



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Police Officer Standards and Training Council Connecticut Police Academy MINUTES OF MEETING

March 11, 2020

Training Academy, 285 Preston Avenue
Meriden, CONNECTICUT

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Council Members Present: Kurt P. Cavanaugh; Chief John F. Daly; 1st Selectman Laura Francis; Town Administrator Michael Freda; Chief Ronnell Higgins; Chief Thomas Kulhawik; Chief Paul Melanson; Chief Keith Mello; Chief Mark Palmer; Chief Vernon Riddick, Jr. and Dr. Guy Vallaro

Other Attendees: Police Academy Administrator Karen Boisvert; Basic Training Director (Acting) Marc Fasano; Accreditation Manager/Compliance Officer, William Tanner; Holly King, CSP - TA Administrative Staff; Pamela Hayes, CPCA Executive Director; Colin Milne, DESPP Staff Attorney; TFC Ryan Maynard, CSP - TA Instructor and CT Army National Guard representative; Shawn Limata, Daigle Law Group; Samantha Trezza, CIRMA Risk Management; Joey Barbera, CIRMA Risk Management; Mike Criscuolo, CT State Approving Agency OHE and TFC Robert Lanouette, CSP – TA Instructor

Council Members Absent: Dr. Amy Donahue; Douglas Glanville; Acting Chief State’s Attorney Kevin Lawlor; State Victim’s Advocate Natasha Pierre; Patrick Rittmon; Commissioner James Rovella; Special Agent in Charge Brian C. Turner and Chief James Viadero

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Keith Mello, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 21, 2020 Regular Meeting
Chief Mello requested a motion to accept the Minutes of January 21, 2020 Meeting as submitted. Motion made by Chief Riddick, seconded by Mr. Freda. Minutes accepted.
2. Chiefs/Public Comment
Chief Daly questioned if the \$1.6 Million that was supposed to be put towards the academy was found (Karen Boisvert responded, “No, not yet; still looking”)., he also asked about the House Bill 50:45 (increasing funding for the academy) and maintaining four (4) classes per year

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

1. Orange PD – Tier I Initial Accreditation

Chief Kulhawik on behalf of the Accreditation Committee makes the motion that the POST Council confer Tier I State Accreditation to the Orange Police Department, seconded by Chief Palmer. The motion passes.

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Request for Comparative Certification

1. Albert, Kenneth J. – Stafford PD
2. Campbell, Christopher R. – West Hartford PD
3. Hunter, Gregory – Groton Town PD
4. Juhola, Mark A. – Killingly PD
5. Ward, Matthew P. – Deep River & Old Lyme PD's
6. Amparo, Rawlin – Norwalk PD (corrected to approve)
7. Chaves, Angel L. III – UCONN PD (denial)

*The certification committee recommends the council approve the above certificate requests for Police Officer Certification by way of a Certificate of Comparative Certification subject to State of Connecticut certification/recertification or proof of current certification consistent with training requirements and associated conditions as specified within the contents of the council packet forwarded to each council member in advance of today's meeting; **Item #6 (Amparo)** was corrected to **approve** (not deny); **Item #7** – recommendation to the Council to **Deny** (Chaves), by way of a Certificate of Comparative Certification, recommending attendance at a full Basic Police Recruit Training Academy; motion made by Mr. Cavanaugh, seconded by Chief Daly. The motion passes.*

One-Year Probationary Extensions

1. Iadarola, Michael E. – Bethel PD

The Certification Committee recommends the Council approve an extension of the one-year probationary candidate status for Bethel Probationary Officer Michael E. Iadarola, POST ID 17515, for a period not to exceed midnight, April 15, 2020, in order to complete his field training requirement; motion made by Mr. Cavanaugh seconded by Chief Daly. Motion passes.

Basic Training Academy Applications

1. Bridgeport Police Academy
2. Hartford Police Academy
3. New Haven Police Academy
4. New Britain Police Academy

*The Certification Committee recommends the Council approve the Police Academy's applications (**Bridgeport** – max 40 recruits; **Hartford** – max 30 recruits; **New Haven** – max 40 recruits; **New Britain** – max 50 recruits) to commence a Basic Police Officer Recruit Training Academy for each as outlined with the recommendations numerated in each recommendation; motion made by Mr. Cavanaugh seconded by Chief Daly. Motion passes.*

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Academy Administrator's Report (*Karen Boisvert, Administrator*)
 - a. **COVID-19 update** and what are we doing here at POST (If an event of emergency and if needed, contact/poll by phone/teleconference to be done by Chief Mello)
2. Director's Reports (*Marc Fasano, Acting Director of Basic Training*)
 - a. Basic Training
 - b. In-Service/Compliance/State Accreditation (*William Tanner, In-Service, Accreditation Manager/Compliance Officer*)
3. Correspondence

**** Take a slight recess for Accreditation Photo; reconvene and continue meeting****

OLD BUSINESS

1. On-line Training Beta Test Presentations
 - a. Joey Barbara (CIRMA – CT Independent Risk Management Agency) verbal presentation
 - b. Attorney Eric Daigle / Shawn Limata with a PowerPoint Presentation & call-in with Eric Daigle
 - c. Virtual Academy – presentation at a later time per Chief Mello

NEW BUSINESS

1. Comparative Certification of Military Police – Karen Boisvert introduces Ryan Maynard (acting on behalf of his status of M/Sgt in the CT National Guard/US Army), subcommittee formed to review and compare to come up with content necessary for military (Army only at this time) 'comparative certification' partial waiver ~ General Notice would need to be amended a bit once accepted/approved.

Motion made, as written pertaining to "General Notice 15-02" written by Thomas Flaherty, to adopt as a pilot program with a caveat for a review period, time to be set by members of the council; by Chief Higgins, seconded by Chief Daly. Motion passes.

Chief Mello notes that we will make this part of Old Business for next meeting to decide what those hours (time to be set) would be.

2. Discussion on continuing a commuter class every June.
Motion made for continuing a commuter class every June (on or about, this will not happen in 2020, but moving forward in 2021); by Chief Riddick, seconded by Chief Kulhawik.

DISCUSSION... Looking to Amend the motion above to support a commuter academy beginning 2021, provided there are four (4) classes scheduled within that calendar year; Chief Riddick who made the above motion is not in favor of this amendment so he can't amend his motion. If it went to just three (3) academies, we would not have the commuter class; we should have four (4). The amendment was 'if we go to three (3) then the commuter class is eliminated'.

Chief Mello reiterates the motion to be accepted, as written to start on or about June 2021 and going forward to have one commuter class a year. All in favor; Motion passes.

3. Emergency Medical Responder Curriculum change which is currently 60 hours (presented by TFC Robert Lanouette, CSP Instructor/Paramedic for a 30-hour program – Advanced First Aid, Narcan, Stop the Bleed, etc.)

All informational items discussed, no motion

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chief Mello requested to go into Executive Session – Personnel/Division Directors

Motion made to go into Executive Session by Chief Palmer, seconded by Chief Daly.

Recommend to the Commissioner for Personnel/Division Directors, Marc Fasano to be the Division Director of Basic Training and William Steck to be the Division Director of Field Services.

Mr. Steck starts his position at POST 4/24/2020.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Mrs. Francis, seconded by Mr. Cavanaugh. Motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chief Mello moved to adjourn the meeting; motioned by Chief Daly and Melanson, seconded by Chief Riddick. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



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DESPP, Connecticut State Police
Training Academy Secretary