



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

ACCEPTANCE OF TRAINING FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS (BSCC) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD AND TRAINING FOR CORRECTIONS (STC), FOR CUSTODY OFFICER PERSONNEL TRAINING.

DEPARTMENT: POLICE DEPARTMENT, SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council:

1. Approve and authorize the Costa Mesa Police Department to reinstate membership with the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and to adhere with policies and practices governed by their division known as Standard and Training for Corrections (STC).
2. Adopt Resolution 2023-xx in support of an application to BSCC to receive funds for training under the STC program for our custody officers.

BACKGROUND:

BSCC is an independent statutory agency that provides leadership to the adult and juvenile criminal justice systems, expertise on Public Safety Realignment issues, a data and information clearinghouse, and technical assistance on a wide range of community corrections issues, and gains their authority under California Penal Code sec. 6024. In addition, the BSCC promulgates regulations for adult and juvenile detention facilities, conducts regular inspections of those facilities, develops standards for the selection and training of local corrections and probation officers, and administers significant public safety-related grant funding.

The BSCC is charged with developing and maintaining information on realignment programs and practices so that local entities can access information about promising practices and innovative approaches.

The BSCC also inspects for compliance of standards and directs funding for construction of local adult and juvenile detention facilities and ensures that the local jail projects meet recent Legislative mandates to provide program space to rehabilitate offenders.

The BSCC's work involves extensive collaboration with stakeholders, including local probation departments, sheriffs, county administrative offices, justice system partners, community-based organizations, and others. The BSCC sets standards and provides training for local adult and juvenile corrections and probation officers. It is also the administering agency for a host of federal and state public safety grants.

Policy for the agency is set by the 13-member Board of State and Community Corrections, whose member are prescribed by statute (California Penal Code Sec. 6025), appointed by the Governor and the Legislature, and subject to approval by the state Senate. The Board Chair reports directly to the Governor. Statutes relating to authority, programs and mandates are in the California Penal and Welfare and Institutions Codes, with operating regulations in Title 15 of the California Code of Regulations and physical plant regulations in Title 24.

The City of Costa Mesa Jail was a member of BSCC in 2013 and received funds from BSCC to help offset the cost to train our custody officers. In June 2013, when the City began contracting for jail services with an outside vendor, the City of Costa Mesa no longer qualified to be a member of BSCC and as a result, no longer qualified to receive training funds.

ANALYSIS:

As of September 6, 2022, the City of Costa Mesa Jail is being operated by custody officers, who are City personnel. As a member of BSCC, the Police Department will receive up to \$10,000 annually to use towards training the City's custody officers.

The Police Department currently meets the requirements to become a member of BSCC and intends to reestablish its membership on July 1, 2023.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could choose not to reestablish the Police Department's membership with BSCC; however, this option is not recommended because The City would not qualify for the \$10,000 funds towards annual training offered by BSCC.

FISCAL REVIEW:

There is no cost to be a member of BSCC.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney's Office has reviewed this report and resolution and approves them as to form.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND PRIORITIES:

This item supports the following City Council Goal:

- Strengthen the Public's Safety and Improve the Quality of Life.

CONCLUSION:

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