

NPC AJS Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

11/20/2025

10:00 am

Timber Mesa Fire Medical Department

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Minutes: Jonelle Sinclair

Attendance: Chad Kreuger, Dan Barnes, Nathan Christensen, Brad Provost, Steven Kene, Greg Westover, Ernie Cano, Dan Wilkey, Brad Elliott, Lane Ciminski, Ty Woods, Bobby Martin, Bruce Tucker, Justin Hart, Wiley Williams, Mike Butora, Catherine Salazar, Adam Reeves

1. Arizona POST Updates – Chad Kreuger

1.1 Transition from POPAT to Pat;

- Arizona POST is replacing the POPAT physical assessment with the new Physical Assessment Test (PAT).
- PAT will involve an obstacle course including stairs, running/jogging, hurdles, window entry, and a four-foot fence.
- The test will be administered three times, similar to POPAT.
- Academy Staff will need time to acquire and set up the required equipment.

1.2 New "Patrol Tactics: Course

- Arizona POST is consolidating several classes into a new Patrol Tactics course.

- The new course encompasses: Crimes in Progress, Building Clearing and High-Risk Stops.
- Only Patrol Tactics–certified specialty instructors may teach the material.
- Additional instructors are needed; several candidates are already progressing through the certification process.

2. Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) – Chad Kreuger

Had questions and concerns on:

- Not all signed IGAs have been returned.
- Board members are asked to send signed copies as soon as possible so they can be forwarded to the Board for review.

3. Upcoming Academy Class – Chad Kreuger

- The next academy class start date was originally January 12, but has been moved to January 6 due to college scheduling constraints.
- The session will begin on a Tuesday because the college is closed on January 5.
- Agencies that have registered recruits should receive information shortly (if not already).
- Agencies planning to send recruits are strongly encouraged to reserve seats now so the academy can plan appropriately.

4. Academy Length and Federal Compliance Issues – Chad Kreuger

Concerns were raised based on federal financial-aid and college-calendar regulations regarding the current 21-week academy model. Three options were reviewed:

Option 1 – Reduce to 20 Weeks (Cut ~40 Hours)

- Would require removal of non-mandatory classes such as, Taser, Below 100, TIMS, and Intox-related training.
- Not favored due to training value and agency impact.

Option 2 – Maintain 21 Weeks but Align Exactly with College Calendar

- Would require academy start/end dates to match the college schedule with no flexibility.
- Example issue: A 21-week block ending on December 25, when the college is closed.
- Considered impractical and unworkable.

Option 3 – Move to a Non-Credit Academy Model (Preferred)

- Academy remains 21 weeks with no loss of training hours.
 - Recruits initially receive no college credits, but upon graduation may submit a form, and receive 36 college credits toward the Administration of Justice degree.
- Similar to how other Arizona academies operate.
- Credit processing fee (~\$45) would likely be covered by the college.
- Board members expressed support; consensus favored maintaining current training hours and shifting to a non-credit model.

Decision: Proceed with maintaining the current academy length under a non-credit structure, pending final administrative steps.

5. Administration of Justice (AJS) Program – Chad Kreuger

- NPC is working to expand enrollment in the AJS degree program.
- Courses are affordable, transferable, and include diverse pathways (law enforcement, probation, paralegal, emergency medical refresher, etc.).
- Agencies that offer tuition assistance are encouraged to inform employees of the opportunity.
- Interested individuals can contact the presenter for guidance.

6. Vehicle Needs – Chad Kreuger

- The academy is in critical need of patrol vehicles for training.
- Both patrol-ready and non-patrol vehicles (for scenario training) are useful.
- Agencies with vehicles available for transfer are strongly encouraged to contact the academy.
- Eight new vehicles are currently on order, pending political/administrative delays.

7. Current Academy Class Update – Chad Kreuger

- Current class is in week 17 of 21.
- Recent accomplishments include completions of Module 2 scenarios and Modules 2 written exam (all passed).
- Recent training was the Active Assailant course.
- Upcoming training is High-Risk Stops (last time taught under the old structure).
- Final Exam will be held on December 10.
- Graduation will be held on December 12, at 3:00 pm at the NPC Performing Arts Center, Snowflake.
- An invitation will be sent; agencies are encouraged to attend.

Reminder: Agencies intending to enroll recruits in the next class should notify the academy immediately.

Adjournment: Chad thanked everyone for attending.