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Re: Jason Pasqua and the LCCC Drama Club

Dear Dr. Schaffer and Dean Bryant:

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the assistance of Instructor Pasqual and the LCCC Drama Club. Our office is in the ongoing process of implementing new interview skills to be used during our interactions with the population we supervise. The skills are called STARR (Strategic Technics Aimed at Reducing Recidivism). There are several skills for officers to perfect, and as with many things, the best way to improve is to practice. We have brainstormed ways to practice and ultimately, Laura Harris, an officer here in Cheyenne as well as a STARR coach, came up with the idea to use theater students on which to practice. She contacted Instructor Pasqua, who was excited by the idea and offered to have his drama club participate in the program. Yesterday we spent four hours running nine officers through nine skills with the assistance of Instructor Pasqua and his drama club acting as offenders.

The program allowed the participants to provide feedback to the officers using the skills. The students and Instructor Pasqua were eager, professional, and purposeful in their participation and feedback. They represented LCCC in a very positive manner and provided our office with a valuable learning experience. You have reason to be very proud of their efforts.

Trying something new like this is a scary prospect as we did not know how it would turn out. We could not be more pleased with the way the day progressed and knowledge that was gained for our officers. The positive experience is due in large part to your instructor and drama club. Thank you!!

Sincerely,

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cc: Jason Pasqua