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Approved Minutes

September 22, 2015

The 458th meeting of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council was called to order at 9:21 a.m. by Chairman, Chief Anthony Colarusso, in classroom one at the Arthur D. Kehas Law Enforcement Training Facility and Campus in Concord, New Hampshire.

Members Present: Chairman, Chief Anthony Colarusso, Jr., Dover Police Department; Executive Major David Parenteau, New Hampshire State Police; Dr. Ekaterina Hurst, DHHS; Ms. Paula Wall, Crisis Center of Central New Hampshire; Judge Sawako Gardner, 10th Circuit District Division, Portsmouth (arrived at 9:26 a.m.); President Susan Dunton, Community College System of New Hampshire; Vice Chairman, Commissioner William L. Wrenn, New Hampshire Department of Corrections; Chief David Cahill, Sunapee Police Department; and Sheriff Douglas Dutile, Grafton County.

Members Absent: Chief William Hart, Londonderry Police Department.; Attorney General Joseph Foster; Chief Peter Morency, Berlin Police Department; Judge James Carroll, 4th Circuit District Division; Laconia and Sheriff David Dubois, Strafford County.

Staff Present: Director Donald Vittum, Chief (Ret.) Timothy Merrill, and Captain Benjamin Jean.

Guests Present: Chris Collman, Chief Mark Doyle, Merrimack Police Department, Sgt Gary Burke, New Hampshire Department of Corrections, Representative John Tholl and Chief Fred Douglas, Francestown Police Department

Approval of Minutes

Chief Cahill moved for the Council to approve the minutes of August 25, 2015. Following a second by Dr. Dunton, the voice vote of the Council was unanimous.

Financial Report by Captain Jean

Captain Jean went over a power point presentation with Council members (attached) depicting the funding crisis at Police Standards and Training Council.

Representative Tholl was in attendance to speak about state legislation regarding the penalty assessment fund and the funding of Police Standards and Training Council. He has filed a bill to address the shortfall in PSTC's funding.

Chief Colarusso went on to say that the staff has been reduced. Granite State College option used for video of classes for Enforcement's Strategic Plan eliminated, as well as

training grants and in-service classes. Council members thanked Representative Tholl for his assistance

Chris Collman, Granite State College

A presentation was made to Chris Collman, the coordinator for Granite State College, whose position has been eliminated due to financial crisis, to thank him for his years of service.

Chief Mark Doyle, Merrimack Police Department

Chief Doyle was in attendance to speak to the council members about a potential academy candidate at his agency with a medical issue.

Motion by Commissioner Wrenn, seconded by Chief Cahill to begin a nonpublic session for personnel reasons, roll call vote was unanimous on the motion.

At 9:44 the Council began a nonpublic session.

Motion to exit the nonpublic session by Chief Cahill, seconded by Commissioner Wrenn, the roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

At 10:05 the Council was back in public session.

Motion by Chief Cahill, seconded by Commissioner Wrenn to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session, the council vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Motion by Commissioner Wrenn, seconded by Chief Cahill; to accept the letter from the doctor, to allow and approve the candidate's attendance in the academy for certification as a police officer. The council vote was unanimous in favor of this motion.

Sgt Gary Burke, New Hampshire Department of Corrections

Sgt Burke was present, he had submitted a motion to stay and reconsider the Council's order of temporary suspension of his Correction's Officer Certification in August. PSTC staff had filed an objection to the motion, stating that the facts in the case have not changed, and the case is still pending in court.

Motion by Judge Gardner, seconded by Sheriff Dutile, to deny Sgt Burke's motion to stay and reconsider given the decision before, and that there is no new information the allegations in his motion, and it does not warrant reconsideration. The Council's vote was unanimous in favor of this motion.

Chief Frederick Douglas, Frankestown

Chief Douglas was present, he stated that the classes he was required to take due to his lapse in service for his certification were in direct conflict at the time of a previously scheduled vacation, he was asking if he could attend the classes the next time they were offered.

Motion by Commissioner Wrenn, seconded by Sheriff Dutile, to approve the request of Chief Douglas to allow him to forego the regular attendance of the law package in October and allow him to take and to complete the training in January, the Council vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Brad Zarba, Right to Know

Council asked that this issue be tabled until October when Nancy Smith would be invited to the meeting.

Blue Courage

Captain Jean explained the benefits of this program, and explained the costs involved. Council members agreed that due to the financial crisis at the Academy, it was not a good idea to take on another expense.

Media Day at the Academy

The Caledonia News attended media day.

Recruit Separations from the full time academy

There were six recruits that left the academy since the initial day, August 31st.

Consent Calendar

PT&E Requests

Officer George McCarthy, Merrimack County Sheriff's Office

Will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, and entrance fitness test.

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

168th Academy August 31, 2015 to December 18, 2015, entrance fitness test August 17, 2015

169th Academy January 4, 2016 to April 22, 2016, entrance fitness test December 21, 2015

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

270th Academy, August 15, 2015 to November 13, 2015; entrance fitness test August 1, 2015

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

Corrections Officer Academy

101st Academy, September 8, 2015 to November 6, 2015; entrance fitness test August 24, 2015

102nd Academy February 16, 2016 to April 15, 2016; entrance fitness test February 1, 2015

Extension Full Time Academy

Jeffrey Danforth, Hopkinton Police Department

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 169th academy.

Kurt Barger, Keene Police Department

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 169th academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Extension Part Time Academy

Shane Sweeney, Hancock Police Department

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 271st Part Time Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Joseph Pizzuto Coos County Sheriff's

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 271st Part Time Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

Howard Sheats, Nelson Police Department

Will be granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing date for the 169th Academy.

George McCarthy, Merrimack County Sheriff's Department

Will be granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing date for the 169th Academy.

Extension Corrections Academy

Timothy Durham, NH DOC

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 102nd Corrections Academy and may only work in the direct presence of a certified Corrections Officer.

Addendums to Agenda

Vincent Rodden, Northumberland FT Ext-

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 169th academy.

Donald Grow Jr. Barnstead FT Ext-

Will be granted the extension until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the 169th academy, and, if testing is successful, through the end of his 2 year probationary period, January 21, 2016, with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 169th academy law package.

(END OF APPROVED CONSENT CALENDAR)

Motion to accept the Consent Calendar, adding the two addendum consent items was made by Sheriff Dutile, seconded by Judge Gardner, the Council vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Other New Business

Laurie list discussion to be held at the October Council meeting with Nancy Smith in attendance.

Director Vittum's report consisted of the necessity of a special meeting with council to specifically discuss the financial crisis in the funding for PSTC.

A special meeting will be held at the academy at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13th.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council will be held on October 27, 2015, at nine o'clock in the morning.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wrenn, seconded by President Dunton, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Vice Chairman, Commissioner William L. Wrenn