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Approved Minutes

February 24, 2015

The 451st meeting of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by Vice Chairman, Commissioner William Wrenn, in classroom one at the Arthur D. Kehas Law Enforcement Training Facility and Campus in Concord, New Hampshire.

Members Present: Vice Chairman, Commissioner William L. Wrenn, New Hampshire Department of Corrections; Deputy Attorney General Ann Rice; Colonel Robert Quinn, New Hampshire State Police; President Susan Dunton, Community College System of New Hampshire; Chief David Cahill, Sunapee Police Department; Sheriff David Dubois, Strafford County; Sheriff Douglas Dutile, Grafton County; Judge James Carroll, 4th Circuit District Division; Laconia (Judge Carroll exited the meeting at 10:15 a.m.) and Chief William Hart of the Londonderry Police Department.

Members Absent: Chairman, Chief Anthony Colarusso, Dover Police Department, Chief Peter Morency, Berlin Police Department; and Judge Sawako Gardner, 10th Circuit District Division, Portsmouth.

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

Guests Present: Nelson Jimenez, Londonderry Police Department and David Cady, New Hampshire Department of Corrections.

Commissioner Wrenn welcomed the new Council members, Sheriff Douglas Dutile from Grafton County, Chief William Hart of the Londonderry Police Department, as well as extending a formal welcome to President Susan Dunton who had attended the Council meeting on February 3, 2015.

Approval of Minutes

Sheriff Dubois **moved** for the Council to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2015 Council meeting. Following a second by Chief Cahill, the vote was unanimous, 9-0.

Financial report

Director Vittum explained that revenue has increased; however there is a bond payment to be made which will decrease the training fund.

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Previous and/or Unfinished Business

Nelson Jimenez, Londonderry Police Department

Officer Jimenez had been notified to appear before the Council after the February 3, 2015 council meeting regarding his submission of documents relating to RSA 188-F:27, the three year fitness requirement.

Chief Hart recused himself from this agenda item.

When asked, Officer Jimenez stated that a public session was acceptable for the discussion.

Captain Bodanza summarized the issues for Council members. Officer Jimenez was due to complete three year fitness testing; he was unable to complete the testing due to an injury. He had filed for a medical extension in June 2014, as his first extension was due to expire on June 30, 2014; the date of the physician examination for that extension request was in March, 2014.

Officer Jimenez filed the same documentation for an additional extension at the end of December, 2014, and when questioned about the date on the form, he provided a letter from his doctor, which stated that after having had a phone call conversation with Officer Jimenez, the doctor would not approve participation in three year testing. The Council reviewed the doctor's letter last month, and directed the staff to inform Officer Jimenez that he must be examined by a doctor for an approval of medical extension; and also asked that he appear before the Council to explain the circumstances of the letter.

Officer Jimenez explained to the Council that he had faxed the same form to the doctor's office for the doctor to fill out, he didn't realize that he must be examined before each request for medical extension. He was currently recovering and was still unable to test. He had been examined by his doctor on February 23, 2015, and was not approved to participate in fitness testing; he submitted the updated medical clearance report form to the staff of PSTC.

Motion by Sheriff Dubois, seconded by Deputy Attorney General Rice, no further action on this violation, and that the Council approved the medical extension request for Nelson Jimenez. The Council vote was 8-0 in favor of the motion, with Chief Hart recused from the matter.

Chief Hart re-joined the meeting.

Commissioner Wrenn recused himself from the next hearing, and Chief Cahill agreed to act as Chairman.

PPO David Cady, New Hampshire Department of Corrections, Pol 402.02 (b)

David Cady requested a nonpublic session.

Motion by Sheriff Dubois, seconded by Deputy Attorney General Rice, to begin a nonpublic session, the roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, 8-0.

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At 9:39 a.m. the Council began a nonpublic session.

Motion, to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session, by Sheriff Dubois, seconded by Judge Carroll, unanimous vote in favor of the motion 8-0.

Motion to exit the nonpublic session, by Judge Carroll, seconded by Deputy Attorney General Rice, the roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, 8-0.

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

Further discussion ensued amongst the Council members.

Motion by Judge Carroll, seconded by Sheriff Dubois, to suspend PPO David Cady's certification, beginning February 24th, for forty-five days, to be reinstated automatically with no further action by the Council on the forty-sixth day; the motion was made in accordance with Pol 402.02 (a)(4). The Council vote was unanimous in favor of the motion, 8-0.

10:15 a.m. Commissioner Wrenn returned to the meeting, and called for a break. Judge Carroll exited the meeting at this time.

At 10:28 a.m. the Council meeting was back in session.

Narcan Training

Captain Bodanza inquired to Council members on whether or not the Narcan training should be included in the full time academy? The staff is in the process of building the schedule for the next full time academy, at this point it would be helpful to know how to add the additional 11 hours of training relative to Narcan, and the training hours that must be deducted in order to account for it.

The consensus by Council members was that the Narcan training should be a decision made by each agency involved, and it would not be included in the full time academy curriculum.

Hampton Police Department, Request for an additional Part-Time Officer Academy

Captain Bodanza explained to the Council, the Hampton Police Department has asked to run a part time academy during the summer of 2015 with condensed hours. The regular part time academies are run twice a year on Tuesday nights, Thursday nights, and on the weekends. Hampton would like to take an opportunity to employ teachers and college students who have availability during the summer to complete training. The minimum number of recruits necessary to run the summer academy is ten, and it would be run using satellite locations, Hampton, Concord and Littleton. The total hours would be twenty eight or twenty nine per week, for seven weeks, running Monday, Wednesday and

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Friday, as well as Saturdays for driving and firearms training. The Hampton Police Department has had some interest from other agencies who would like to send their recruits to the summer part time officer academy as well.

Council members discussed the matter, the additional time required of the academy staff, the budget, and the future of the satellite locations.

Motion by Colonel Quinn, seconded by President Dunton, to approve the Hampton Police Department's request to run a part time officer academy, with the required ten or more recruits. The motion was unanimous, 8-0.

Consent Calendar

PT&E Requests

Officer Travis Mannon, Allentown Police Department

(DOH: 06/16/14) will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam and the 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

166th Academy January 5, 2015 to April 10, 2015; entrance fitness test December 22, 2014.

167th Academy May 4, 2015 to August 21, 2015; entrance fitness test April 20, 2015.

The 167th Academy will be the first academy to initiate the change from 14 to 16 week duration.

Part-Time Police Officer Academy

268th Academy February 7, 2015 to May 8, 2015; entrance fitness test January 24, 2015.

New Hampshire Department of Corrections Academy

99th Academy February 2, 2015 to April 3, 2015, entrance fitness test January 20, 2015.

James G. MacKenna, New London Police Department (DOH: 08/21/14 Part-Time certified), was 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 167th academy.

Requests for Specialized Training Grant Funds, (Balance: \$5,385.90).

Strafford County Sheriff's Department was granted funds for Deputies Matt Wunschel, Steve Misek and Robert Whitten to attend the DEA Basic Narcotics School at the New Britain CT Police Department from March 1, 2015 to March 13, 2015.

Dover Police Department was granted funds for Officer Alexander Mitrushi to attend the St. Louis Department of Pathology Medicolegal Death Investigator Training in St. Louis, MO from April 19 to April 25, 2015 .

End of Consent Calendar

Motion to approve the consent calendar by Chief Cahill, seconded by Sheriff Dutile, the Council vote was 8-0 in favor of the motion, (Sheriff Dubois recused himself from the Strafford County training grant item).

Other New Business

Law Enforcement Memorial

This is a two part item, the first being whether Police Standards and Training should continue administrative duties for the Memorial, per request of the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Association and the second, whether academy recruits should attend the Law Enforcement Memorial.

Council members discussed Police Standard and Training Council's assistance to the Memorial association, the clerical duties for programs, mailings, rsvp's, expenses, the scope of responsibility of PSTC, time and budget.

Motion by Chief Hart, seconded by Deputy Attorney General Rice, to transfer the obligations that Police Standards and Training Council currently complete for the Law Enforcement Memorial, to the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Association, working with them during the transition. Council vote was unanimous in favor of this motion, 8-0.

Council members then discussed the participation and attendance of the academy recruits at the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Memorial. Keeping budget and training hours first and foremost; there are three full time officer academies each year, which mean that only one class would attend the Memorial, it would only impact the one class in session at the time the Memorial is held. The length of the academy and the costs must be kept in mind. When the recruits use time that is not spent in training, the time must be made up.

Motion, by Deputy Attorney General Rice, seconded by Sheriff Dubois, that the academy's recruits are not required to participate at the New Hampshire Law Enforcement Memorial. The vote on this motion was 7 in favor, 1 opposed, the motion passed.

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General

Council members discussed the hours of the full time academy, free time, and the expectations of each recruit regarding cleaning of their quarters, hallways and restrooms. It was suggested that Senior Assistant Attorney General Nancy Smith be consulted about the clarifications of time for the recruits.

Chief Cahill queried Council members regarding individuals who were noticed, and appeared for hearings at Police Standards and Training Council. Should those individuals noticed for hearings carry firearms at the hearings? Council members discussed whether or not they had authority in this type of matter and that it may be something to research in the future.

Next Meeting Date/Adjournment

The next meeting of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council will be held on March 24, 2015, at nine o'clock in the morning.

Upon a motion by Deputy Attorney General Rice, seconded by Colonel Quinn, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Vice Chairman William Wrenn