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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wallace Johnson, Dean of Social Sciences, Human Development & Physical Ed.
FROM: Paul Dennis, Director of Police Academies & Criminal Justice
Date: May 24, 2019
SUBJECT: Basic Course Certification Review, 2018

Dean Johnson,

Between January 30, 2018 and February 1, 2018, the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) visited the Extended Police Academy Program here at Valley College. Two members from the Basic Course Certification Review Board (BCCR) conducted an in-depth review of our academy program. The BCCR is tasked with ensuring the quality, integrity, and safety of entry-level peace officer training in California.

As expressed by POST, “the Basic Academy is a complex course and because of the legal aspects of training codified in the California Penal Code, staying abreast of changes to the legislative approved content is imperative.” I am excited to report to you that upon the conclusion of a full and comprehensive examination of our program, the Certification Review Team (CRT) noted no compliance issues found during their review. The Certification Review Team recommended continued certification of the San Bernardino Valley College Basic Academy.

The CRT provided our program with eleven (11) recommendations, which are viewed as “best practices” designed to assist our program improve in the recommended areas. Seven of the eleven recommendations have been implemented within our program as of this memorandum. The remaining four recommendations are near implementation and it is anticipated that they will be incorporated into our program prior to the start of the November 2019 academy class. The following are the recommendations that were made:

- The evaluator recommended using the classroom for Arrest & Control Tactics (ACT) training as a last resort. **(Implemented)**
- Identify legislatively mandated training and required learning activities on the class schedule, to supplement the dates already being listed on the Colleges’ electronic “Canvas” system and the classroom dry erase board. **(In Process)**
- Create a wristband system at scenario testing, requiring all to be searched and issued a wristband to clearly identify all participants. **(Implemented)**
- Require eye protection be worn by all recruits and staff at scenario training and testing when using airsoft or replica firearms. **(Implemented)**

- Either provide or place all LD Training and Testing Specification on the Canvas System for student access. **(Implemented)**
- If a student is absent for legislatively required training or required learning activities, explore videotaping the instruction for play back to the student. This provides for consistency in training for the students. **(In Process)**
- Ensure any remedial training for any missed instruction be conducted prior to testing on the learning domain. **(Implemented)**
- Update the cut score information on the Canvas system to indicate the new EDI minimum passing score for each test. **(Implemented)**
- Update the TMAS description on the Canvas system to indicate the new, three-test requirement versus the previous 26 learning domain test requirement. **(In Process)**
- We recommend training not only the director or coordinator but also administrative staff that work traditional business hours on the EDI system and requirements. **(In Process)**
- Coordinator Green does not have EDI access. Recommended that he seek out access to properly coordinate the course and conduct EDI research or entries. **(Implemented)**

Attached you will find a full copy of the Basic Course Certification Review. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding its content.

Respectfully submitted,

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