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Approved Minutes

April 26, 2016

The 465th meeting of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council was called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Chief David Cahill, Acting Chairman, in classroom one at the Arthur D. Kehas Law Enforcement Training Facility and Campus in Concord, New Hampshire.

Members Present: Attorney General Joseph Foster; Executive Major David Parenteau, New Hampshire State Police; Dr. Ekaterina Hurst, Department of Health and Human Services President Susan Dunton, Community College System of New Hampshire; Sheriff David Dubois, Strafford County; Chief William Hart, Londonderry Police Department; Sheriff Douglas Dutile, Grafton County; and Chief David Cahill, Sunapee Police Department.

Members Absent: Chairman, Chief Anthony Colarusso, Jr., Dover Police Department; Vice Chairman, Commissioner William Wrenn, New Hampshire Department of Corrections; Judge James Carroll, 4th Circuit District Division, Laconia; Ms. Paula Wall, Crisis Center of Central New Hampshire; Judge Sawako Gardner, 10th Circuit District Division, Portsmouth; Chief Enoch Willard, Manchester Police Department.

Staff Present: Director Donald Vittum, Captain Benjamin Jean, Captain Mark Bodanza and Chief Timothy Merrill.

Approval of Minutes

Chief Hart moved for the Council to approve the minutes of March 22, 2016. Following a second by President Dunton, the vote of the Council was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Director's Report

Director Vittum noted that he had been emailing council members to update them since the last meeting. He thanked them for their participation at the full time academy graduation held on April 22, 2016.

Financial Report

The revenue for March was two hundred and eighty one thousand dollars, it is above last year, there is an uptick in revenue from the safety side, due to the increase in fines and the way the fine schedule works. PSTC revenue year to date is up ten thousand dollars, it appears at this point this may be the first year in ten years that PSTC is not declining, it's stabilizing. The current balance of the training fund is about three hundred and fifty thousand thought there is an expected expense for the indirect cost bill, this month is a

three payroll month and extra fifty or sixty thousand in payroll, and then there are some repairs. The flooring in lecture hall two has been worn down to the wood, the crossover glass is breaking. The boiler project anticipated has been delayed starting after July first, the boiler was not supposed to cost anything, NRG was going to cover the cost of it up to forty five thousand, public works got involved, it became a nine thousand dollar project, so PSTC will spend forty five thousand dollars on it after July first.

Thursday, April 28, 2016 at one o'clock at the Legislative Office Building PSTC is having another work session on SB 527, that was the bill to put PSTC under the General Fund, it was supported by the Senate, 24-0.

The Director has sent updates to Council members that there were meetings over the last week with Division One and Two. There was a work session a week ago to address penalty assessment. The House Divisions One and Two brought in the Courts, the Department of Safety, and the Department of Justice to talk about penalty assessment revenues.

On the first day, Wednesday, PSTC did not get a chance to speak, the second work session was scheduled for Thursday, along with a hearing on SB 527. Twenty one chiefs and sheriffs arrived for the hearing, it was supposed to start at eleven fifteen, it started at quarter to twelve. A bit of testimony started from Senator D'Allessandro, Colonel Quinn, and Colonel of Fish and Game, and then, the session went into recess for two hours.

Because of recess many of the chiefs and sheriffs couldn't stay. When the time came to speak again at two o'clock, it was not well attended, the chiefs and sheriffs had signed in their support.

There was a work session scheduled that day as well, PSTC was told it was to discuss penalty assessment; however an hour was spent defending PSTC's budget line by line.

Representative Edleblut participated in a tour a week or so ago, he was one of the few members who had not toured PSTC from Division Two. Director Vittum and Captain Jean spent two hours with them, to show them what PSTC does. Five members from Division One came last Thursday along with Dan Eaton from Division Two to tour the Police Standards and Training Council facility.

PSTC has been in communication with Senator Morse about SB 527 and the proposed amendments, one is to put three million dollars in the training fund and establish a study to come up with a long term funding solution. The chair of Division Two recently called and she may be proposing an amendment to increase the penalty assessment; the percentage of PSTC's by taking some of it from the courts in order to bring in another half a million dollars for fiscal year 2017. There are numerous house members that have stated they are against PSTC going into the General Fund, Senator Morse is not inclined to change his position, he believes that PSTC should be in the general fund that will eliminate the issue of worrying about money for the budget.

The Senate voted 24-0 to put PSTC in the General Fund because they thought that was the way to do it.

Chief Cahill: *That is currently the only bill in front of the house or the senate that even considers or looks at any financial support for the academy while it might not be the best situation it is the only bill present . . .*

AG Foster *It's important you answer the questions as to why the training is important you know as I've said and I'll say. We don't have the problems that I see around this country there's a reason for that. There is a lot of reasons for that but a lot of it is this; that the training is excellent and the other collaboration we see in law enforcement and so forth isn't always what we see around the country.*

Director Vittum agreed that having a group of Council members in attendance for the meeting would be beneficial. Especially to answer any questions on policies made by the Council. The meeting will take place at 1:00 p.m., civilian members of the Council were encouraged to attend. Sheriff Dubois, Dr. Hurst, Sheriff Dutile, and Chief Hart will attend.

Scholarship Information

President Dunton will follow up during the June meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

PT&E Requests

Chad Smith, Conway Police Department (DOH: 03/30/16) Will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, and the Law Package of the Full-Time Police Officer Academy

Thomas Sichko, Portsmouth Police Department (DOH: 03/14/16) Will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, and the Law Package of the Full-Time Police Officer Academy.

Requests for Extensions

Note: Extensions granted until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested Academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested Academy.

Full-Time Police Officer Academy

170th Academy May 2, 2016 to August 18, 2016, entrance fitness test April 18, 2016

171st Academy August 29, 2016 to December 16, 2016, entrance fitness test August 15, 2016

Part Time Police Officer Academy

271st Academy, February 2, 2016 to May 6, 2016, entrance fitness test January 23, 2016

272nd Academy, August 13, 2016 to November 18, 2016, entrance fitness test July 30, 2016

Full Time Academy Extension Requests

Michael T. Crate, Enfield Police Department (DOH: 02/21/16 **Part-Time certified**) Will be granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 171st.

Donna Magdycz, Chesterfield Police Department (DOH: 09/09/15 **Not Part-time certified**) Will be granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 171st academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Sean McCormack, Laconia Police Department (DOH: 02/01/16 **Not Part-time certified**). Will be granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 170th academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Guy Leva, Laconia Police Department (DOH: 02/01/16 **Not Part-time certified**) Will be granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 170th academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Jeremy Brann, Lancaster Police Department (DOH: 01/13/16 **Not Part-time certified**) Will be granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 170th academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Part Time Academy Extension Requests

Matthew Hay, Plaistow Police Department (DOH: 12/01/14) Will be granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 272nd Part Time Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Richard Fortin, Mason Police Department (DOH: 12/28/15) Will be granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 272nd Part Time Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Garrett Anctil, Henniker Police Department (DOH: 01/25/16) Will be granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 272nd Part Time Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Andrew D. Garvin, Kingston Police Department (DOH: 03/21/16). Will be granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested academy with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 272nd Part Time Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Requests for Specialized Training Grant Funds (Balance: \$4,105.00) 32

Derry Police Department will be granted funds for Lt. Daniel Beattie who attended the Managing the FTO Program at IPTM from February 24, 2016 to February 26, 2016.

Derry Police Department will be granted funds for Officer Patrick Dawson who attended the FTO Program at IPTM from February 29, 2016 to March 2, 2016.

Windham Police Department will be granted funds for Officer Alison Delano who attended the FTO Program at IPTM from February 29, 2016 to March 2, 2016.

Hooksett Police Department will be granted funds for Officer Valerie Lamy and Officer Joseph Ducharme to attend the At Scene Traffic Crash/Homicide Investigation at Dover Police Department by IPTM from April 18, 2016 through April 29, 2016.

Hooksett Police Department will be granted funds for Officer Valerie Lamy and Officer Joseph Ducharme to attend the Advanced Traffic Crash Investigation at the Dover Police Department by IPTM from May 23, 2016 through June 3, 2016.

Loudon Police Department will be granted funds for Officer Brian Martel who attended the Field Training Officer class at PSTC by IPTM from February 29, 2016 to March 2, 2016.

End of Consent Calendar

Motion to approve the consent calendar, with the removal of number twelve, by Chief Hart, seconded by Sheriff Dutile, the council vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Hooksett Police Department Training Grant

Captain Jean explained that this item was non-consent is because it asks for funding from next fiscal year's money.

Motion for correspondence to be sent to the Hooksett Police Department letting them know that their grant request has been tabled (and why) until the July council meeting when the new budget takes effect, by Sheriff Dutile, seconded by Chief Hart, the Council vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The training ends in July, Hooksett Police Department will be made aware that they may or may not be reimbursed due to the budget.

Captain Jean continued the discussion on training grants. Money has been transferred to cover specialized training grants this month. Would the Council like to continue making additional money available or at this point consider there is no more training grant money available? There is one retroactive grant request pending, from February, there may be one or two more that come in toward the end of the fiscal year, it is difficult to close the books, does the Council want to make a certain amount of money transfer over or close the grants at this time? The deadline for submission was April 13, 2016, after that date it would not be eligible for reimbursement. The training grants are at zero.

Motion by Sheriff Dubois, to hold firm on the deadline that the grants were due and deny further training grants, the motion was seconded by Major Parenteau, the Council vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Other New Business

Readoption of rules

PSTC rules must be readopted every eight years, the expiration date for the PSTC rules is August 1, 2016. Over the past few months' meetings' Chief Merrill had been presenting amendments to sections of rules for the Council's input and approval. The rules were submitted to the Office of the Legislative Budget Assistant for their approval, and fiscal impact notices were received on April 15, 2016. The rules will be submitted to the Office of Legislative Services, Administrative rules in the form of initial proposals for readoption and amendment this week. The staff has scheduled the Public Hearing for the amendments for the next council meeting, May 24, 2016

Correspondence

Chief Cahill explained that several Sunapee High School students who expressed an interest in law enforcement careers were given a tour of the PSTC academy by Lt Gerry

Taylor. Professor Raymond from NHTI explained academic opportunities at the college. Chief Cahill expressed gratitude from his agency for the time spent with these young people.

Motion by Sheriff Dubois for the Police Standards and Training Council to endorse the Chief's Association Commendation of Director Vittum for his dedication to ethics and accountability, seconded by Sheriff Dutile. The Council vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

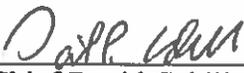
Addendum to the agenda, gift of simmunitions ammunition
Ronald O'Keefe offered to give 3767 rounds of ammunition at a value of \$1800.00 to PSTC.

Motion to accept the gift by Sheriff Dutile, seconded by Major Parenteau, the council vote was unanimous.

Next Council meeting will be on May 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 by Attorney General Foster, seconded by Sheriff Dutile the Council vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Chief David Cahill