



DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION

POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING

March 28, 2025

Re: Petition for Declaratory Ruling submitted by Charles DellaRocco, State Animal Control Officer at the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, dated February 12, 2025

RULING ON MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS BY THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

On March 18, 2025, the Police Officer and Standards Training Council (POSTC or Council), received a Motion for Party Status (Motion) and Appearance from the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (DOAG) in the above-captioned proceeding (Petition).

DOAG asserts through its motion that its legal rights and duties may be affected in this proceeding because a ruling on the Petition could subject State Animal Control Officers within DOAG'S State Animal Control Unit (SACU) to additional training requirements and, thus, "significantly affect the operations of its SACU and the employment conditions for all of its current and future State Animal Control Officers." Motion ¶ 7.

DOAG correctly notes that the Petition seeks a determination as to whether State Animal Control Officers are "police officers" subject to POSTC training and certification requirements contained within General Statutes § 7-294d(c)(2). Motion ¶ 6, Petition Section II. Accordingly, POSTC agrees that a ruling on the Petition could impact training requirements for its State Animal Control Officers and significantly impact its duties and rights by affecting employment conditions and operations. Thus, in accordance with General Statutes §§ 4-176(d) and 4-177a(a), POSTC grants the Motion.

DOAG is hereby a Party to the above-referenced proceeding.

SO ORDERED. Dated at Meriden, CT this 28th day of March 2025.

Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC)

By: _____

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