### **Meeting Minutes**

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Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Time: 0800

Location: Air Station Humboldt Bay, McKinleyville

**Members Present:** 

Bill Dobberstein, Fortuna PD Murl Harpham, Eureka PD

Bret Smith, Ferndale PD Mike Downey, Humboldt Co. Sheriff
Tom Chapman, Arcata PD Ron Waters, College of the Redwoods

Tom Dewey, Humboldt State University PD

**Fortuna PD** - Awarded first place in the OTS Challenge Award competition. Have been focusing on traffic safety.

**Ferndale PD** – Conducting CORI training Sept. 23.

**Arcata PD** – Nothing to report

**Humboldt State University PD** – Chief Dewey retires Sept. 15. Lt. Lynne Soderberg will be interim COP for up to two years. Sgt. Kris Mechals promoted to Lieutenant.

Eureka PD – Recruiting police officers, prefer laterals with experience at this point

**Humboldt County SO** – Struggling to staff courts due to costs. Possibly adding 50 beds to correctional facility. May need a Corrections CORE course soon.

**College of the Redwoods** – Module II just started with 22 students. One is new and one student left after completing Module III. Have 15 scheduled to join class in Module I. Looking for driving and defensive tactics instructors.

The Basic Law Enforcement Academy Advisory Committee typically meets during the Humboldt County Law Enforcement Chief's (LECAH) Meeting held on the third Wednesday of each month. If there are major issues to be discussed or items that would take longer than brief comments, the meeting may be held at the end of the LECAH meeting or a separate meeting may be called. This is at the request of the members of the Advisory Committee.

### **Meeting Minutes**

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Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2011

Time: 0800

Location: Air Station Humboldt Bay, McKinleyville

#### **Members Present:**

Bill Dobberstein, Fortuna PD

Tom Chapman, Arcata PD

Mike Thomas, Humboldt Co. Sheriff

Tom Dewey, Humboldt State University PD

Bob Kane, Hoopa Tribal PD

Garr Nielsen, Eureka PD

Ron Waters, College of the Redwoods

Ken Cleveland, College of the Redwoods

Pat Girczyc, College of the Redwoods

Fortuna PD – No report

**College of the Redwoods** – Introduced Pat Girczyc, Dean, Health Occupations & Public Service. In the process of changing name to Health & Emergency Response Occupations (HEROs). Currently have 30 in the 108<sup>th</sup> Academy. Have received word officially that we will not have a Spring 2012 academy due to budget cuts, but we are scheduled to resume two academies per year after that. Some discussion followed. Ken Cleveland will be retiring as AOT coordinator in June. Debbie Topping and Ron will be assuming those roles. The driving simulator is up and running – POST covers the costs so training is free to agencies.

Eureka PD – Significantly understaffed, trying to recruit. Have three in National Guard in Afghanistan.

Humboldt County SO - Discussed budgets and staffing

**Hoopa Tribal PD** – Cross deputized with HCSO.

### **Meeting Minutes**

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Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Time: 0800

Location: Air Station Humboldt Bay, McKinleyville

**Members Present:** 

Bret Smith, Ferndale PD

Kris Kitna, Fortuna PD

Bill Dobberstein, Fortuna PD

Tom Chapman, Arcata PD

Tom Dewey, Humboldt State University PD

Bob Kane, Hoopa Tribal PD

Tony Zanotti, Eureka PD

Ron Waters, College of the Redwoods

Mike Downey, Humboldt County SO

Gary Leonard, POST

Humboldt State University PD - Recruiting for Chief of Police

Humboldt State University PD - Discussed tsunami response, possible training

Hoopa Tribal PD – No report

**POST** – Explained budget realignment of POST funds. Audits are in process. Agencies should audit their personnel through EDI to assure compliance with Perishable Skills Program compliance.

**College of the Redwoods** – New interim president. Seems interested in the AJ and Fire Tech programs. Asked chiefs about interest in Officer Involved Shooting classes and Internal Affairs training.

Eureka PD - Nothing to report

Ferndale PD – Discussed tsunami response and reduction in staffing.

### **Meeting Minutes**

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Date: Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Time: 0800

Location: Air Station Humboldt Bay, McKinleyville

#### **Members Present:**

Kris Kitna, Fortuna PD

Ron Waters, College of the Redwoods
Tom Chapman, Arcata PD

Mike Downey, Humboldt County SO
Tom Dewey, Humboldt State University PD

Gary Leonard, POST Bret Smith, Ferndale PD

**POST** – CPT calendar ended December 31, starting over January 1 for two years. Agencies should audit through EDI to ensure compliance. Gary will be scheduling training record audits soon.

**College of the Redwoods** – Will be facing a \$1.4 to \$4.9 million cut. Nearly all non-academic classes have been cut. The Police Academy (Module III) began with 30 and is now down to 29. Only a couple cadets are affiliated.

**Hoopa Tribal PD** – Has one officer in the Academy.

**Humboldt County SO** – Mike Thomas promoted to Undersheriff.

**Humboldt State University PD** – CSU facing \$500 million budget cut which equated to an 18% cut at HSU.

**Arcata PD** – No report

Fortuna PD – No report

Eureka PD – Gave an update on pending cuts to CDCR and VLF extension.

Ferndale PD – No report

### **Meeting Minutes**

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Date: Wednesday, November 17, 2010

Time: 0800

Location: Air Station Humboldt Bay, McKinleyville

#### **Members Present:**

Tom Dewey, Humboldt State University PD Tom Chapman, Arcata PD Ron Waters, College of the Redwoods Gary Leonard, POST

Kris Kitna, Fortuna PD Ken Cleveland, College of the Redwoods

Garr Nielsen, Eureka PD

**College of the Redwoods** – No dispatch or corrections academies until financial situation is sorted out. Currently the Police Academy will go forward in the spring as planned. Current class graduates December 9 (107<sup>th</sup> Academy). Ron Waters named as permanent Director. Working on filling the Academy Coordinator position.

**Fortuna PD** – New facility is progressing slowly. Eight of 10 dispatch candidates who tested last week were males.

Humboldt County SO- Jail consistently overcrowded

### **Meeting Minutes**

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Date: Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Time: 0800

Location: Air Station Humboldt Bay, McKinleyville

**Members Present:** 

Garr Nielsen, Eureka PD
Tom Dewey, Humboldt State University PD
Tom Chapman, Arcata PD
Ken Cleveland, College of the Redwoods

Mike Downey, Humboldt County SO Ron Waters, College of the Redwoods

Eureka PD - No report

Arcata PD – No report

Fortuna PD - Dispatcher opening

**Humboldt County SO** – Blue Lake motorcycle run went smoothly

**College of the Redwoods (Ken)** – Got a truck to pull the driving simulator from a grant. Waiting for POST certification on the machine to begin training instructors.

**College of the Redwoods (Ron)** – Getting out of the ammo business. Have 9mm and 40 cal ammo for sale.

**Humboldt State University PD** – No report

### **Meeting Minutes**

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Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2010

Time: 0800

Location: Air Station Humboldt Bay, McKinleyville

#### **Members Present:**

Garr Nielsen, Eureka PD

Ron Waters, College of the Redwoods

Tom Dewey, Humboldt State University PD

Bret Smith, Ferndale PD

Ryan Peterson, Arcata PD

Ron Waters, College of the Redwoods

Julia Peterson, College of the Redwoods

Mike Downey, Humboldt County SO

Ken Cleveland, College of the Redwoods

**Eureka PD** – Budget passed with reduction in funding that eliminated EPD's command staff and a net loss of 10 positions. All command staff are eligible for retirement. POP team still in business. Three officers on military assignment in Afghanistan. New patrol dog available to other department if needed. Raising funds for a narcotic dog.

**Ferndale PD** – Busy with Humboldt County Fair activity. Ferndale PD and CLEARS joining to host California Records Act training on September 24.

**Fortuna PD** – Has a dispatcher vacancy.

Arcata PD - Open recruitment for Police Officer

**College of the Redwoods (Ken)** – Twenty-one cadets remaining in week 8 of academy (week 3 of Module II). Ten more recruits to join in Module I.

**College of the Redwoods (Ron)** – Reminder that COR is offering regular AJ courses one day a week for three hours to allow active law enforcement to attend to get their degree. Trying this as most traditional Monday-Wednesday or Tuesday-Thursday classes don't work for full-time law enforcement. Introduced Julia Peterson who explained CR's shift to offering AOT courses as Community Ed instead of running them for credit. Discussed pros and cons and no negative comments made.

**Humboldt State University PD** – No report

**Humboldt County SO** – Sheriff to retire in December. Budget still uncertain. Mike Downey will be named interim sheriff.

### **Meeting Minutes**

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Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Time: 0800

Location: Air Station Humboldt Bay, McKinleyville

**Members Present:** 

Garr Nielsen, Eureka PD Gary Philp, Humboldt County SO

Tom Dewey, Humboldt State University PD Bret Smith, Ferndale PD

Tom Chapman, Arcata PD Ken Cleveland, College of the Redwoods

Ron Waters, College of the Redwoods

**Eureka PD** – Eureka exploring consolidated dispatch. Some talk of combining Eureka FD and Humboldt Fire. \$750,000 in budget cuts being absorbed through unfilled/frozen vacancies. No lay-offs anticipated.

**Humboldt County SO** – 12.5% budget cut. No lay-offs. Some grant funding will allow new hires. Will be contracting with City of Trinidad to provide police services.

Ferndale PD – No report

Fortuna PD – Plans for new police department at the former 8000 sq. ft. Fortuna Motors site.

**Humboldt State University PD** – Budget still unknown until September/October. Department still looking for a lateral officer.

**Arcata PD** – Balanced budget, no loss of positions.

**College of the Redwoods (Ron)** – Sixteen graduates out of a class of 31 graduated the most recent academy. Most failed out on scenarios. Next class beginning in July is approaching 30. Encouraged training managers to attend the LETMA meeting to identify training needs.

**College of the Redwoods (Ken)** – Fire academy tentatively scheduled for January 2011. Driving simulator demonstration scheduled for today at CR. Encouraged training managers to attend the LETMA meeting to identify training needs.

### **Meeting Minutes**

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Date: Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Time: 0800

Location: Air Station Humboldt Bay, McKinleyville

**Members Present:** 

Lynne Soderberg, HSUPD Kris Kitna, Fortuna PD

Bob Kane, Hoopa Valley Tribal PD Ken Cleveland, College of the Redwoods

Tom Chapman, Arcata PD Bart Silvers, Arcata PD

Fortuna PD – No report

**College of the Redwoods** – Looking for someone to fill Academy Coordinator position. Driving simulator will be arriving soon. Some hidden expenses in getting them set up and running.

**Humboldt State University PD** – Graduation went well. Thanks to CR and APD for their assistance. HSU down two sergeants and two officers. Looking to fill one officer position.

**Arcata PD** – Introduced Lt. Bart Silvers, newly promoted.

Hoopa Valley Tribal PD – No report

### **Meeting Minutes**

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Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2010

Time: 0800

Location: Air Station Humboldt Bay, McKinleyville

**Members Present:** 

Gary Philp, Humboldt County SO Cliff Peppers, POST

Tom Chapman, Arcata PD Lynne Soderberg, Humboldt State University PD

Kris Kitna, Fortuna PD Garr Nielsen, Eureka PD

Bret Smith, Ferndale PD Thorin McCovey – Yurok Tribal PD Ron Waters, College of the Redwoods Bob Kane, Hoopa Valley Tribal PD

Ken Cleveland, College of the Redwoods Ken Thrailkill, Trinidad PD

Eureka PD – No report

Ferndale PD – No report

**Humboldt County SO** – No layoffs or hiring. Upgrades to CAD, RMS and jail in the works

**Fortuna PD** – Fortuna PD to receive award for hiring veterans. Nine of the 18 sworn officers are veterans.

Arcata PD – Discussed enforcement for 4/20 event.

**College of the Redwoods** – Budget looking good. First Fire Academy will begin this fall. Twenty cadets remaining in the Law Enforcement academy – will graduate in June. Driving simulators will begin in June. A Correctional academy is scheduled for the fall. Ron's position will be transforming from an instructional position (Academy Coordinator) to management (interim Director). A full-time Academy Coordinator position will be available soon depending on when Mike Wells is made permanent HR Director for the college.

**POST** – No longer the region representative, however he can be contacted until a replacement is made. Cliff is now in charge of the Driving Simulator Program.

Trinidad PD – Ken is resigning and taking a position with the Yuma County, AZ Sheriff's Department

**Yurok Tribal PD** – Filled a Sergeant's position with an individual from Del Norte. Have one vacancy.

**Hoopa Valley Tribal Police** – New council – no budget issues. One individual in background.

### **Meeting Minutes**

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Date: Wednesday, January 21, 2010

Time: 0800

Location: Air Station Humboldt Bay, McKinleyville

#### **Members Present:**

Garr Nielsen, Eureka PD

Tom Chapman, Arcata PD

Lynne Soderberg, Humboldt State University PD

Kris Kitna, Fortuna PD

Dave Parris, Yurok Tribal PD

Cliff Peppers, POST

Ron Waters, College of the Redwoods Karl Poppelreiter, Ferndale PD

Gary Philp, Humboldt County SO

**College of the Redwoods** – POST Instructor Certification – CR is still looking for clear support from agencies who can send officers to the 40-hour POST Instructor course. (POST reimbursable). CR is hoping to bring the class to Humboldt County in February or March, but may move the class to Del Norte if there isn't enough support locally.

Academy class is in their third week and stands at 32 (down from 34). Eight recruits are affiliated. A new corrections academy is underway, with tuned up instruction and discipline to improve the quality of the class.

**Eureka PD** – Need to review regional pursuit policy following TC in Eureka involving an HCSO vehicle in a pursuit. Potential training issue to be incorporated into academy and AOT training.

Humboldt County SO - Agency is still hiring.

Fortuna PD – In the middle of a POST review/audit.

Yurok Tribal PD - Had a demonstration table set up with in-dash video equipment for patrol cars.

**POST** – The Academy Instructor Certification Course is still reimbursable. Cliff will be performing compliance inspections in June and November from now on. Discussed effects of furlough days on POST operations. Cliff would like to meet with all background investigators in the area soon to get everyone on the same page.

### **Meeting Minutes**

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Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Time: 0800

Location: Air Station Humboldt Bay, McKinleyville

#### **Members Present:**

Tom Dewey, Humboldt State University PD

Cliff Peppers, POST

Karl Poppelretier, Ferndale PD

Garr Nielsen, Eureka PD

Troy Garey, Humboldt County SO

Gary Philp, Humboldt County SO

Mike Wells, College of the Redwoods
Randy Mendosa, Arcata PD

Kris Kitna, Fortuna PD

Dave Parris, Yurok Tribal PD

Bob Kane, Hoopa Valley Tribal PD Mary Kirby, Eureka PD

**College of the Redwoods** – Agencies are starting to be billed for no-shows on Perishable Skills classes rather than have the classes cancelled. CR is being very flexible if emergency callout or other unforeseen circumstances cause an agency to miss. Just give notice as soon as you possibly know.

Requested agencies keep in mind their participation in the POST Instructor Certification class.

Fortuna PD – Filling vacancies

Yurok Tribal PD - No report

Hoopa Valley Tribal PD – CalFire helped with recent arsons. Hired one more officer.

**Eureka PD** – Dream of a fully staffed department goining up in smoke. Backgrounds in progress for some officer positions. Discussed quarter cent sales tax and its impact in budget eventually. Four EPD officers assigned to HCSO SWAT team. Feels it will be a tremendous partnership.

**POST** – Document on flying commercially while armed is on the POST website.

**Arcata PD** – Goal is to fill 10 positions. Sales tax vote approved to assist public safety. Marijuana reform pending vote in Arcata. If it passes, could mean no more large grow houses in Arcata. Grows are dangerous...popping transformers and overloading circuits. Goal is to bring in building officials and PG&E.

Ferndale PD – Chief's one-year anniversary next week.

**Humboldt State University PD** – Thanks to Arcata PD for assistance with recent sexual assault case.

**Humboldt County SO** – Everything going good. Swore in third group of Explorers. Close to being fully staffed.

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