

January 31, 2006 Training Committee Meeting @ C-Tec, Newark, Ohio

Present:

Beverly Allen & Stephanie

Michael Banks

Rose Chambers

Mary Fraley

William Hinkle

Elissa Sessley

Barbara Nicol, Department of Education

Brad Carleton, Department of Education

Erna Holland, C-Tec

Rocky Hill, C-Tec

Bill Hinkle discussed the history of SB 5 and our current efforts with the guests.

Barb Nicol advised that providing education for public safety telecommunicators fits the mission of the Ohio Board of Education Adult Education Department. She encouraged that in the future there should be closer communication between Public Safety Communications and the Board of Education to ensure everybody's needs and concerns are being met.

Brad Carleton advised that the monies that funded public safety telecommunicator training were a line item in their budget and a minor piece of the budget at that. It most likely was re-appropriated at some point due to all funding that is not K-12 related is considered discretionary and K-12 is given the priority.

Erna Holland: Licking County still holds 2 classes per year. Last class was in fall of 2005 8 students attended from Mt. Vernon.

The Board of Education considered certification as an APCO PST Instructor as a person qualified to instruct the course. As far as "instructor" portion of 4742.04 the Ohio Department of Education would set instructor standards for vocational schools and that agencies holding their own program will set their standard.

4742.04 will be changed again to state "nationally" recognized telecommunications instructor

Schools that produced a PST program that met the recommended curriculum were reimbursed by the state at \$60/hr... Incidentally the normal cost for such is \$12/hr.

Bill Hinkle will approach Rep. Flowers over this issue and ask if the current legislation is still valid? The training money has been washed up; nobody is providing the training per the code. So does it still exist? The issue of training or the lack thereof required/provided by the state should be approached as a liability and/or media issue.

Erna Holland suggested that we fund for certification of all communications officers currently employed in the state, requiring all public safety telecommunicators are certified and putting a sunset clause of 2 years giving them a time limit to conduct the training. Following the sunset clause it will be up to the consumer to seek out the education necessary to become a public safety telecommunicator. This would be very similar to the process for police officers, fire fighters and EMTs in Ohio.

For the proposed legislation the Board of Education will develop budget figures and a financial impact study for the costs of providing training pursuant to the legislation.