



DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING

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POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS and TRAINING COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

9:00 A.M.

Zoom; Classroom 9 & 10

<https://ctdespp.zoom.us/j/4381640998>

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Council Members Present: Chief Keith Mello, **(Council Chairman)**, Chief Paul Melanson, Chief Vernon Riddick, Chief Scott Sansom, Chief Neil Dryfe, Lieutenant Ryan Maynard, Doug Glanville, Anderson Curtis, Pamela Mautte, Chief Roberto Rosado, Robert Fuller, Iran Nazario, Mayor Caroline Simmons, Florencio Cotto Jr., Michael Fraenza, Kevin Lawlor (attending for Patrick Griffin)

Council Members Not Present: Town Administrator Michael Freda, Jonathan Slifka, Commissioner Ronnell Higgins, Professor Michael Lawlor, David Kosciuk, Chief States Attorney Patrick Griffin

Other Attendees: Karen Boisvert, Amie Ledoux, Attorney Colin Milne, Attorney Steven Strom, Stephen Egan, Michael Francis, Carrie-Jo McGuffey, Jessica Blank, David Silverio, Sabine Nyenhuis, Sarah Karwan, Marc Fasano

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the Minutes – January 11, 2024, Meeting

Motion to accept minutes by Chief Melanson, seconded by Chief Rosado. The motion passes.

2. Chiefs/Public Comment
 - a. Katherine Camara addresses the council regarding Marc Raimo Sr and his certification. Ms. Camara expressed concerns regarding Mr. Raimo's certification, the POST form 52 and notations. Ms. Camara also stated her concerns regarding the criminal investigation. A written copy of her testimony was provided.
3. Subcommittee Reports

CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Request for Comparative Certification

1. Trey Frechette – Bristol Police Department; From Holly Springs Police Department, GA
2. Todd Bazarewsky – Bristol Police Department; From Masphee Police Department, MA
3. Charlie Hernandez – Danbury Police Department; From Metropolitan Police Department, DC
4. Joan Mendez – Danbury Police Department; From NYPD, NY
5. Natalie Ronquillo – Danbury Police Department; From NYPD, NY
6. Erin Bonney – Enfield Police Department; From Minot Police Department, ND
7. Justin Cochran – Portland Police Department; From Teaneck Police Department, NJ
8. Ashley Pope – Stonington Police Department; From Bristol Tennessee Police Department, TN
9. Colin Bruce – Waterbury Police Department; From San Diego Police Department, CA

A motion is made by Chief Riddick to approve items 1-9. The motion is seconded by Chief Rosado. Chief Spagnolo abstains from item 9. The motion passes.

Request for Comparative Certification (Military Police)

1. Jared Calandro – Bridgeport Police Department\

A motion is made by Chief Riddick to approve item 1. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

Request for Reactivation of Certification

1. Vincenzo Infante – Bristol Police Department
2. Justin Martin – Hamden Police Department
3. Corey Sutherland – Vernon Police Department
4. Vytautas Kandratavicius– Waterbury Police Department

A motion is made by Chief Riddick to approve item 1, 2 & 4. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. Chief Spagnolo abstains from item 4. The motion passes.

A motion is made by Chief Riddick to approve item 3. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

Request for Extension- Probationary Candidate Status

1. Olgamarianne Orengo – Danbury Police Department
2. Carmen Mistretta – Danbury Police Department

A motion is made by Chief Riddick to approve item 1-2. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

Request for Waiver of EMR Course from Basic Training Program

1. New Haven Police Department (Academy)

A motion is made by Chief Riddick to approve item 1. The motion is seconded by Lieutenant Maynard. Officer Cotto abstains from the vote. The motion passes.

Request for Basic Recruit Training Academy

1. New Britain Police Department- 64 recruits

A motion is made by Chief Riddick to approve the item. The motion is seconded by Lieutenant Maynard. The motion passes.

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

Request for Accreditation

1. Bloomfield Police Department, Tier III, POST-C State Accreditation

A motion is made by Chief Melanson to accept the Tier III accreditation. The motion is seconded by Chief Riddick. The motion passes.

2. Cromwell Police Department, Tier I, POST-C State Accreditation

A motion is made by Chief Melanson to accept Tier I accreditation. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

3. Deep River Police Department, Tier I, POST-C State Accreditation

A motion is made by Chief Melanson to accept Tier I accreditation. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

4. Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Tier I, POST-C State Accreditation

A motion is made by Chief Melanson to accept Tier I accreditation. The motion is seconded by Lieutenant Maynard. The motion passes.

5. Derby Police Department, Tier I, POST-C State Accreditation

A motion is made by Chief Melanson to accept Tier I accreditation. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

6. East Haddam Police Department, Tier I, POST-C State Accreditation

A motion is made by Chief Melanson to accept Tier I accreditation. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

7. Eastern Connecticut State University, Tier II, POST-C State Accreditation

A motion is made by Chief Melanson to accept Tier II accreditation. The motion is seconded by Chief Riddick. The motion passes.

8. Groton Long Point Police Department, Tier I, POST-C State Accreditation

A motion is made by Chief Melanson to accept Tier I accreditation. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

9. Ledyard Police Department, Tier I, POST-C State Accreditation

A motion is made by Chief Melanson to accept Tier I accreditation. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

10. Montville Police Department, Tier I, POST-C State Accreditation

A motion is made by Chief Melanson to accept Tier I accreditation. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

11. New London Police Department, Tier II, POST-C State Accreditation

A motion is made by Chief Melanson to accept Tier I accreditation. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

12. New Milford Police Department, Tier I, POST-C State Accreditation

A motion is made by Chief Melanson to accept Tier I accreditation. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

13. Seymour Police Department, Tier I, POST-C State Accreditation

A motion is made by Chief Melanson to accept Tier I accreditation. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

14. Wilton Police Department Tier I & II, POST-C State Accreditation

A motion is made by Chief Melanson to accept Tier I & II accreditation. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

15. Yale University Police Department, Tier I, POST-C State Accreditation

A motion is made by Chief Melanson to accept Tier I accreditation. The motion is seconded by Chief Dryfe. The motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Body Worn Camera Policy Update

Chief Mello presents the new draft policy based on the new law that has been passed. The additions or corrections were made based on the new regulation.

A motion to accept the policy made by Chief Riddick. The motion was seconded by Chief Rosado. The motion passes.

2. COLLECT – Police Recertification – Waiver Request

Administrator Boisvert requests this be tabled for today's meeting.

A motion to table was made by Chief Dryfe. The motion was seconded by Chief Rosado. The motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. EMR In Service Update

Administrator Boisvert requested EMR be removed from the basic training curriculum and requested it to be replaced with a robust emergency medical training. Agencies needing the EMR certification will be provided two classes per year – POST field services. The cost of the program is approximately \$900 per student. Agencies enrolling officers in this program will pay a \$300 fee and DESPP will absorb the remaining amount for each student. This is still being finalized with fiscal and should not be treated as the final word regarding cost. Pricing will need further discussion. Chief Riddick asked if there will be a reduction in the basic training cost and length of basic training. Administrator Boisvert explained class reduction time is not likely due to additional items placed in the curriculum – such as TIMS.

EMR will remain in the basic training curriculum and recruit programs until details are worked out with pricing and length of time for classes. Lieutenant Maynard also asked to evaluate the cost of EVOC because CSP does cover a lot of the expenses.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Academy Administrator’s Written Report
2. Crown Control Policy Update

The Crowd Control Policy is currently in the revision process. There was limited public comment and Chief Mello requests to move forward with the policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

- Next Council Meeting: May 9, 2024

A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Riddick. The motion was seconded by Chief Melanson. The motion passes.

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