

WORKPLACE SAFETY BOARD MINUTES
February 26, 2013

Members Present: Clyde Bunch, Brad Burnett, Tim Krell, Gray Noll, Paul Palazzolo, Robert Salmon, Brian Schackmann, Colleen Swaim

Members Absent: Mike Long, Dave Mendenhall

Others Present: Bill Bloch, Jack Campbell, Greg Largent, Denise McCrady, Jim Stone, Charlie Stratton, Angela Sexton

Chair Bunch called the meeting to order.

A motion to approve the minutes from January 29, 2013 was made by Krell and seconded by Burnett. Motion carried.

Jack Campbell, Undersheriff, was present to discuss taser use. Campbell informed the Committee that the use of tasers is a less lethal weapon and reduces the chance of injury to the officer and to the suspect. Correctional officers are not forced or required to carry and use tasers. In order to carry and use a taser, the officer must be qualified. It was determined that when interviews are being conducted with an officer who is injured, questions to be asked include are you qualified to carry a taser, if so, do you carry a taser, and if no, why not?

Jim Stone and Greg Largent were present to discuss the lack of use of protective gear, namely gloves, by the Animal Control officers. Largent reported that for Case 71 and 72, gloves that had been ordered had not been received when these incidents occurred. The gloves purchased thru the IPRF Safety Grant were for AC officers, not kennel attendants. Employees indicated to Largent/Stone that they do not feel safe wearing gloves. Stone agreed to write a policy that gloves must be worn at all times. If they are not, disciplinary action will be taken. It was also recommended by the Committee that all volunteers should wear gloves at all times. This policy needs to be included in the Volunteer Informational packet on page 4.

Discussion was also held on having a system in place to alert a person entering a run of the activity that is going on behind the closed door. Largent indicated that windows cannot be installed on these doors as they are fire doors. Posting 'busy' or 'occupied' signs were deemed to be not feasible. It was determined that the installation of cameras in each room, with a viewing screen on the outside of each door would work. Funds to purchase the equipment will be needed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Krell and seconded by Salmon. Meeting adjourned.