

CPOST Staff Attended Quarterly Alarm Response Training At CSP- Sacramento



Review of Alarm Response Training

The Commission on Correctional Peace Officers Standards and Training (CPOST) staff had the opportunity to attend CSP- Sacramento's Quarterly Alarm Response Training on December 3rd 2015. In the previous months, CPOST staff has observed various cadet level alarm response training at the Richard A. McGee Correctional Training Center and wanted to see how these scenarios would be handled by seasoned correctional officers.

The training day was divided into three exercises. First, designated staff simulated an inmate fight on the yard. Next, while escorted by a staff instructor, correctional officers were taken through a series of scenarios that tested the officers' tactics and techniques when responding to an incident inside of the facilities dayroom. These scenarios included an inmate in a holding cell who was in conflict, an inmate fight within a dayroom where officers utilized their inert M-K 9, and another inmate fight requiring the officers to use their baton. After the officers completed the scenarios, the staff instructors provided positive one on one assessments of how they responded to each individual scenario. Instructors then followed up the training with a Communications and De-Escalation course. CPOST staff then had the opportunity to partake in each scenario. By participating, this gave CPOST staff hands on perspective of how difficult it can be to quickly react and make decisions.

Once the training was completed, staff was able to partake in a California Correctional Peace Officers Association (CCPOA) provided BBQ. The training environment and comradery between staff was excellent and contributed to an overall positive training experience. CPOST staff would like to formally thank all participating custody staff as well as Warden Macomber and Lieutenant Prentice for allowing us the opportunity to observe and participate in CSP-Sacramento's Quarterly Alarm Response Training.

