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**PUBLIC MINUTES**

**June 26, 2018**

The 493rd meeting of the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman David Cahill in classroom one at the Arthur D. Kehas Law Enforcement Training Facility and Campus in Concord, New Hampshire.

**Members Present:** Chairman David Cahill, Chief Sunapee Police Department Vice Chairman, Chief William Hart, Jr., Londonderry Police Department, Helen Hanks, Commissioner, New Hampshire Department of Corrections, Attorney General Gordon MacDonald, Major Matthew Shapiro (designee of Colonel Christopher Wagner), NH State Police, Sheriff Douglas Dutile, Grafton County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Brian Valerino, Coos County Sheriff's Office, Chief Peter Morency, Berlin Police Department, President Susan Dunton, NHTI, Debra Noyes and Mark Long.

**Members Absent:** Chief Enoch Willard, Manchester Police Department, Justice Sawako Gardner, 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit-District Division – Rochester; and Justice Melissa Countway-Vetanze, 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit – District Division – Ossipee

**Staff Present:** Donald L. Vittum, Director, Chief Timothy Merrill, Major David Parenteau, (Ret.), and Anne Paquin, Investigative Paralegal.

**Guests Present:** Chief Joseph Gordon, Sandown Police Department, Lt. Justin Sanctuary, and Officer Mario Checchi, Walpole Police Department.

Before the start of the meeting, Ms. Cindy Perry, Program Assistant for PSTC was given a commendation for her 40 years of service with the State of New Hampshire, 32 of which have been at PSTC.

A motion to accept the May 22, 2018 minutes was made by Sheriff Dutile, seconded by President Dunton, the motion was unanimous, with Debra Noyes abstaining from the vote.

**Financial Report**

Chief Merrill explained that the end of the fiscal year was approaching and that the items that had been added for the capital budget process were new boilers and a new database.



## Previous Unfinished Business

### Reinstatement of Certifications

Two officers, John Kelly, Jr. and Jonathan Earnshaw were suspended by their agencies in October and November of 2017, and had been issued temporary suspensions of their certifications in 2017 until resolution of their court cases. Their certifications were reinstated as Mr. Kelly had completed a sentence and Mr. Earnshaw had been found not guilty.

### Walpole Police Department – Officer Mario Checchi

Lt. Justin Sanctuary, designee for Chief Michael Paquette was present with part time Officer Mario Checchi. The agency has requested an extension for Officer Checchi to complete the requirements of a Prior Training and Experience for certification request that had been granted at the December 2017 Council meeting. In the time period since the PTE was granted, due to scheduling and an injury, Officer Checchi has not been able to complete the fitness test. He has exceeded the six months to become certified. He is not actively working in Walpole.

Motion by Commissioner Hanks, seconded by Chief Hart, to grant a six month extension for Officer Checchi, stipulating that staff at PSTC be provided with documentation from his physician regarding his injury rehabilitation. The council vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

### Sandown Police Department

Chief Joseph Gordon from the Sandown Police Department was present to discuss one of his agency's officer's progress in the part time academy.

Staff summarized the accommodations that had been made for this student regarding learning and testing during the academy.

Discussion ensued amongst the Council members regarding this officer's present situation and reviewing an IEP.

Motion by Attorney General Gordon, that IEP documents be provided to his office for review, and a recommendation will be made before July 25, 2018. The motion was seconded by Chief Hart, and the motion passed, ten in favor, one opposed.

## Consent Calendar

### PT&E Requests

#### Steven Payne, Lebanon Police Department

(DOH: 04/08/18) requests consideration for full-time police officer certification based on prior training and experience. Officer Payne completed his full time certification on June 29, 2018 at the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office Training Academy. He was last employed by the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office until April, 2018. Will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, and Law Package of the Full-Time Police Officer Academy.



**Jeffrey Maher, UNH Police Department**

(DOH: 06/01/18) requests consideration for full-time police officer certification based on prior training and experience. Officer Maher completed his full time certification on March 31, 1995 during the 105<sup>th</sup> Enhanced Academy. He was last employed at the Nashua Police Department until September 17, 2015. Will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, entrance fitness test, and Law Package of the Full-Time Police Officer Academy.

**Kimberly Layne, Chester Police Department**

(DOH: 04/08/18) requests consideration for part-time police officer certification based on prior training and experience. Officer Layne completed her part-time certification on November 9, 2017 at the 274<sup>th</sup> Part Time Academy. She was last employed by the Chester Police Department until January 28, 2018. Will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, and the entrance fitness test.

**William Cole, Strafford County Sheriff's Office**

(DOH: 05/24/18) requests consideration for full-time police officer certification based on prior training and experience. Officer Cole completed his full time certification on December 15, 2017 at the 174<sup>th</sup> Full time Academy. He was last employed by the UNH Police Department until March 30, 2018. Will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, and the entrance fitness test.

**James Yazinski, Sullivan County Sheriff's Office**

(DOH: 06/08/18) requests consideration for full-time police officer certification based on prior training and experience. Officer Yazinski completed his full time certification on December 12, 2014 at the 165<sup>th</sup> Full time Academy. He was last employed by the Newport Police Department until September 27, 2016. Will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, and the entrance fitness test.

9. 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**

Class Number	Dates	Fitness Test Date
176	04/30/18 – 08/17/18	04/16/18
177	8/27/18-12/14/18	8/13/18
178	1/7/19-4/26/19	12/2/18

**Part Time Police Officer Academy**

Class Number	Dates	Fitness Test Date
276	8/11/18-11/9/18	7/28/18



Corrections Officer Academy

Class Number	Dates	Fitness Test Date
108	06/11/18 - 08/10/18	05/14/18

**David Landry, Wakefield Police Department** (DOH: 05/28/18 **Part-Time certified**) requests extension through the end of the 177<sup>th</sup> Full-Time Police Officer Academy. An extension is required because the ending date of the 177<sup>th</sup> Full Time Academy exceeds six months from the date of hire. Extension will be 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 with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 177<sup>th</sup> academy.

**Donald Morse, Barrington Police Department** (DOH: 06/11/18 **Not Part-time certified**) requests extension through the end of the 177<sup>th</sup> Full-Time Police Officer Academy. An extension is required because the ending date of the 177<sup>th</sup> Full Time Academy exceeds six months from the date of hire. Extension will be 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 with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 177<sup>th</sup> academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

**Kyle Latimer, PPO, New Hampshire Department of Corrections** (DOH: 02/02/18) requests extension through the end of the 177<sup>th</sup> Full-Time Police Officer Academy. An extension is required because the ending date of the 177<sup>th</sup> Full Time Academy exceeds six months from the date of hire. Extension will be 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 with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 177<sup>th</sup> academy .

**Timothy Seawards, Barrington Police Department** (DOH: 06/11/18 **Not Part-time certified**) requests extension through the end of the 177<sup>th</sup> Full-Time Police Officer Academy. An extension is required because the ending date of the 177<sup>th</sup> Full Time Academy exceeds six months from the date of hire. Extension will be 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 with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 177<sup>th</sup> academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

**Kyle Cotnoir, New Hampshire State Police** (DOH: 04/13/18 **Not Part-time certified**) requests extension through the end of the 177<sup>th</sup> Full-Time Police Officer Academy. An extension is required because the ending date of the 177<sup>th</sup> Full Time Academy exceeds six months from the date of hire. Extension will be 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 with the stipulation that the officer must





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**Howard D. Hill Raymond Police Department** (DOH: 09/28/17 Part-time certified) requests extension through the end of the 177<sup>th</sup> Full-Time Police Officer Academy. An extension is required because the ending date of the 177<sup>th</sup> Full Time Academy exceeds six months from the date of hire. Extension will be 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 with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 177<sup>th</sup> academy.

**Donald G. Wilkes, Plaistow Police Department** (DOH: 04/30/18) requests extension through the end of the 276th Part Time Academy. An extension is required because the ending date of the 276th Part Time Academy exceeds six months from the date of hire. Extension will be 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 with the stipulation that the officer must remain actively enrolled in the 276th Part Time Academy and may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer.

The following officers were granted Medical Extensions for Three Year Fitness Testing

Mallory Littman	Kevin Riley
Ian Stringer	Andrew Beabouef
Todd MacDougall	Michael McGee
Gary Hebert	Thomas Harriman
Keith Bike	
Scott Hudon	

With the addition of the officers from addendum number one of the agenda:

Mark Aquino	Lester Milton
James MacKenna	Tyler Hewes
Daniel Shaw	Christopher Anderson
Scott Knox	Thomas McAuliffe

**Motion** by Chief Hart, seconded by Sheriff Dutile, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar, with Council members voting unanimously in favor of the motion.

Nonconsent

**Elizabeth Baez, Strafford County Sheriff's Office**

Requests for 30-60 day re-test for certification

**Motion** by Sheriff Dutile, seconded by Attorney General MacDonald to approve the request for extension until the November 27, 2018 Council meeting, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.



Chairman Cahill announced that addendum number two for the June agenda was a letter in support of Director Vittum by the Carroll County Chief's Association, there were several more letters in support attached, Fish and Game, and other NH law enforcement associations.

### Proposed Rule Changes

Chief Merrill reviewed with Council members the amendment of rule Pol 302.01. The Fiscal Impact Statement had been approved by the office of the Legislative Budget Assistant. Currently in process, the Initial Proposal to Readopt with Amendment had been prepared and was before the Council for a vote to proceed by filing with the Office of Legislative Services.

The rule has been amended to include terminology stating that a newly hired, uncertified officer may not work without being accompanied by a certified officer. According to current rule, the extension for acquiring certification after the first six months of hire indicated accompaniment by a certified officer from (only) that point forward.

Discussion ensued amongst the Council members. Commissioner Hanks asked about the status of Correction's Officer's in training; would they be required to have a certified Correction's Officer with them if they were in a controlled environment. Chief Merrill and Commissioner Hanks will meet and discuss what changes to this amendment could apply specifically to Correction's Officers and Probation and Parole Officers.

### Strategic Planning Session

Council members discussed the summary of the planning session, the results and priorities.

Lt. Mark O'Brien, PSTC Law Enforcement Training Specialist spoke to the Council regarding classes in the current academy.

"Familiarization of Drugs", how to develop and work with informants, how to handle arrest and search warrants safety protocols, prescription abuse, recourse available; taught by NIU (four hours)

"DWI-HGN SFST's, how to detect impaired drivers, HGN and standard field sobriety testing, drugged driving, what to look for, indicators, categories of drugs and effects, taught by PSTC and DRE Instructors fentanyl, (twenty four hours).

"Meth Labs, What to look For", ingredients, safe handling of meth materials, fentanyl, resources, taught by DEA (four hours)

"Infectious Disease", how to protect yourself, fentanyl and handling of it, taught by DHHS (two hours)

"Proper Handling and Packaging of Evidence" for the lab, taught by NH State Lab (two hours)

"Criminal Statutes, Criminal Offenses, RSA's, Search and Seizure laws", taught by New Hampshire Attorney General's Office, (eight hours)



“IEA (Involuntary Emergency Admission)”, working with mentally ill, suicide prevention and postvention for law enforcement (sixteen hours)

Alzheimer’s Dementia, (two hours)

Autism Awareness, (two hours)

Mental Illness Scenarios, practical and simulator, (six hours)

The scenarios deal with the decision making criteria for an IEA, the simulator is for decision making with a mentally ill person. Taught by National Alliance of Mental Illness

Classes for in-service training currently offered are, dealing with individuals emotionally disturbed, older adults with behavioral problems, stress and fatigue in officers, stress management, and dealing with other’s stress. There is a one week long in-service class for drugs.

Attorney General MacDonald and Debra Noyes made inquiries on the subject of self-care for law enforcement officers.

The next meeting is July 24, 2018.

Motion to adjourn at 10:17 a.m. by Chief Hart, seconded by Commissioner Hanks, the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairman, Chief David Cahill

