



Ohio Private Investigation & Security Services Commission (OPISSC) October 22, 2015, Minutes

Commission Meeting Date and Location: October 22, 2015, Ohio Department of Public Safety (DPS), 1970 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223

Commission Members Present: Mr. Rodney Armstrong, Mr. Dwight Holcomb, Mr. Christopher Johnson for Mr. Paul Pride, Mr. Anthony Macisco, Mr. Joseph Montgomery for Mr. John Born, Mr. Terry Myer, Mr. Ted Owens, Ms. Kimberly Spears-McNatt, Mr. Mark Wasylyshyn

Commission Members Absent: Mr. Jay Beighley, Mr. John Pezzino, Mr. Ralph Portier

Also Attending: Andy Bowsher, Aleta Dodson, Geoff Dutton, Christy Clark, Julie Faulconer

Visitors Attending: Bret Morgan, Amelia Benitez

Mr. Rodney Armstrong, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Armstrong	Here	Mr. Owens	Here
Mr. Beighley		Mr. Pezzino	
Mr. Holcomb	Here	Mr. Portier	
Mr. Johnson for Mr. Pride	Here	Mr. Simms	Here
Mr. Macisco	Here	Ms. Spears-McNatt	Here
Mr. Montgomery for Mr. Born	Here	Mr. Wasylyshyn	
Mr. Myer	Here		

A quorum was present to conduct business.

ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes of August 27, 2015. Owens first. Myer second. Holcomb abstained. Motion passed.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Dutton reported:

- Investigator Tiffany Gehrlich-Orr participated in an educational Safer Ohio video along with an event organizer who had hired an unlicensed security company to help educate businesses. The Safer Ohio books are distributed to BMV Deputy Registrars and Highway Patrol posts. Chair Armstrong asked that this link be forwarded to all licensed companies and Mr. Holcomb would like copies to hand out.
- Investigators are sending letters to event coordinators reminding them of Chapter 4749 of the Ohio Revised Code and the importance of hiring a licensed company to provide security.
- Investigator Tiffany Gehrlich-Orr found four unregistered guards working at a business grand opening in West Chester.
- New registration ID cards were deployed in September. Ms. Dodson will follow up on a guard card Chair Armstrong said was smudged.
- The Active Shooter tabletop exercise at the Tanger Outlet Mall is scheduled for January 14, 2016. After that, the toolkit should be well polished. Franklin Park Mall will use the template created and conduct the next table top exercise. Rodney asked if it could be used for vertical markets and Mr. Dutton said the template could be tweaked for other venues like schools or office buildings.

- Geoff Dutton and Christy Clark provided a licensing and enforcement presentation at a recent OASIS meeting. Mr. Armstrong said the OASIS members consider the partnership with Public Safety as good. Terry Myer said OASIS is hosting the OASIS Association One event for six regional area states and would like to set up a booth for PISGS.
- The first floor conference rooms are being built and should be available for the 2016 Commission meetings.

Mr. Wasylyshyn arrived at 1:21.

OLD BUSINESS

S.B. 183: Mr. Dutton, Chair Armstrong and DPS Legislative Liaison Andy Bowsher attended several legislative hearings. The Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and Ohio Association of Chief of Police (OACP) voiced two main concerns.

- 1) They are against the language changing security guards to security officers.
- 2) They do not want off-duty law enforcement officers working outside their jurisdiction to be required to register.

Mr. Bowsher said both items were stricken from S.B. 183. S.B. 183 remains intact except for these two items. Chapter 109 dealing with firearms training that was inadvertently left out of the bill has been added back in. The next committee meeting will be in two weeks and the hope is the legislation will be voted out of committee.

Training Committee: Mr. Dutton provided DPS Web Designers with the training material. They had lots of questions and Mr. Dutton is working with them to get clarify the information and format it into PowerPoint. Mr. Armstrong said this will be the template for the following modules, voiced his concern over the length of time it has taken, and hopes the Training Committee will resume meeting in January of 2016.

NEW BUSINESS

Under ideas and goals for the Commission in 2016, Chair Armstrong said OASIS, the Commission and the industry is very interested in being involved with the Active Shooter training exercises.

Mr. Owens would like the Commission to move forward concerning felony enhancement legislation for security guards. Chair Armstrong said that would need addressed in the Legislative Committee, but feels S.B. 183 needs passed before moving onto additional legislation.

Mr. Dutton is serving on the Secret Service Venue Committee for the 2016 Republican National Convention which will be in Cleveland July 17 – 21, 2016, at the Quicken Loans Arena. Mr. Dutton would like the Commission's and OASIS' assistance in preparation of the event such as educating venues, registering guards, and getting credentials. There is already unlicensed security advertisements on Craig's List. Mr. Dutton would like the Republican National Convention added to a future meeting agenda. The local Cleveland ordinance for licensing security providers may need reviewed and discussed by the Commission.

Mr. Montgomery arrived at 1:44.

Mr. Wasylyshyn serves on the National Sheriff's Association committee and he said testing is being done in several states utilizing a standardized credentialing system. Checkpoints would be used where people responding to disaster or working at a large convention would have badges that can be scanned to show what their credentials are and if they should have access.

Chair Armstrong asked if all of the Commission members had completed their 2015 Ohio Ethics Training. Ms. Faulconer confirmed they have.

Chair Armstrong mentioned there are five expiring Commission seats and this has delayed having a quorum in the past. Mr. Montgomery said the process is moving faster and the applications have already been submitted. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 28, 2016, pending S.B. 183 news and if the expiring seats have been filled.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn. Wasylyshyn first. Myer second.

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.