



SOAR Meeting Minutes

State of Ohio Accreditation Resource

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August 19, 2011 10:00 am

Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio

President Craig Stone called the meeting to order. 31 attendees that signed the attendance roster, representing 24 law enforcement departments/agencies.

1. Approval of Minutes.

- June 2011 meeting minutes were approved; Colleen Ritchie (Shaker Heights PD) made a motion and Brian Uhl (Springfield Township) seconded the motion.

2. Recognition of New Members/Visitors.

- Dominic Minnella, Union Twp. PD
- Justin Paez, Dublin PD

3. Reports from Officers:

1. President Craig Stone – PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Thanks to Sergeant Brian Uhl, Springfield Township Police Department the new SOAR Webmaster.
- Attended the July CALEA conference in Cincinnati.
- Thanks to the SOAR Hospitality Committee and all SOAR Volunteers who made this event a success.
- Forwarded a compliment letter to Chief James E. Craig, Cincinnati PD in reference to Lieutenant Bridget Bardua, Inspections Section, Sergeant Craig A. Gregoire, Accreditation Manager, and Police Specialist Amy D. Stevens, Accreditation Unit Coordinator for their hard work and efforts in the pre-planning and coordination of the CALEA conference.

In addition, complimented Police Specialist Robert Blankenship, Tactical Planning Unit for instructing the class on Homeland Security Risk Assessment two times on Thursday, July 28, 2011, during the CALEA conference. Police Specialist Blankenship was not the scheduled instructor and filled in at the last moment and did an excellent job! In addition, he provided a tour of the agency’s Fusion Center the following day, which was very informative.

- Attended the PAC President’s Meeting:
 1. CALEA has partnered with Innovative Data Solutions for electronic publications and PowerDMS Standards accreditation management software
 2. CALEA has partnered with The Response Network (TRN) for online in-service training for compliance
 3. Regional Program Managers - reduce conflicting advice
 4. Karen Shepard - Staff person for SRIC and Assessments
 5. CALEA is accepting applications for Assessors=good people skills and seasoned
 6. Chair Dekmar - CALEA is the Gold Standard in public safety accreditation. New logo signifies strong support of agencies and communities. CALEA is a brand. Hired a communications consultant, Mr. Elliot Bloom for marketing and public relations.

- Thanks to Deputy Chief Richard Morman, the Ohio State University Police Department for teaching the class entitled Special Event Security: A Case Study.
- Columbus Division of Police, Columbus Regional Airport Authority Police Department, and the Ohio State Highway Patrol were all re-accredited and received the “Award with Excellence” at the July 2011 CALEA Conference.
- In addition, the Licking County Sheriff’s Office, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and the Shaker Heights Police Department received the “Meritorious Award” for achieving and maintaining CALEA Accreditation for 15 or more continuous years.

Standards Intent and Compliance Solutions
Standards Requested by CALEA Clients

- 1.2.9(d), A documented annual administrative review of agency practices including citizen concerns
- 41.2.7, Mental Illness Training (does not have to be all personnel trained)
- 84.1.6, Property & Evidence Audits=Appendix I (bullet A & D)
- 4.5.1, Training Academy
- 5.1.1, Training Academy
- 5.2.1, Training Academy
- 6.1.1, Communications (written agreements).
- 6.8.7, Passwords for computers
- 7.1.2, Communications.
- 91.3.1, Campus Security, Medical Center=Medical Research Center or Hospital not a Clinic

2. Vice President Jeff McDaniel –

- McDaniel summarized the expense for SOAR for the Cinti Conference, totaling 6K.
- The green shirts worn by conference volunteers were great for recognition during the conference; he received good feedback from attendees and Commissioners.

3. Treasurer Sherri Allen -

- As of August, SOAR has 55 paid agencies.
- Allen went over the expenditure report

4. Secretary Deborah Gearhiser –

- Public Notice was sent on behalf of Ohio Dept of Tax for upcoming on-site.
- Craig Gregoire, Cincinnati PD, extended a sincere thanks to all SOAR volunteers.

4. Reports from Committees

- Columbus PD is beginning preparations for June 2013 Conference.
- SOAR support and participation will be appreciated.
- Columbus PD is meeting with OSU PD to possibly co-host the conference.
- Stone discussed possible ideas for events during conference, including possible tour and dinner at OSU stadium.

5. New Business

1. Upcoming On-Sites

- Toledo PD will have an Accreditation (177 standards) on-site November 11.
- Dept of Taxation- Enforcement Division, September
- West Carrollton PD, November 19-22

2. Mock Requests

- Toledo PD, last week of September.
- West Carrollton, September
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3. New SOAR Webmaster

- Brian Uhl, Springfield Twp. PD, has volunteered to be the Webmaster, replacing Kathy Mahl.

6. Open Discussion

- President Stone discussed upcoming elections for SOAR President and Secretary. They will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Close of meeting

- Keith Roberts (Parkersburg PD) made a motion to close meeting, Ritchie (Shaker Hts) seconded the motion.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Commissioner Greenlaw presented Key Issues from the Cincinnati CALEA Conference. The Commissioner covered lots of material that can be found in the conference notes on the CALEA website.

Meeting locations for 2011

- **Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (London) – October 21**
- **Ohio State Highway Patrol Training Academy (Columbus) – December 9**

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