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Approved Minutes

September 25, 2012

The 422nd meeting of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council was called to order at 1:00 p.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: Chief David Cahill, Sunapee Police Department, Major Russell Conte, New Hampshire State Police, Attorney General Michael Delaney, Sheriff Richard Foote, Cheshire County, Chief Anthony Colarusso, Dover Police Department, Commissioner William Wrenn, New Hampshire Department of Corrections, Vice Chancellor Ronald Rioux, Community College System of New Hampshire, Judge Sawako Gardner, 10th Circuit District Division Portsmouth, and Chief James Sullivan, Hampton Police Department.

Members Absent: Chief Peter Morency, Berlin Police Department, Colonel Robert Quinn, New Hampshire State Police, Chancellor Ross Gittell, Community College System of New Hampshire and Judge James Carroll, 4th Circuit District Division, Laconia.

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

Guests Present: Chief Michael Lewis, Bristol Police Department with Chief (Ret.) Joseph Chivell, II

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Chief Sullivan for the Council to approve the minutes of August 28, 2012 Council meeting. Following a second by Attorney General Delaney, the voice vote of the Council was 9-0 in favor of the motion.

Previous Business

PPO Thomas Casey

The hearing scheduled for PPO Thomas Casey to show cause why the council should not suspend or revoke certification for violation of Council rule Pol 402.02 (a) (12). **This hearing was continued and an informal conference has been scheduled.

Prior Training & Experience Request, Non Consent

Joseph Chivell, II, Bristol Police Department, accompanied by Chief Michael Lewis appeared before the Council to request consideration for full-time police officer certification based upon prior training and experience. Joseph Chivell completed the 76th Full Time Academy on November 14, 1986. He was last employed by the Ashland Police Department as their chief until his retirement on May 31, 2008. Staff recommended granting certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, and the Full-time Academy.

Captain Mark Bodanza provided a timeline and synopsis for the Council, with Chief Lewis providing a presentation for the Council as well. Chief Chivell has been out of law enforcement employment for four years and three months. According to the matrix for prior training and experience certification, a lapse of more than three years in law enforcement employment indicates the individual must attend the entire full time academy program to regain their certification.

There was much discussion about the length of Chief Chivell's law enforcement career, the Council's policy on the lapse in employment, and the opportunity for Council members to review each request for prior training and experience on case by case basis.

Motion by Chief Sullivan, seconded by Chief Cahill regarding Bristol Police Department's request for the prior training and experience certification of Chief Chivell; to grant certification upon completion of the medical exam, passing the entrance fitness test, and Chief Chivell's successfully passing the final comprehensive test of the full time academy within 60 days of the date of this meeting. If he is unable to pass, he will be required to complete the Full Time Academy.

Vote on this motion was, 8 in favor, 1 opposed.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Requests for extensions:

Officer Kyle S. MacKenzie, Keene Police Department

Was granted the extension through the date of the entrance fitness test and, if testing is successful, through the end of the 160th Academy with the stipulation that Officer MacKenzie must remain actively enrolled in the 160th Academy and must continue to work only in the direct presence of a certified police officer.

Officer Eric M. Pouliot, Keene Police Department

Was granted the extension through the date of the entrance fitness test and, if testing is successful, through the end of the 160th Academy with the stipulation that Officer Pouliot must remain actively enrolled in the 160th Academy and must continue to work only in the direct presence of a certified police officer.

Officer Adam Thistle, Pelham Police Department

Was granted the extension through the date of the entrance fitness test and, if testing is successful, through the end of the 160th Academy with the stipulation that Officer Thistle must remain actively enrolled in the 160th Academy.

Officer Jason Rella, Colebrook Police Department

Was granted the extension through the date of the entrance fitness test and, if testing is successful, through the end of the 160th Academy with the stipulation that Officer Rella must remain actively enrolled in the 160th Academy and must continue to work only in the direct presence of a certified police officer.

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 160th Academy with the stipulation that Officer Taatjes must remain actively enrolled in the 160th Academy and must continue to work only in the direct presence of a certified police officer.

Officer Michael 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 160th Academy with the stipulation that Officer Milano must remain actively enrolled in the 160th Academy.

Officer Jacob M. Tivey, Laconia Police Department

Was granted the extension through the date of the entrance fitness test and, if testing is successful, through the end of the 160th Academy with the stipulation that Officer Tivey must remain actively enrolled in the 160th Academy and must continue to work only in the direct presence of a certified police officer.

Sutton Police Department was granted funds for Sergeant Valerie Crone to attend the Command Training Series First Line Supervisor Course at Roger Williams University, Portsmouth RI from November 25, 2012 to December 7, 2012.

Sunapee Police Department was granted funds for Sergeant Timothy Puchtler to attend the Detective and New Criminal Investigator at the Public Agency Training Council in Portsmouth, VA, from November 5, 2012 to November 9, 2012.

Motion by Chief Sullivan, seconded by Judge Gardner to approve the items on the consent calendar, the Council vote was 8 in favor with Chief Cahill abstaining from the vote.

Other New Business

Correspondence from Kenneth Smith of the Winchester Police Department was reviewed. Officer Smith asked if there was a “bridge” for part time certification to full time certification.

The Council’s response was that the only way to attain full time officer certification was to attend the full time officer academy.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

The next meeting of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council will be held on October 23, 2012, at nine o'clock in the morning.

Upon a motion by Chief Sullivan, seconded by Chief Colarusso, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 2:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chairman Michael L. Prozzo, Jr.