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### COS's Tad White Leads ADJ Program Collaboratively for Student's Success

Weed / COS – In just three years, with the program coordination of Tad White, the College of the Siskiyous Administration of Justice (ADJ) Program has quadrupled its enrollment, moved into a new 10,000 square foot training space, and raised over \$700,000 in support for the Program through grant writing and generous donations from the community.

“No one does this alone,” says White, “the Program success to date has come about collaboratively by carefully researching funding and equipment opportunities, listening to student needs, having committed and skilled instructors, staff, and a local Advisory Committee made up of the administrative teams of the majority of the Law enforcement departments within our region, along with focused college leadership and strong community support.”



**Top Photo:** COS ADJ students work hard, enjoy learning, and more on to successful jobs in law enforcement.

**Bottom Photo:** A CalFire employee learns defensive tactics as part of program.

COS has offered the Administration of Justice Program the past twenty years and has served thousands of students. Successful students of the Program have included those recently graduating from high school who wanted an AA degree, (or those who just wanted to gain a hiring edge on related jobs), students who prepared successfully for four-year Universities and specific law enforcement academies, and individuals who were already professionally employed and wanted additional skills and knowledge to improve their job status, pay scale, and effectiveness in their existing job.

In addition to program coordination, White is one of thirty-five COS adjunct instructors who are specialists and professionals in their fields ready to share their knowledge and interest. After working in law enforcement for twelve years and as an educator for twenty-five years (teaching all grades levels), White decided to combine his passion for law enforcement and work as an instructor for the College of the Siskiyous in collaboration with the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department. White's family law enforcement roots run deep in Siskiyou County and beyond. White is a third generation officer, and proud father of Ethan White, who followed in the family footsteps and is now a fourth generation police officer.

"What excites me most," says White, "is watching the growth of our students. Watching and helping them understand, gain new skills, and feel more confident. It is motivating to all of us that our program is truly unique among other community colleges. We have an amazing 90% of our instructional staff and Advisory Committee being made up of currently active, highly regarded and experienced professionals. We have Chiefs of Police and Officers from most of the Police Departments in Siskiyou County, highly experienced personnel from the Sherriff Department, Highway Patrol, Cal Fire, and the USFS, all working to educate our students to insure their success."

Law enforcement jobs and related careers achieved through the program include: Police Officers, Sheriff Deputies, California Highway Patrol officers, employees for the California Department of Fish and Game, the US Forest Service, CalFire, other state law enforcement and regulatory agencies, along with work found in the areas of forensics, investigation, probation, parole, and more.

The ADJ Program's unique emphasis is on hands-on exposure to: crime scene investigation, evidence collection, criminal investigations, managing community relations, firearms training, defensive tactics, traffic enforcement, patrol procedures and more. In addition, up-to-date computer literacy and technological advances in the fields of crime prevention and detection are integral parts of the academic program. Force option simulators and high-speed pursuit driving simulators are also utilized.

Perhaps future ADJ student Clancy Hammond described it best when commenting on his plans to become a police officer, "I am interested because I want to help people who need it and it is a secure

job. I am interested in learning about the different laws and how criminal justice is really done. It sounds like a fun and exciting job for me.”

Hammond is just the kind of young and committed student that White looks forward to helping and “watching grow.” The COS ADJ Program includes Police Academies II and III, Advanced Officers Training, and an AA or AS Degree in Administration of Justice. Registration is currently open and the spring semester begins January 17, 2012.

For more information on any of the Administration of Justice course offerings, or to find out if this Program is a good fit for your educational needs and to learn how best to register, contact the COS Career and Technical Education Office at the Weed Campus (530) 938-5512. Students may review program and classes online at <http://www.siskiyous.edu/cte/adj/> . Contact White direct to discuss program details and classes at (530) 841-5599 or email [white@sis.kiyous.edu](mailto:white@sis.kiyous.edu).