

POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 10, 2022

9:00 AM

Remotely via Zoom

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Council Member Present: Chief Keith Mello; Commissioner James Rovella; Chief Ronnell Higgins; Town Administrator Michael Freda; Captain Mark Davison; Mr. Douglas Glanville; Chief Vernon Riddick; Chief Scott Sansom; Chief Fernando Spagnolo; Chief Paul Melanson; Mayor Caroline Simmons; Mr. Anderson Curtis; Mr. Iran Nazaro; Ms. Pamela Mautte; Mr. David Koscuk; Mr. Jonathan Slifka

Other Attendees: Academy Administrator Karen Boisvert; Carrie-Jo McGuffey, POST Certification Officer; Attorney Colin Milne, DESPP Legal; Director Ken Barone, UCONN; Chief Wayne Williams, Ansonia PD; Ms. Jaime DelMauro, Middletown PD; Dr. Anne Kringen; Ms. Meghan Peterson; Kazimera Morse; Mr. Andrew Clark; Ms. Michelle Montano

Council Members Absent: Chief Robert Rosado; Chief State's Attorney Richard Colangelo; Special Agent-In-Charge David Sundberg.

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Keith Mello, POST Council Chairman, called the meeting to order

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the Minutes of January 13, 2022, Regular Meeting

Chief Mello requested a motion to accept the Minutes of January 13, 2022, regular meeting as submitted. Motion to accept the minutes made by Chief Riddick; seconded by Captain Davison; Minutes accepted.

2. Chiefs/Public Comment:

Kenneth Barone provided a summary report of the Police Accountability Task Force recommendations.

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Request for Comparative Certification

1. GUERRA, Greg – Cheshire Police Department
2. WATKINS, Benjamin – West Hartford Police Department
3. BROWN, Connor – West Hartford Police Department

4. KOSIOREK, Kyle – Wethersfield Police Department
5. HIGHTOWER, Tarik – Wethersfield Police Department

Chief Higgins made a motion to approve listed Officers 1-5. The request for comparative certification for the five (5) officers to certify was seconded by Mr. Freda. Motion carried.

Add on request – after certification subcommittee met.

6. NIEVES, Jorge – Ansonia Police Department
7. PEREZ, Joel – Ansonia Police Department

Chief Higgins made a motion to approve listed Officers 6 -7. The request for comparative certification for the two (2) officers to certify was seconded by Captain Davison. Motion carried.

Chief Mello commented that he had been reluctant when MP comparatives were first brought up but that he is glad to see that the review by Council/Academy was extensive and he now supports the program.

Request for Reactivation of Certification

1. DEL MAURO, Jaime – Middletown Police Department
2. HOYNOSKI, John – DMHAS Police Department
3. AMARO, Joshua – Windsor Police Department
4. SUCHY, Jeffrey – University of New Haven Police Department

Chief Higgins made a motion to approve the reactivation of listed Officers 2-4. The request for reactivation of certification for the two (2) officers was seconded by Chief Riddick. Motion carried.

Chief Higgins made a motion to approve the reactivation of certification for Jaime Del Muaro. The motion was seconded by Captain Davison for discussion. Officer Del Mauro was present to request the FTO requirement be reduced from 200 hours because she is returning to her original agency and will be acting as special duty officer not assigned to patrol functions. CJ McGuffey recommended decreasing the FTO requirement to 40 hours. Chief Sansom seconded. Motion carried.

Request for Certification Extension-

A. Injury or Illness

1. RINALDI, Roberto – Seymour Police Department
2. ROBERTSON, Neil – Norwalk Police Department
3. ERDMAN, Jamie – Seymour Police Department
4. IACOVETTI, Glen - Dept of Consumer Protection- Gaming Division
5. MCGLYNN, Glynn – Stratford Police Department
6. DEVANNEY, Christopher – Windsor Locks Police Department

Chief Higgins made a motion to approve the certification extension for above listed Officers 1-6. The request for certification extension for the six (6) officers was seconded by Mr. Slifka. Motion carried.

Certification Extension Received after Subcommittee meeting

7. POWERS, Christopher – Weston Police Department

Chief Higgins made a motion to approve the certification extension for Officer Christopher Powers. The request for certification extension for Officer Powers was seconded by Captain Davison. Motion carried.

Request for Probationary Certification Extension

A. Administrative

1. MIKULSKI, Joy – Winchester Police Department- **remove (requirements met after subcommittee voted to extend)**
2. MORALES, Luis – Connecticut State Police
3. TEIXEIRA, David – Bridgeport Police Department

Chief Higgins made a motion to approve the probationary certification extension due to administrative reason for above listed Probationary Officers 2-3. The request for certification extension for the two (2) Probationary Officers was seconded by Mr. Freda. Motion carried.

B. Injury/Illness

1. CLARKE, Delroy – Bristol Police Department

Chief Higgins made a motion to approve the probationary certification extension due to injury or illness for Probationary Officer Clarke. The request for certification extension for Probationary Officer Clarke was seconded by Mr. Slifka. Motion carried.

Request for Basic Recruit Training Academy-

1. Milford Police Department
2. New Britain Police Department

Chief Higgins made a motion to approve the above listed Satellite Basic Recruit Training Academies 1 -2. The request was seconded by Mr. Michael Freda. Discussion- Chief Vernon Reddick thanked the Milford Training Academy as there have been hiring issues. Motion carried. Chief Mello abstained from the vote for Milford Training Academy.

Request for Revocation

1. Jeffrey Acheychek- Wallingford Police Department

Chief Higgins made a motion to approve the decertification Jeffrey Acheychek of the Wallingford Police Department. The request was seconded by Mr. Slifka. Motion carried.

2. Michael DiMeglio – Norwalk Police Department
3. Taranjit Singh – Norwalk Police Department

4. Sara Laudano – Norwalk Police Department

Chief Higgins made a motion to approve the decertification of above listed # 2-4 of the Norwalk Police Department. The request was seconded by Chief Riddick. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Academy Administrator’s Report – written report submitted – no additional information added.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Crowd Control Policy update- Attorney Milne gave an update on the policy.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Pursuant to Public Act 21 – 1, POSTC was required to develop a Model Policy to ensure that enough police officers become trained Drug Recognition Expert’s in each LEU to meet the minimum number of DRE’s Determined by Council. Karen Boisvert provided an update. January 1, 2022, agencies determined number of DRE’s for their agency. January 1, 2022, POST and DOT issued a training plan to increase ARIDE and DRE training. April 1, 2022, POSTC adopted and issued a model policy to ensure training is met. POST Field Service to send out annual training needs assessment and meet with Department of Transportation annually to ensure adequate ARIDE and DRE training is available. POSTC and DOT will update the Governor every three years (2025 next review).

Chief Higgins made a motion to approve DRE policy. The request was seconded by Captain Davison. Motion Carried

2. Hate Crime Subcommittee- Karen Boisvert provided a brief update.
3. POSTC Use of Force Reporting Guidelines- Discussion on the Use of Force Reporting Guidelines and form which was approved with discussion.

ADJORNMENT – 10:30 AM

Motion made by Chief Melanson to adjourn; seconded by Chief Higgins. Motion carried.

Prepared and submitted by:

CJ McGuffey 5/10/22

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