12/27/2021

**Members in Attendance**

Will Barefoot – Senator

Charles Edwards – Governors At large appointee

Alcornelia Terry – DOC appointee

Tom Langer – Alabama Interstate Compact Administrator

**Guest**

Lee Ishman – Alabama Deputy Compact Administrator

Beverly Gilder – State Compact Administrator

**Call to Order**

No quorum established

**Old Business discussed** (from July 2021 meeting)

* Last meeting, we talked about the OS Units open-door communication policy. We will continue to maintain communication efforts with the field to address issues in supervising and tracking OS offenders.
* Provide End Users training for those officers who are new to ICOTS.
* Will continue our One-on-One training with Field Offices ICOTS users that are having issues with ICOTS and ICAOS rules.
* Request additional and/or updated training due to changes, enhancements, or modification to ICOTS procedures and ICAOS rules changes from the National Office for all ICOTS officers and supervisors.
* A few weeks prior to the meeting Kristi Wilkerson from the AG’s Office was asked about remote sentencing. She was given an example: *An offender’s residence and employment are in Georgia.  Instead of the offender coming to Alabama for sentencing the judge remotely sentenced the offender – offender is in Georgia and the judges is in Alabama.  Could there be legal challenges due to jurisdictional problems.* Mrs. Wilkerson said during the pandemic in-person court hearings were suspended and hearings were conducted virtually. The Alabama Supreme lifted the order last year. She posed the question to the Chief Deputy AG and AG’s office does not have a stance at this time because the law needs to catch up with what has and may be occurring today as far a virtual or remote court hearings.
* There was some discussion about the extradition of and/or the transporting and retaking of offender to and from Alabama. No problems were mentioned that a telephone call or email did not take care of the situation. We have not run across any problems or delays in retaking offenders.
* Make every effort to maintain a 90% or higher compliance standard for the six (6) areas the Compact Unit is audited for by the National Office.
* The OS Unit will setup a WebEx Training to cover the 6 new enhancements that went into effect on 4/28/21.  This training will be conducted by ICAOS National Office.
* The OS staff will attend the ICAOS virtual 2021 Annual Business Meeting in September.

**New Business (discussed)**

* The OS Unit has an open-door communication policy. *Officer can call if they have a problem or issue.*
* Provide remedial training to those OS officers who are in need to be updated on the ICOTS system, process, and rules. *We will set up this training throughout the year*.
* Request additional and/or updated training due to changes, enhancements, or modification to ICOTS procedures and ICAOS rules changes from the National Office for all ICOTS officers and supervisors. *We hope to accomplish this in the first quarter of the year.*
* Make every effort to maintain a 90% or higher compliance standard for the six (6) areas the Compact Unit is audited for by the National Office. *Officer Gilder explained how the OS Unit goes about this goal. Continued contact and communication with the field officers and other ICOTS member states. Part of the open0door policy.*
* The OS staff attended the ICAOS virtual 2021 Annual Business Meeting in September.
* DCA Lee Ishman discussed the new rules and enhancements to ICOTS that were passed at the Annual Business Meeting. (a) *He discussed the change of the qualification for a Resident – to have lived in the receiving state 1 year prior to sentencing or supervision start date. (b) Probable Cause – PC must be established prior to retaking on a violation that is revokable in receiving state.* (c) *Expand the timeframe for issuing a warrant to a standard 15 business days when an offender’s fails to arrive or return as instructed or is subject to retaking by the sending state.* *(d) New Warrant Status Tracking /Audit Tool – ICOTS users can enter data into system, will receive email notification based on trigger for Failure to Arrive, Discretionary retaking, Mandatory retaking, and updates to Warrant status information.*

**Approval of Minutes –** December 16, 2021

**Discussion**

None

**Adjourn**