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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

School of Criminal Justice

To: MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS
From: Dr. Steven Amey, Ferris State University Law Enforcement Academy Director
Date: 5-16-23
Topic: Proposed Regional Academy May 2nd – August 21st, 2024

Hello, due to the increased demand in Michigan for more police officers Ferris State University is proposing an additional training session(s), in the form of a regional academy, to help provide more law enforcement officers. With more than 2000 officers down in Michigan, the need is dire to continue police presence and coverage for the citizens of Michigan.

Ferris State University Law Enforcement Academy has been in place coming into its 50th year of training police officers. Our reputation for training quality officers has been in place since the early 1970's. Our equipment and training has been in place with the highest quality of educational instructors. The majority of our instructors consist of at least a masters degree or PhD. All of our instructors have real life experience in the criminal justice career field and considered experts in the eyes of the court system in many topics.

The support for these additional training academy sessions at Ferris has been reviewed and accepted by Ferris State University President Dr. Bill Pink, Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Fleischman, Dean of Extended and International Operations Steve Reifert and Dean Logan Jones the Dean for the School of Business (Criminal justice). I also approve this request as the current law enforcement academy director.

Ferris State University also stepped up and ran a similar program called the Michigan Police Corp when the Federal Government grant requested the need for more officers in the State of Michigan.

Please consider Ferris State University for additional training sessions. Ferris State University is requesting permission from MCOLES to go forward and run a regional academy. A backbone of an operational plan with dates and times has been created and can be provided if this is approved with even more structure and detail. All of the instructors being utilized in this plan have already been approved by MCOLES.

Respectfully, Dr. Steven Amey

11/17/2023: At the request of your recent email 11/16/2023 please consider this as a written request for approval. Dean Jones and I attended the first meeting on 9/13/2023 and received a unanimous approval from the MCOLES Commission present at the meeting to move forward with a regional academy. Attached is also the proposed Regional Operation Plan for MCOLES review.

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