

TEXAS COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

12/15/08

Captain Gary Silver
SBMPSC Training Coordinator
Spring Branch ISD Police Department
9009 Ruland Rd.
Houston, TX. 77055

Dear Captain Silver:

Attached please find the final report of the training program evaluation I conducted at your office on 12/11/08. Since you promptly addressed the single item in need of attention, and your program was found to be compliant in all other categories; no further action is required on your part at this time.

The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education appreciates your contribution to the continued improvement of law enforcement training. Your cordial and most helpful cooperation during the evaluation process is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Richard Gutierrez

cc: Chief Charles A. Brawner
Lee Ann Lockard, Advisory Board Chairman

Training Provider: Spring Branch Memorial PSC
Provider Number: 513924
Coordinator: Captain Gary Silver
Evaluation date: December 11, 2008
Evaluator Richard Gutierrez

Pre-Onsite Files Review:

The Spring Branch Memorial Public Safety Cooperative main training facility is located at 9009 Ruland Rd. in Houston. The training coordinator, Captain Gary Silver, has been employed with the Spring Branch Independent School District for over twenty three (23) years. He holds a Master Peace Officer certificate and is a full time employee as required by Commission Rules. Captain Silver's appears to have excellent work ethic and a deep commitment to his training program.

On-Site Assessment:

All applicable sections of the Commission's Contract Provider Compliance Standards checklist were discussed with Captain Silver as they were being checked off during the evaluation process.

Their on-site classroom has state-of-the-art audio/visual equipment which includes "smart board" and wall-to-wall Wi-Fi technology. It has adequate space for 50-70 students; is well lit; air-conditioned and free of disruptive noise or distractions. The use of tobacco products is prohibited anywhere inside the building. The break room and restroom facilities are spacious and easily accessible. Two adjacent parking areas provide approximately 300 spaces for students. When required, larger classrooms can also be made available for use throughout the District.

Training calendars and registration forms are made available to students through the Department's website, group e-mails and bulletin board postings. The reference library is limited but meets Commission regulations. The Spring Branch Memorial Public Safety Cooperative has entered into a written agreement with the Katy Police Department which allows for the use of their firing range. Tully Stadium, which is owned and operated by Spring Branch ISD, has been designated as the Law Enforcement Driver Training range.

Resumes for each advisory board member were reviewed and appeared to be in order. A quick spot check of the Advisory Board meeting minutes on file did not reveal any major discrepancies either. The lesson plans inspected were complete, properly compiled and catalogued. All exam materials reviewed appeared to be in order also.

Exit Briefing:

During the exit briefing, newly enacted legislation, Commission Rule revisions and some key elements of the evaluation process were discussed at length. Captain Silver was very receptive to the Commission's input and wasted no time in making the minor adjustments that were suggested for the improvement of his program. The goals and objectives of his training program seem to be in line with TCLEOSE.

Summary:

The Spring Branch Memorial Public Safety Coop training program presently meets all Texas Commission on Law Enforcement requirements.