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Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2017

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Chief Anthony Pesare called to order the regular meeting of the Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training (POST) at 10:00 a.m. on **August 10, 2017**.

Chief Pesare asked Donna Lavallee to take a roll call. The following POST members were present: Chief Anthony Pesare, Chief Palmer, Chief Mello and Colonel Ann C. Assumpico. Mr. Brown was absent. A quorum has been met. Also present were, Captain Darnell Weaver, RISP; Lieutenant Scott Raynes; David Ricciarelli; Susan Urso Esq.; Mr. Paul Andrews, Esq.; Paul Dutra; Donna Lavallee; R.I. Police Chief's Association Executive Director Chief Sydney Wordell.

2. Discussion/Approval of minutes:

Chief Pesare asked for approval of the minutes from the last meetings dated May 11, 2017. Chief Palmer made a motion to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2017; Colonel Assumpico seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, the motion carries.

3. Approval/Certification of the “Civil Liability” curriculum

Paul Dutra, Instructor of the “Civil Liability” instruction to the recruit classes, explained the changes he is making to the curriculum. The change occurs in #6 only “Jurisdictional Authority of Police Officers in Rhode Island”. He stated the reason for the change is that the recruits are not involved in municipal liability and that the geographical jurisdictional limitations are more important to them.

Chief Mello and Chief Pesare thanked Paul for his work.

Chief Pesare made a motion to approve and certify the revised “Civil Liability” curriculum; Colonel Assumpico seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

4. Approval/Certification of the “Role Play” curriculum

Lt. Raynes offered a brief history of the “Role Play” instruction and a general overview of how the program has expanded to a two-week block as it stands now. Officer David DelBonis began the Role Play instruction and still plays a vital role and he is the author of this current curriculum.

Chief Pesare stated that he sees the value of Role Play and is very impressed with the emphasis on safety in the curriculum. Chief Mello asked if the recruits are taught anything in Interview and Interrogation. Lt. Raynes responded that there is a noticeable lack in conversation skills and the Report Writing instruction is great because it brings them back to writing on pen and pad. Lt. Raynes stated that he randomly calls out recruits to speak in front of the class randomly to give them some oral skills. Chief Mello stated that he feels Role Play is the most important part of the Academy.

Chief Pesare made a motion to approve/certify the Role Play curriculum; Chief Mello seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

5. Consideration of a “Swim Test Requirement” for recruits to demonstrate proficiency in swimming

Chief Pesare stated that the incident with the two recruits failing swim in the last class put the POST and the staff in a precarious position and there should be requirements put in place to avoid this prior to coming to class.

Chief Wordell stated that there has been a development of a group of five officers from across the state in reviewing how the Physical Assessment has been done as a whole. They are meeting for the first time next Tuesday. He noted that the swim test is being done by some departments but he would like to make it more of a requirement of the P/T test. However, in order to do this, the POST would have to come up with some requirements.

Discussion followed as to who would certify and what the definitions of the requirements would be. Dave Ricciarelli suggested the American Red Cross for certification of officers conducting the testing. Chief Pesare stated that the first step should be to define and certify the standards and the second step should be the logistics of the testing. Chief Wordell should the swim should be included in the state P/T testing.

Chief Pesare made a motion that entry level standards for the Basic Water Rescue be standardized and put before the POST for approval, as well as who will administer the testing. Chief Mello seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, motion passes.

6. Request for approval of Firearms Qualifications Courses

Lieutenant Raynes said he had two Firearms courses to present for certification. They have been reviewed by himself and Captain Gould and he recommends approval.

- Barrington Police Department
- Hopkinton Police Department

Chief Pesare made a motion to certify the Barrington Police Department Firearms course and Colonel Assumpico seconded the motion. With all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

Chief Mello made a motion to certify the Hopkinton Police Department Firearms course and Colonel Assumpico seconded the motion. With all in favor, 3-0, motion carries. Chief Palmer abstained from the vote.

7. Update on Continuing Education

Captain Ricciarelli reviewed some trainings that are on schedule for the fall months.

8. Update on Class 2017-II

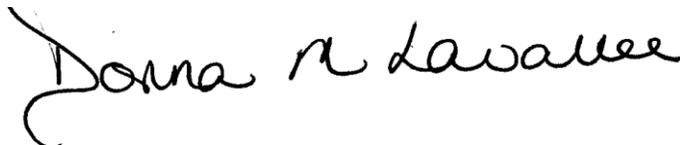
Lt. Raynes stated that the current recruit class is in Week 4 with 45 recruits. All are healthy and the training is going smoothly to date.

Chief Pesare asked Chief Wordell what the status of the POST members are at this point. Chief Wordell stated that he knows that three have scheduled interviews with the Governor or have already participated in an interview. He has no information as to the next step or when that will be. He, along with Paul Andrews, have made a recommendation that the appointments be staggered so that there will always be someone remaining on the Board at different time.

9. Adjournment:

Chief Pesare made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 am and Colonel Assumpico seconded the motion, With all in favor, 4-0, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna M. Lavalley". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Donna M. Lavalley
Administrative Assistant