maximum number of students/instructors the dormitory can hold at any given time?

## **Tactical & Regional Training Section**

By Captain Gary Ninman

Over that past three months, the Tactical Training section has been busy with various projects involving implementation of technology, putting finishing touches on the school prop and developing a “just in time” training session. Lt. Herring, Vince Wan and Gary Ninman recently procured several school type furnishings from state surplus to outfit our school prop. These items include teacher desks, chairs, dry erase boards, shelving, school message board and various other items. With these additions, the school will be fully functional and now used to a much greater extent.

For those that have participated in Patrol Week recently, you may have noticed the use of iPads for tracking student activity as well as replacing paper scenario books. The pilot program, which is still actively being refined, has progressed better than expected. Lt. Steve Westerberg along with Marsha Morin in our IS department, will continue to work on and refine this capability. There will be much more to come in the near future.

Another small, yet noteworthy change that is currently in a pilot program status is our “just in time” training. This training block is designed to give our part-time staff updates on various topics such as safety, case law, evaluation techniques or general information. This session will take place every morning during the instructor briefing and last no longer than a few minutes. If there are certain topics that you would like to see addressed, please contact the coordinator in charge and advise them of your needs. We hope you will find this training very worthwhile.

The last change that you may see is our full time staff’s uniform. A modification to the uniform policy was recently made to address the Tactical Training staff’s uniform. The Tactical staff will now be wearing blue “staff” polo’s, tan(ish) tactical 5:11 pants and black boots. This change was implemented for several reasons, to include a neater, more professional look over the student style BDUs, as well as the ability to quickly identify full time staff over others.

Lastly, with summer now upon us, please remember to prepare for the sun and hot weather. This may include bringing sunscreen, wearing a hat and of course staying

well hydrated. Vince will continue to provide watering stations throughout Scenario Village on all days forecasted to be above 80 degrees.

Thank you all for all you do.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Regional Training section is now fully staffed with the addition of Sgt. Corbin Lantz and Lt. Jeff Waite. The entire regional team has been very busy providing training throughout the state to include two firearms instructor updates, firearms instructor development course, active shooter training, EVOC refresher, MILO instructor development courses, Skidcar Instructor updates and various SFST instructor updates provided by Lt. David Beatty among other deliveries.

Within the next few weeks, the first regional Skidcar will hit the road to assist in training officers in the much need and sometimes perishable skill of driving on a compromised surface. Shortly after, the second Skidcar will follow. One Skidcar will be based in southern Oregon and the other car located in Central Oregon. Each of the four Regional Coordinators attended the Skidcar Instructor Development course to better prepare themselves for the delivery of this training.

A few small administrative changes have also been made in the Regional Training section. Kristy Witherell has taken over all regional lodging requests as well as F-6 related duties. Jennifer Otterlee will remain as the primary administrative contact and course enrollment specialist.

## **Survival Skills Section**

By Captain Roger Eaton

This quarter has seen some pilot projects adopted in the Survival Skills Section. In the Confrontational Simulation program, we have been piloting the training of Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC). The piloting has focused on medical treatment as it would relate to the first phase of TCCC which is Care Under Fire. APT Bill Ellison has skillfully assisted with the implementation of this class. Blood sweeps and tourniquet application are discussed and demonstrated. Students have been given the opportunities to apply tourniquets to themselves if they are shot during a ConSim scenario and to each other during a group drill at the end. We will be adding the movement or carrying of another student to a position behind cover as part of the exercise. The second phase will include tactical field care with the use of combat gauze and emergency trauma dressings. These changes have been reviewed and approved by our physician advisor Dr. John Jui at OHSU. The proposed changes have been approved by our Police Policy Committee and will soon be presented to the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training so they can officially become part of our training.

The second pilot project that has been adopted is our Use of Force Law class offered regionally at DPSST which was developed by Corporal Scott Willadsen. Cpl. Willadsen did much research and embraced our “problem based learning” to present the two day class with 16 different Use of Force scenarios for class members to work through. The class was such an overwhelming success that we will be offering a second class this year.

In our Firearms program, we have been approved to offer three National Rifle Association (NRA) classes this year. They will be the Handgun/Shotgun Instructor’s course offered June 9-13, 2014, the Handgun Instructor’s course offered September 8-12, 2014, and the Patrol Rifle Instructor’s course offered December 1-5, 2014. All will be at DPSST indoor ranges.

In Defensive Tactics, at the end of March and beginning of April, we offered our third DT IDC since last December. We have another DT IDC scheduled for November 17-21, 2014. We have a ConSim IDC scheduled for July 7-11, 2014 which will be at DPSST.

Regionally, we are offering a DT Instructor Update in Tillamook on June 25-27, 2014. In Bend, we are offering the first ever, DT/Firearms Integrated Training June 24 & 25, 2014. Additionally, Cpl. Willadsen provided a Use of Force class in La Grande in late March. All of our DT IDCs, DT Training Modules, as well as the NRA classes are all regional offerings at DPSST.

## **Fire Training Section Update**

By Captain Mark Ayers

- Upcoming retirement of Steve Roehl and Era Horton - Both will be retiring from the Fire Training Section in July. Steve is a Regional Fire Training Coordinator based at the Eugene-Springfield Public Safety Training Center and Era is one of our instructors assigned to the Skid Truck Program. We will open recruitments for both positions in the near future and involve constituents in the selection process. Both have done a great job representing DPSST and providing quality training to career and volunteer fire-rescue personnel around the state.
- *Beyond Helmet & Hoses* - DPSST was pleased to host the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Volunteer and Combination Officer Section (VCOS) class *Beyond Hoses and Helmets* on May 12 & 13, 2014 at the Oregon Public Safety Academy. The training was free of charge and lunch was provided.
- *NFA: Politics and The White Helmet* - DPSST is pleased to host the National Fire Academy class *Politics and the White Helmet*. The class will be held at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem on June 3 & 4, 2014. The training is free of charge and meals will be provided. Questions: Thelma Denney/Fire Service Support Specialist/DPSST(503)378-2408 or [thelma.denney@state.or.us](mailto:thelma.denney@state.or.us)

- *NFA: Youth Firesetting Prevention and Intervention: Level II* - DPSST is pleased to host this National Fire Academy class at the Oregon Public Safety Academy on June 5 & 6. The training is free of charge and meals will be provided. Questions: Thelma Denney / Fire Service Support Specialist / DPSST (503) 378-2408 or [thelma.denney@state.or.us](mailto:thelma.denney@state.or.us)
- DPSST has submitted an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for two mobile ventilation props. If approved, these trailers will be deployed through our regional delivery network and available to career, combination and volunteer fire-rescue agencies around the state. Grants were scored in the middle of February and we expect to hear something in the near future.
- DPSST has scheduled the skid truck hands-on training classes for a number of regional locations to include Redmond, Pendleton, Mid-Columbia and Salem.
- DPSST is doing some maintenance and upgrade work on the Tactical Training Tower at the Oregon Public Safety Academy. Completion of Burn Tower Project is expected to be completed by early summer. The tower will still be available for use but the burn props will not be in service until the contractors are done with their work.
- The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has released an updated version of their Electric Vehicle Training Program that addresses more alternate fuel vehicles such as delivery vans, fuel cell vehicles, etc. We are working with the NFPA to offer another train the trainer class in Oregon on this important subject area that affects all first responders to vehicle incidents (fire, EMS, law enforcement, transportation, tow trucks).
- *“Train Like You Fight” - Start Preparing for 2014 Safety and Health Week, June 15-21, 2014* - The National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC), the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), and many other national fire service organizations, have announced that the theme for the 2014 International Fire/EMS Safety and Health Week is *Train Like You Fight*. Fire departments are encouraged to suspend all non-emergency activity during the week of June 15-21, 2014, to focus on safety and health training and education. An entire week is provided to ensure each shift and duty crew can spend at least one day focusing on these critical issues.
- The NFPA reports that over the 10-year period from 2001 through 2010, 11.3 percent of all on-duty firefighter deaths were training-related. The report paints a mixed and complex picture, with overall training deaths reaching a plateau but the share of training deaths increasing sharply as total line-of-duty death numbers decline. Additionally, while traumatic deaths during training are decreasing, deaths due to medical cause’s – notably cardiac incidents – are on the rise.
- NFPA’s [“An Analysis of Volunteer Firefighter Injuries, 2010-2012”](#) - An analysis of volunteer firefighter injuries was undertaken by NFPA to compare their

experience to all firefighter injuries. "All firefighter injuries" refers to the firefighter injuries that are estimated based on the NFPA National Fire Experience Survey and reported in the [NFPA Annual Firefighter Injury Report](#). The injury statistics in that report combine career and volunteer firefighters. Volunteer fire departments are highly related to the size of community protected. Departments that protect communities of less than 10,000 population are comprised mostly of volunteer firefighters. Three years of data were used in this analysis because the estimates for some of the breakdown categories are small and can vary considerably from year to year.