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NH Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission Meeting

March 6, 2023

NH Police Standard & Training
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17 Institute Drive
Concord, NH 03301

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Zoom

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 <u>Call to Order and Roll Call:</u> At 1:00p.m. Chairman Chief Anthony King called the meeting to order.

Committee Chair: Chief Anthony King Stratham Police Department present – in person

Committee Vice Chair: Chief (Ret.) Ron Ace Civilian member present – in person

Secretary: Chief Mark Chase Center Harbor Police Department present – in person

Commission member: Sheriff Mark Brave Strafford County present - in person

Commission member: Chief Joseph Hoebeke Hollis Police Department present – in person Commission member: Director John Scippa NH Police Standards & Training – absent Captain Adam Hawkins NH Police Standards & Training present – in

person

Commission member: Senator Sharon Carson NH Senate – absent

Commission member: Representative Terry Roy NH Representative present – in person

Commission member: Dr. Jeffrey Czarnec SNHU present – in person Commission member: Attorney General John Formella NHDOJ – absent

DOJ Designee: Senior Assistant Attorney General Matthew Broadhead NHDOJ present

– in person

Staff Present: Chief (Ret). Michael French Program Director – via zoom

Dara May PST (Program Assistant) – in person

Robert Collman PST (Program Coordinator and Benchmark Support) - in

person

Public Present: Chief (Ret). David Ferland Dirigo Safety – in person

Sarah Gibbs - via zoom

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Captain David Michaud – via zoom

- **2.** Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the February 6, 2023, minutes by Chief Hoebeke and seconded by Chief Chase. The motion passed unanimously.
- **3.** Legal Updates: Tabled until next meeting.
- 4. (NONPUBLIC SESSION): None.
- 5. Accreditation Program Updates: Chief (Ret.) French provided an update on the status of the Program Standards. Chief Hoebeke is in the process of revising the formatting. Chief (Ret.) Monier is assisting with the review of national DOJ standards, which may require two additional NH standards to the current draft. 1. Retention and Recruitment 2. Retention and Mentorship. There was discussion of a hard date of completion for the April 3rd meeting. The standards will be sent for the Commission's review two weeks prior. There was discussed on how the process of acceptance of applications would be handled to include the utilization of Benchmark and support staff from Police Standards & Training. Chief (Ret.) French recommended that the final approval come from the Commission. The target deadline for accepting application is May 1st, 2023. Chief (Ret.) French will be scheduling brief presentations at the County Chief's Association meetings as well as the formal presentations previously discussed for the Primex Summit on May 1, 2023, and the Northern New England Police Accreditation Collision (NNEPAC) conference (DATE?). There was also discussion on the recruitment and training of assessors to ensure there is no bias. Assessors could be sworn officers and civilians, as there are civilians who could be subject matter experts such as dispatchers and there would be a team leader assigned. During the discussion, it was determined that Commission members will not be allowed to participate in assessments.
- <u>Previous Business:</u> Captain Hawkins and Robert Collman presented information on the website design and how it will function. There was also discussion on how the Secretary would forward the minutes to Dara May and she will ensure the posting of minutes and agendas on the website. A motion was made by Chief Hoebeke and seconded by Chief (Ret.) Ace to approve the website. The vote was unanimous.
- 7. New Business: Chief Hoebeke provided an update to the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police at their February meeting on the Commissions work. He will speak with President Bryfonski regarding getting on the agenda for a presentation at a future meeting.
- **8.** Public Input: Chief (Ret.) David Ferland expressed his gratitude to the Commission as a citizen, a former Police Chief and as employee of Dirigo Safety, for bringing a state accreditation program to NH. Chief Ferland expressed that an accreditation program had been unsuccessfully attempted 30 years ago.

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- <u>9.</u> Chief Hoebeke wanted to acknowledge the hard work of Attorney Moeser on not only the PowerDMS contract, but also the assistance she has provided in the furtherance of the Commission.
- **10.** Meeting schedule /next meeting: The next two meetings will be held at:

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April 3, 2023 May 1, 2023 At 1:00 p.m.

By Zoom:

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Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Chief Hoebeke and seconded by Sheriff Brave. The vote was passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Chief Mark C. Chase