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Los Angeles Pierce College
Advisory Committee for Crime and Intelligence Analysis Certificate of Achievement
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5/18/2023
4pm

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Join Zoom Meeting
https://laccd.zoom.us/j/4121109918
Meeting ID: 412 110 9918

Committee members:
Kelsie Aiken – Retail Investigations
John Ashley – Director of Security Operations/Global Security and Safety, Allegiance Health
Masood Azaran – Homeland Security – Financial Investigator
Michael Bender – Federal Trade Commission – Investigator
Jesse Caballero – American Society for International Security
Henry Gill – Crime Analyst Los Angeles Sheriff's Department
Rudy Hernandez – Los Angeles County Probation
Julio Lima – Los Angeles Unified School District Police
Peter Shutan – California Gang Investigator's Association

Meeting called to order at 4pm.

Committee member introductions.

New Business – Introduction of the Crime and Intelligence Analysis Certificate of Achievement for Los Angeles Pierce College, course descriptions below (addendum 1).

Each course for the certificate was reviewed and discussed. The following recommendation was made by the advisory committee:

For AJ 305 -Criminal Intelligence and Data Analysis – to include the topic of open source intelligence and social media, which is an emerging technology today

Rudy Hernandez moved to approved the Crime and Intelligence Analysis Certificate. MC 9-0-0.

Old Business – no old business.

Adjourn – meeting adjourned 5:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Oborn

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ADDENDUM 1

Course Summaries

AJ 1   Introduction to the Administration of Justice (3) UC:CSU

Philosophy, history, and theories of the criminal justice system, including the roles and functions of the local, state, and federal jurisdictions. Theories, functions, and interrelationships among criminal justice agencies; law enforcement, courts, and corrections; crime causation, correctional theory, analysis and the social impact of crime. The conceptual approach utilized in this course recognizes that criminal justice is itself a distinct academic discipline rather than an interdisciplinary course of study.

AJ 5   Criminal Investigation (3) UC:CSU

An examination of the theories, concepts, and research of criminal investigation. This course looks at the fundamentals of criminal investigation from the crime site to the courtroom preparation experience, inclusive of legal constraints, ethics, and types of evidence. The course also includes an analysis of techniques of crime site recording and search, follow-up, case preparation, and organization.

AJ 174 Offender Profiling in Criminal Investigations (3) CSU

This course will introduce students to the typology of crime, patterns and motives of crimes, and crime scene patterns in order to analyze and identify the personality and behavioral characteristics of serial offenders. Students will examine and analyze the history of criminal profiling, inductive and deductive profiling; the development of profiling techniques used by the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit (BSU); crime scene/offender characteristics; profile characteristics of organized vs. disorganized murders; explore myths and controversial issues surrounding criminal profiling.

AJ 305 Criminal Intelligence and Data Analysis (3) CSU

Students will learn the application of criminal intelligence and data analysis through critical thinking, language and logic, inductive and deductive reasoning resulting in the construction of a hypothesis. Analytical methodologies such as analysis and criticism, problem-solving, mapping and charting, commodity flow analysis, matrices and link chart production are employed to distinguish matters of fact from issues of judgment or opinions in determining criminal intelligence and behavior.

AJ 319 Research Methods & Statistics in Criminal Justice (3) UC:CSU

Introduction to research methodologies used in the social sciences with a special emphasis on those methods most often used in the study of crime and criminal behavior, police/court systems, and correctional institutions, policies, and programs. Students will acquire the knowledge to conceptualize a research problem and develop a number of complementary design, measurement, and data collection approaches to bring evidence to bear on the problem. Topics include the roles of theory and ethics in research, hypothesis testing, and research design.

AJ 383 Applications in Crime Analysis (3) CSU

This course will introduce students to the functions of a crime analyst within the criminal justice system, including using quantitative methods and the five-step data analysis process to forecast future crime occurrences. The students, through the use of tactical, strategic and administrative analysis, will identify and differentiate between crime patterns, series and trends, as well as learn to communicate the findings to law enforcement personnel.