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## DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION

# POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING

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### POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS and TRAINING COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday, February 27, 2025**  
**Certification Subcommittee Meeting**  
**11:00 A.M.**  
**Zoom**

#### DRAFT MINUTES

##### **ATTENDANCE:**

Council Committee Members Present: Chief Vernon Riddick (**Chairman**), Chief Scott Sansom, Chief States Attorney Patrick Griffin

Council Committee Members Not Present: Mayor Caroline Simmons, Chief Neil Dryfe, Captain Ryan Maynard

Other Attendees: Thomas Wydra, Karen Boisvert, Jessica Gouveia, Sgt. Riettie (Bridgeport Police Department), Captain Paul Grech (Bridgeport Police Department), Ryan Rigon (COLLECT Unit), Anthony Martino (Collect Unit), Brittany Andrews (COLLECT UNIT), Marc Fasano, Major Brian Newman (CT EnCon), Michael Francis, David Silverio, CJ McGuffey

##### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting is called to order at 11:03 AM.

##### **ACTION ITEMS**

###### 1. Chiefs/Public Comment

Discussion regarding General Notice 17-02. Mr. Martino of COLLECT unit proposes that language of GN 17-02 be changed to say all POST certified officers employed by a recognized Law enforcement agency (by FBI standards) maintain COLLECT certification.

##### **Request for Comparative Certification**

1. Aidan Alexander – Enfield Police Department
  - From Orlando Police Department, FL

Item 1 was voted on and approved unanimously as a modified basic training program.

2. Mason Hinken – Glastonbury Police Department

- From Warren Police Department, RI
- 3. Nathan Charette – Suffield Police Department
  - From Southampton Police Department, MA
- 4. Michael Tine – Waterbury Police Department
  - From New York Police Department, NY
- 5. Nathaniel Van Stone – Waterbury Police Department
  - From New Orleans Police Department, LA
- 6. Myckland Cothias – Waterbury Police Department
  - From New York Police Department, NY

Items 2-6 were voted on and approved unanimously.

#### **Request for Certification Reactivation - Lapsed – Francis**

1. Jason Pontz - Department of Consumer Protection Gaming Division
2. Roger Falcone – Shelton Police Department
3. Michael Neumahr – Stamford Police Department
4. David McDonnell – Watertown Police Department
5. William Hoffman – Westbrook Police Department

Items 1-5 were voted on and approved unanimously.

#### **Request for Certification Reactivation – Forfeiture**

1. Stephen Stanko – EnCon Police Department

Item 1 was voted on and approved unanimously.

#### **Request for Extension – Probationary Candidate Status – Silverio**

1. Quinton Bright – Hamden Police Department

Item 1 was voted on and approved unanimously.

#### **Request for Basic Training Academy – Silverio**

##### **1. Bridgeport Police Department – June 2025**

- 1.2. New Britain Police Department – March 7, 2025

Discussion had on item 2 regarding sexual misconduct allegations received via email. Chief Wydra reports that, according to Chief Porter of the Bridgeport Police Department, the Bridgeport Police Academy is under the new leadership of Sgt. Riettie.

Items 1- 2 were voted on and approved unanimously.

Chief Wydra indicates that there will be more intense and more regular inspections.

Chief Riddick comments he is confident in the leadership of Sgt. Riettie.

Chief Riddick also indicates that POSTC's obligations may have been different had there not been a change in leadership, and he would like to further discuss POSTC's purview over satellite academies at the next Certification sub-committee meeting with guidance from legal.

**Executive Session**

There was no executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting is adjourned at 11:39 AM.

Next Certification Subcommittee Meeting: April 24, 2025

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