Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training
Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2019

1. **Welcome and Roll Call**

   **Colonel Hugh Clements** called to order the regular meeting of the Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training (POST) at 10:00 a.m. on **May 16, 2019**.

   Colonel Clements took a roll call. The following POST members were present: Colonel Michael Winquist, Colonel Hugh Clements, Mr. Shawn Brown and Maria Deaton. A quorum has been met. Excused absence is Chief Edward Mello. Also present were Lieutenant Christopher Zarrella, Paul Dutra; David Ricciarelli, Donna Lavallee; R.I. Police Chief’s Association Executive Director Chief Sydney Wordell, Ryan Holt; Chief Steve Cahill and Lieutenant Philip Gingerella.

2. **Discussion/Approval of minutes:**

   Colonel Clements asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the POST Meeting of February 21, 2019; Colonel Winquist made a motion to accept the minutes; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

3. **Discussion of possible POST Certification for current RISD officers**

   Colonel Clements asked that this item be continued to the August POST meeting. Mr. Brown made a motion to continue to August; Colonel Winquist seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

4. **Approval of method of CPR Curriculum**

   Lt. Phil Gingerella, the Academy co-lead instructor of the First Responder curriculum, explained that 5 years ago he took over the CPR/AED curriculum for the recruit classes. Lt. Duffy and himself took over the First Responder curriculum and with that they starting issuing the CPR cards and charging the recruits $5.00/card. However, that price has gone up to $20.00/card and he cannot see adding that expense to the recruits. He is suggesting that the POST approve something being issued or going along with their Academy Certification that they were trained in CPR/AED and perhaps put an expiration date of 2 years on it. With approval the Certification would say that the Academy taught through the American Heart Association. Colonel Clements asked about how long the recruits have received this and Dave answered about 8 years and it is the same curriculum, but this would be far more cost effective. Lt. Zarrella added that the bottom line is that the instructors are certified through the American Heart Association but they would not be issuing the card-the Academy would. Lt. Gingerella stated that the Certification should only be good for two years.
Chief Cahill added that his officers are trained every two years. Colonel Clements made a motion to approve the method of the Academy noting their CPR/AED certification (via certificate or card) with the stipulation that this instruction was certified by the American Heart Association for a two-year period. Chief Winquist deferred to Paul Dutra before seconding the motion. Mr. Dutra stated it is a POST-certified curriculum that is taught and under the Good Samaritan statute, there should be no issue. Once the two years expire, it would be up to the department to continue their certification anyway. Colonel Winquist made a motion to second the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

5. **Request for Approval of Firearms Qualifications**

Lieutenant Zarrella is recommending approval of the following Firearms Qualifications:

- Barrington Police Department
- Central Falls Police Department
- Coventry Police Department
- DEM Police Department
- Department of Corrections
- East Greenwich Police Department
- Johnston Police Department
- North Kingstown Police Department
- Pawtucket Police Department
- Smithfield Police Department
- Warwick Police Department

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve all of the above-named Firearms courses; Colonel Winquist seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

6. **Approval of Re-Certification of the Cranston PD Special Response Team**

Lieutenant Zarrella stated members of the RI Tactical Team have recommended approval of the re-certification of the Cranston SRT and he endorses them for re-certification. Colonel Winquist recused himself. Maria Deaton made a motion to approval re-certification of their team for a three-year period; Mr. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, motion carries.

7. **Certification of Instructors**

- Officer Maxwell Neiley – Warwick PD – Day One Cadre
- Officer James Washburn – Providence PD – EVOC Instructor
- Officer Jose Deschamps – Providence PD – EVOC Instructor
- Officer Joseph Lopes – Providence PD – EVOC Instructor
- Officer Donald D. Castigliego, Jr. – Providence PD – EVOC Instructor
- Officer James D. Annis – Providence PD – EVOC Instructor
- Officer Robert Heaton – Providence PD – EVOC Instructor

Lt. Zarrella reviewed all of their qualifications and recommended certification as Basic Certification. All of the EVOC Instructors fulfilled all of the requirements of the POST and have attended all training and instruction. Colonel Clements recused himself. Colonel Winquist made a motion to certify the above-named officers and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, motion carries.
Lt. Zarrella added that he would like to have “Day One” formalized into an actual curriculum and is working on that.

8. Update on Continuing Education

Captain Ricciarelli stated we are about 70% ahead of last year with in-service trainings. Colonel Clements asked what the department needs are and Dave answered from the survey, some of the top subjects are Mental Health First Aid, PFAB, Field Training Officer school. Colonel Clements asked if we have any trainings on Auditing America? Dave stated we have a First Amendment training but didn’t get a huge turnout. That was hosted by the RISP Fusion Center. There was some discussion on this topic and how departments are training in-house.

9. Update on Class 2019-I and 2019-II

Lt. Zarrella stated that the class is graduating next week. There is 1 Firearms re-take scheduled for tomorrow and Role Play ends today. The attendance on the part of the instructors was not good for Role Play as very few showed up. There are 25+ Motor Vehicle Stop certified instructors and only one showed up for the two weeks of Role Play. Lt. Zarrella added that Monday we are hosting the “Guardian Games” event and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. It is the first time in the history of the State that the 3 Academies have been in session at the same time. Also, Orientation for the July class is scheduled for tomorrow. Colonel Clements stated that instructors should be removed if they are not going to instruct. Lt. Zarrella is working on a policy where you are going to be required to give us at least 8 hours/year of instruction or your certification will be revoked. Colonel Clements commended Lieutenant Zarrella for the work put into the Guardian Games. Kudos!

10. Adjournment:

Colonel Clements asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 am and Colonel Winquist seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

Colonel Winquist added a congratulations to Maria Deaton who is in line to be a Superior Court Judge.

Respectfully submitted,

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