

ARIZONA DETENTION ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Meeting Date: Friday, July 25th, 2008

Meeting Location: Prescott Resort, Prescott

Meeting Time: 0900 hrs.

Attendance:

Don Davis- La Paz County- *Chairman*

Tim Graver- Graham County- *Vice Chairman*

Matthew Searles- Navajo County- *Secretary Treasurer*

Terry Altman- Pinal County

Donna Womble- Coconino County

Jan Madeya- Arizona Counties Insurance Pool

Mary Hynek- Arizona Counties Insurance Pool

Frank Hecht- Tohono O'odam Nation

Jason Miner- Yavapai County

Kurt Braatz- Coconino County

Ruben Garcia- Apache County

Matrese Avila- Apache County

Joni Kennedy- Graham County

Toni Morales- Graham County

Ruben Fuentes- Santa Cruz County

John Marquez- Santa Cruz County

Roberto Morales- Santa Cruz County

Swede Carlson- Gila County

Vi Johnson- Gila County

Justin Solberg- Gila County

Jim Eskew- Gila County

Rob Cahoon- DPS GIITEM

Fred Zumbo- DPS GIITEM

Chairman Don Davis called the meeting to order at 0900 hrs.

INTRODUCTIONS

TREASURER'S REPORT

Matthew Searles

After all invoices were submitted since the last ADA meeting and were paid, the remaining balance in the ADA account is \$12,566.05

Don Davis asked if there had been any correspondence in regards to any ADA business. Matt Searles advised he had received none. Tim Graver advised he had received some phone calls about the conference but that would be covered later in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Lesson Plan Committee- Jason Miner said there was nothing new to report. Don Davis asked if Terry Altman had a chance to talk with POST about the lesson plans and recognition for ADA instructors. Terry Altman said he had not. 4:14

Upcoming Classes- Tim Graver said he is hosting a **SERT class** with the same group from Indiana as last year, DPS's crisis team will be teaching, and the US Marshalls will be helping. Tim needed to see how much commitment he would have since airfare had to be paid out of ADA's coffers (budget). A **Transport School** is scheduled in October in Graham County. **Controlled Force** is scheduled in November in Gila County

There are two ADA academies currently running; Navajo County and Yavapai County. Graham County has an academy scheduled for the end of September, first part of October. Coconino County has an ADA academy starting September 1st. 6:40

Quarterly Newsletter-

Don Davis thanked Commander Graver and his staff for putting out the quarterly newsletter. The newsletters were sent out via e-mail. Don advised the newsletter is also posted on ADA's website www.Azjails.org. Tim Graver will try to get the newsletter out every other month. Don encouraged everyone to share the newsletters with their staff and to remind everyone that ADA will be giving out a \$1000.00 scholarship for training that will be presented at the 2009 conference. 7:45

Arizona Jail Standards- Don Davis and Terry Altman attended the Sheriff's Pow Wow in Flagstaff last week and were able to present the Sheriffs with a copy of the final draft of the Arizona Jail Standards. Copies were given to all the Sheriffs but five who were not present. Terry Altman has mailed a copy to the five who weren't there.

The Arizona Counties Insurance Pool put together the format used. Don passed around a copy of the draft for everyone to review. The final product will include caselaw annotations which aren't currently in the draft given to the Sheriffs. Don wanted feedback, recommendations, etc., from the jails' Command Staffs and the Sheriffs before the Sheriff's September meeting in Laughlin so ADA can get final approval from the Sheriffs. Don advised if you would like a copy sent to you electronically, contact Valerie at the Arizona Counties Insurance Pool.

Terry Altman advised that the changes the committee met about during their last conference call were not in the draft. Terry said he would like the committee to meet next Friday at 1:30 to review it and get the corrections into Bill Hardy so he can get it printed before the Sheriff's meeting in Laughlin. 14:07

Griffin Works system- Terry Altman reminded everyone the Insurance Pool is moving forward with the Griffin Works system. An e-mail was already sent out asking for contact information for who would be responsible for the system in each facility. Terry said he anticipates that will start soon after the new standards are in place.

Don reminded everyone the insurance pool has stepped forward and agreed to help everyone with the costs and research and hired an attorney, Michele lafrate, as a resource which the counties can bounce questions off of. 16:16

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State Medical Audits- Mary Hynek announced that all of the state mandated audits she conducted were now completed. The state Health Department officials advised Mary they were happy with the results of the audits and wanted to thank everyone for all their efforts. Mary advised the Health Department officials also requested a copy of the new jail standards as soon as they were finalized. 17:10

Creative Corrections Corporation- Don advised if you haven't had a visit from Creative Corrections Corp. you will probably have one soon to conduct their ICE inspections. Don advised they recently spent three days at his jail with five inspectors conducting a pretty in-depth inspection. Don recommended if you have an inspection by this group, the inspection should be limited in scope to ICE inmates.

The questions was asked -has taser been an issue in these inspections? Jason Miner said it was addressed in his inspection's final report because ICE has no policy for taser and Tim Graver said it was addressed in his final report but he disputed it and they accepted his response. Terry Altman wanted to know if anyone was backing away from the issue of taser use in their jails. The general consensus seemed to be everybody was standing firm on keeping tasers in their jails. 20:10

NEW BUSINESS

Don Davis reminded everyone how important it was to get everyone's recommendations on changes to the jail standards before the Sheriffs meeting in September. 21:13

2009 ADA Conference- Don Davis advised that it is tentatively scheduled in February. Several locations have been considered for the conference. The conference committee would be looking at this location as a possible location. Don asked Terry Altman and Tim Graver to give a brief talk about what they learned from their scouting of this location.

Tim advised this location and its flexibility would easily allow for 100 vendor's tables and still allow for five classrooms with room for certification classes like defensive tactics or taser instructor. Tim advised that we increased the attendee fee from \$99.00 to \$125.00 but also suggested that we charge \$400.00 for vendors' tables instead of \$300.00.

Don wanted to have the conference committee stay after the general meeting and talk with the resort personnel about using this facility. The resort had already asked Don to sign a contract but Don wanted the conference committee to review everything first and make sure this facility has what the committee wants.

Don also advised we need to decide what classes we want and which instructors. Don would also like to see more nurses attend this year. Taser indicated they also wanted to host an instructor's class at the conference.

Don asked do we want to head the conference towards line personnel or mid-level supervisors or management personnel. Last year was geared towards mid-level supervisors. Don asked if the majority felt we should slant the classes towards line personnel. Several opinions were given. The consensus was that it should be geared towards line level staff with a few supervisor classes.

Jan Madeya asked how the loss of jail enhancement money would affect the amount of line officers that would be able to attend the conference. Don advised that even though jail enhancement funds had been taken, each jail should have their own training fund so he doesn't feel it should affect attendance too much. 38:09

Telephone Proceeds- Terry Altman wanted to know if everyone had seen the e-mail sent out regarding a push in the legislature to force the lowering of rates the inmates are paying. Terry said the group pushing the legislation hasn't been successful at the legislative level and now are trying to force the price reduction through the FTC (FCC?). If successful, the telephone rates would drop to .20-.25 cents per minute. , jails would have to offer a phone card service, and offer multiple carriers, etc. Terry said that would affect the income his department generates significantly, by almost as much as 80 per cent. Terry said this could be approved as soon as October of this year. Terry said he was trying to get a letter together that all the jails could use as a guide to write to the Chairman of the FTC (FCC?). He will get the information out to everyone as soon as he gets it. 39:48

ADA Website- Don advised the website should be back up to date (Azjails.org). The webmasters wife was sick and she's better now. Don advised there is a chat room on the website. 41:00

Round table- Don went around the table and had each person talk about what was happening in their departments.

NEXT MEETING

Next ADA general meeting will be held in Pinal County in October. Terry will get back to us with a meeting date.

Meeting adjourned at 1145 hrs.

Minutes respectfully prepared and submitted by, M.L. Searles, Secretary, Arizona Detention Association
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