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Approved Minutes

(August 28, 2012)

The 421st meeting of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Chairman Michael L. Prozzo, Jr., in classroom one at the Arthur D. Kehas Law Enforcement Training Facility and Campus in Concord, New Hampshire.

Members Present: Chairman Michael L. Prozzo, Jr. Sheriff of Sullivan County; Vice Chairman, William L. Wrenn, Jr., Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Corrections; (arrived at 9:15), Colonel Robert Quinn, New Hampshire State Police; Richard Foote, Sheriff of Cheshire County; Chief Anthony Colarusso, Dover Police Department; Chief James Sullivan, Hampton Police Department; Justice Sawako Gardner 10th Circuit District Division Portsmouth; (arrived at 9:14), Justice James Carroll, 4th Circuit District Division, Laconia; Chief David Cahill, Sunapee Police Department; Attorney General Michael Delaney, Chief Peter Morency, Berlin Police Department, and Vice Chancellor Ronald Rioux, Community College System of New Hampshire.

Staff Present: Director Donald Vittum, Captain Mark Bodanza, Chief Timothy Merrill (Ret.), Captain Benjamin Jean, Investigative Paralegal Anne Paquin and Program Assistant Loralee Ames.

Guest Present: Senior Assistant Attorney General Nancy Smith

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Judge Carroll for the Council to approve the minutes of July 24, 2012. Following a second by Chief Colarusso, the voice vote of the Council was 9-0 in favor.

PPO Thomas Casey Notice of Hearing This hearing will be continued until the September 25, 2012 meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Officer David F. Murray, New Boston Police Department

Will be granted full-time certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, and Full-Time Law Package of the Full-Time Police Academy.

Officer Steven P. Prymak, Nashua Police Department

Will be granted full-time certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, and Full-Time Law Package of the Full-Time Police Academy.

Officer Kristian L. Young, Laconia Police Department

Will be granted full-time certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, and Full-Time Law Package of the Full-Time Police Academy.

Officer Michael Catalfamo, NH State Police

Will be granted full-time certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, and Full-Time Law Package of the Full-Time Police Academy.

Officer Matthew du Chemin Rochester Police Department

Will be granted full-time certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, and Full-Time Law Package of the Full-Time Police Academy.

Investigator Calice Ducey, NH Attorney General's Office

Will be granted full-time certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, the Full-Time Law Package of the Full-Time Police Officer Academy as well as: Child Abuse, Elder Abuse; Collision Investigation; Stalking; Working with the Mentally Ill and Defensive Driving.

Officer Casey Finn, Manchester Police Department

Was granted the extension through the end of the 158th Full-Time Police Academy with the stipulation that Officer Finn must remain actively enrolled in the 158th Academy.

Officer Michael P. Milano, Charlestown Police Department

Was granted the extension through the date of the entrance fitness test, and if testing is successful, through the end of the 159th Full-Time Police Academy.

Officer Tyler Taatjes, Wakefield Police Department

Was granted the extension through the date of the entrance fitness test and, if testing is successful, through the end of the 159th Full-Time Academy with the stipulation that Officer Taatjes must remain actively enrolled in the 159th Police Academy and continue to work only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Officer Billy P. Tolios, Alton Police Department

Was granted the extension through the date of the entrance fitness test, and, if testing is successful, through the end of the 159th Police Academy with the stipulation that Officer Tolios must remain actively enrolled in the 159th Academy.

Officer William Byrne, Chichester Police Department

Was granted the extension through the date of the entrance fitness test and, if testing is successful, through the end of the 263rd Part-Time Officer Academy with the stipulation that Officer Byrne must remain actively enrolled in the 263rd Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Deputy Gary Emerson, Grafton County Sheriff's Department

Was granted the extension through the date of the entrance fitness test and, if testing is successful, through the end of the 263rd Part-Time Officer Academy with the stipulation that Deputy Emerson must remain actively enrolled in the 263rd Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Officer Vincent Rodden, Dalton Police Department

Was granted the extension through the date of the entrance fitness test and, if testing is successful, through the end of the 263rd Academy with the stipulation that Officer Rodden must remain actively enrolled in the 263rd Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Corrections Officer Jason Goulet, NH Department of Corrections

Was granted the extension through the date of the entrance fitness test and, if testing is successful, through the end of the 95th Corrections Academy with the stipulation that CO Goulet must remain actively enrolled in the 95th Corrections Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified Corrections Officer.

New Boston Police Department was granted funds for Sergeant Daniel Aiken to attend the First Line Supervisor class in Portsmouth, Rhode Island at Roger Williams University from November 26, 2012 to December 7, 2012.

Center Harbor Police Department was granted funds for Officer Donald Welch to attend the First Line Supervisor class in Portsmouth, Rhode Island at Roger Williams University from November 25, 2012 to November 30, 2012 and December 2, 2012 to December 7, 2012.

Keene Police Department was granted funds for Lieutenant Todd Lawrence to attend the Mid-Management Course in Portsmouth, Rhode Island at Roger Williams University from October 22, 2012 to November 2, 2012.

Manchester Police Department was granted funds for Officer John McInerny, Officer Greg DiTullio, Officer Kenneth Chamberlain and Officer Patrick Sherry to attend the Post Collision Mechanical Inspection class at Manchester Community College in

Manchester, NH from September 13, 2012; a twelve session course meeting bi-weekly, once a week for four hours.

Motion by Chief Sullivan to approve the Consent Calendar with a second by Chief Colarusso; Council vote was unanimous 9-0 in favor.

Other New Business

The Council considered Michelle Hilliard's request for reconsideration and an objection to that motion that was filed by staff.

Motion by Chief Colarusso to deny Michelle Hilliard's request for reconsideration, with a second by Chief Morency; the Council vote was unanimous 11-0.

Annual Report

Captain Benjamin Jean reviewed the highlights of the PSTC Annual Report for FY12. The revenue was 3.271 million which was an increase of \$381,000 from FY11. This was contributed by an increase to the Penalty Assessment fund to 66.67%; whereas in FY11 we received 54.17%. Expenditures were at 3.188 million.

The process of building the FY14/15 budget has started. Budget requirements are that it will be created using the FY 12 actual budget and reducing it by 10%.

Major accomplishments included adding a new video conferencing location at the Hampton Police Department; academy recruits being issued an iPad2 for use during the academy, a Training Specialist being certified as a Crossfit/Kettlebell Instructor; and a new Ford Interceptor was purchased for the driving program. Breathtest operator is now included in the Full-Time Academy resulting in more certified operators in departments.

This year the total full-time officers are 2,858 down from 2,867 and there are 1,152 part-time officers down from 1,164. The in-service portion of the annual report was streamlined to show the number of classroom hours for each course. There were 32,209 for in-service; regional 2,066; computer-based training 1,538 and Academy hours 80,481 resulting in a total of student hours of training of 116,294.

Motion by Chief Colarusso to adopt the Annual Report with a second by Sheriff Foote; Council vote was unanimous 11-0 in favor.

Director Vittum noted that the Full-Time Academy numbers had been decreasing; but there are 66 officers who have applied for the 159th Academy. Whereas, this Academy will have more recruits than in the past, it will result in an increase in cost for meals and overtime for hands-on training. Also, the part-time academy has seen a decrease in the number of recruits in the last several years. Next summer there will be a Part-Time Officer Academy pilot program held at the Hampton Police Department which hopefully will attract college students looking to pursue their law enforcement career.

ADDENDUM ITEMS

Officer Jason Sagers, Manchester Police Department

Will be granted full-time certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, and Full-Time Law Package of the Full-Time Police Academy.

Officer Christian Horn, Manchester Police Department

Will be granted full-time certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, and Full-Time Law Package of the Full-Time Police Academy.

Motion by Chief Sullivan to approve the Addendum Items with a second by Chief Cahill; Council vote was unanimous 11-0 in favor.

Director's Report

Director Vittum stated that Hilary Denoncourt has been hired to replace Christine Hanks who will be leaving in September. Ms. Denoncourt is currently working in the Governor's Office and is familiar with the penalty assessment, budget, and the state payroll system.

Director Vittum spoke about a policy issue that has arose about departments and outside agencies using the facility. Problems have been arising where rooms have been double booked. Currently, all requests need to be in writing or by email to the Director. Council discussed whether or not to have a policy. Council thought this was not a Council decision but should be handled by the Director. Vice Chancellor Rioux suggested possible a web-based application.

The 159th Police Academy Graduation will be held on Friday, September 14, 2012. Due to a large number of honored guests that will be on stage, Council members will be seated in the front row.

9:45 a.m. Council took a break.

{Council members consulted with Senior Attorney General Nancy Smith from 10:05 to 10:40 a.m.}.

Other New Business

The Council discussed a rulemaking petition filed by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules.

Chief Merrill suggested the following be added to Pol. 402.02 in response to the petition:

A person who has had their police, corrections or probation/parole officer certification revoked or suspended shall not be allowed to work in a capacity that would allow them to exercise the same authority as a certified officer or that would give the appearance that they have the same authority as a certified officer during the period of suspension or revocation.

Motion by Attorney General Delaney to accept the joint committee on Legislative rules petition that we propose a rule to accept staff's recommendation for language modifying 402.02 and then instruct staff to proceed with rulemaking process in accordance with the recommended amendment. Sheriff Foote seconded the motion.

Council discussed if wording should change to include "similar activity".

Council vote was unanimous 11-0 in favor.

General

Chairman Prozzo reminded Council members that the Council's Planning Session will be held on September 25, 2012 and will commence at 9:00 a.m. followed by lunch.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

The next meeting of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council will be held on September 25, 2012, at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Upon a motion by Chief Sullivan, seconded by Sheriff Foote, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman Michael L. Prozzo, Jr.