

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
POLICE OFFICER AND STANDARDS TRAINING COUNCIL**

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

**MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS
BY THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

1. In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 4-176(d) and 4-177a(a), the Connecticut Department of Agriculture (“DOAG”) hereby moves the Police Officer and Standards Training Council (“POSTC” or “Council”) for designation as a party in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of its Motion, DOAG offers the following:

2. State Animal Control Officers are employees who work at DOAG in the State Animal Control Unit (“SACU”) within the Bureau of Regulatory Services.

3. State Animal Control Officer Charles DellaRocco is a current employee at DOAG within the SACU.

4. Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 22-328, no person shall begin serving as a state, regional or municipal animal control officer on or after July 1, 2012, unless such person successfully has completed a training program as is prescribed by the Commissioner of DOAG, and has received a certificate of completion by the Commissioner pursuant to subsection (e), or who submits an affidavit agreeing to complete such training not later than one year after beginning the position of an animal control officer. In addition, each animal control officer shall complete a minimum of six hours of continuing education related to the duties of an animal control officer

in each calendar year. Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 22-328(e), upon satisfactorily completing such training program prescribed by the Commissioner, the Commissioner shall issue a certificate to such person. These statutory training requirements took legal effect in 2012 by amendment of the statute pursuant to P.A. 12-108.

5. Upon information and belief, no State Animal Control Officer receives or is required to receive training beyond the animal control officer training requirements of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 22-328.

6. This Request for Declaratory Ruling requests a determination as to whether State Animal Control Officers are “police officers” under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-294d(f), potentially subjecting State ACOs to training requirements beyond those required in Conn. Gen. Stat. § 22-328.

7. Therefore, DOAG’s legal rights and duties may be specifically affected because the POSTC determination in this matter would significantly affect the operation of its SACU and the employment conditions for all of its current and future State Animal Control Officers.

8. Accordingly, DOAG submits this Motion for Party Status to protect its legal rights and duties.

9. Copies of all materials associated with this proceeding may be directed via electronic mail to:

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WHEREFORE, DOAG respectfully requests that the Authority grant its Motion for Party Status in this proceeding.

Dated: March 18, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that on this day, the foregoing document was filed with the Police Officer and Standards Training Council, and copies of the foregoing document were served upon the Council and petitioner at the following addresses on March 18, 2025:

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