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Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2010

I. Call to order

Colonel Stephen M. McCartney called to order the regular meeting of the Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training (POST) at 10:08 a.m. on May 20, 2010 in RIMPA-Lincoln.

II. Roll call

Colonel McCartney asked Donna Lavalley to take a roll call. The following POST members were present: Col. Stephen M. McCartney, Chief George L. Kelley, III, Chief Anthony Pesare, and Lieutenant Ernest Quarry, representing Colonel Brendan Doherty. Donna noted that Mr. Driscoll was excused absent. Also present were Chief

Anthony J. Silva, Captain David Ricciarelli, Captain David DelBonis, Donna Lavalley, Lisa Holley and Ms. Sara Sticht, Curriculum Assessment Coordinator. Richard Woolley, Esq., arrived at 10:25a.m.

III. Approval of the minutes

Colonel McCartney asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting dated March 5, 2010. Chief Kelley made a motion to accept the minutes; Chief Pesare seconded the motion. After no further discussion and all in favor (4-0), the motion carries and minutes were accepted.

IV. Update on current 114th Session, 2010-II recruit class

Captain DelBonis gave an update on the current class stating there are 22 recruits in the class, which is a highly motivated class and ahead of schedule. They are currently entering Week 10 and scheduled to graduate on June 25th.

V. Continuing Education:

Captain Ricciarelli states that we have six programs before the end of the year, which will be mid June. We are in the process of building next year's calendar..to date there are already 22 programs on the list.

We have contracted with the Josephson Institute for a three-tier Ethics training in September. We also have a contract with the Federal Government for training regarding law enforcement officers killed in assaults. The ethics training will be geared for practicum and supervisors.

VI. VII. Report from Colonel Sullivan, Highway Safety Coordinator

Colonel Sullivan could not attend today's meeting; therefore, this item has been tabled.

VIII. Report from Sara Sticht, Curriculum Assessment Coordinator

Sarah reported that there are currently 14 major programs that count towards the recruit cumulative grade and therefore, she is trying to get them done first. Capt. Ricciarelli stated that the progress has been outstanding and we have received outstanding support from our instructional staff.

IX. Appointments of RIMPA Adjunct Instructors

Chief Silva stated that at the last POST meeting in March, the majority of our instructional staff completed the necessary paperwork and applications and were POST approved at that time. Since then, we have received a few more applications from instructors and therefore are presenting them to the POST for approval. Lt. Quarry asked how the certification process works and Chief Silva explained the process. He reiterated that there is a two-year window for each instructor to attend an Instructor Development Workshop. Capt. Ricciarelli explained the three-tier process for instructors. With no further discussion, Chief Pesare made a motion to approve the instructors presented today and Lt. Quarry seconded the motion. With no further discussion, motion carries 4-0.

X. Academy Schedule – Increase to 20 weeks

Chief Silva stated that we will be going to an 18-week schedule beginning with the August class. A 20-week schedule will be reflective of the new curriculum which calls for 800+ hours. This was presented to the Chiefs at a Police Chiefs meeting and they were very supportive. We are looking for the POST's approval to move forward with the new scheduling. Chief Kelley made a motion to approve the

increased schedule and move forward and Chief Pesare seconded the motion. With no further discussion, motion carries 4-0.

XI. Discussion of CCRI partnership with the Academy

Chief Silva stated that he is basically looking for an approval to permit us to engage in dialogue with the CCRI staff regarding an agreement with the college to permit non-sponsored students to attend the Academy. A number of states already have articulation agreements with colleges. An example would be a student is enrolled in a college or university and maintains a certain GPA, they can spend their last semester at the Police Academy. Colonel McCartney asked if they would “sponsor” themselves. Chief Silva answered yes, they would be “certifiable” for a three year period. He went on to say that Ed Cooney, Budget Analyst for the State, contacted him and inquired about other states permitting non-sponsored people to attend the Academy so it is an issue that is coming to the forefront. Lisa Holley suggested that when you start dialogue with CCRI, be sure to discuss credits vs. money and fees and the handling of that. Both Ms. Holley and Colonel McCartney agreed it would be a win-win situation for all. Richard Woolley (who is now in attendance at the meeting) stated we would have to amend “sponsorship” language. Colonel McCartney agrees that we should continue discussions with the college.

XI. Approval of Tactical Teams(s) pursuant to POST SWAT standards: Chief Silva reports that RITOA completed its evaluations for both Westerly and Woonsocket Police Departments for meeting the SWAT standards. On March 12, 2010, we received provisional approval from

the POST members to approve Woonsocket's tactical certification. Chief Pesare made a motion to approve Woonsocket and Westerly's SWAT teams per POST standards and Chief Kelley seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carries 4-0.

XII. Approval of Wyatt Detention Facility Firearms & RI Department of Corrections Training Program:

Chief Silva stated we have reviewed both programs and it is the same as last year..no changes. Chief Pesare made a motion to approve the Wyatt Detention Facility Firearms program and the RI Department of Corrections Training Program and Chief Kelley seconded the motion. With all in favor, motion carries 4-0.

XIII. Old Business:

Chief Kelley brought up the issue of unified agility testing. It was discussed about a year ago but he would like to bring it up again because he says the Fire Department uses this system and it saves money in the long run. Colonel McCartney stated he can see the merit in it but will have to survey all departments to see if it can be coordinated with their application processes. Capt. Ricciarelli stated that currently, there is no time limit on dept. fitness testing. Also, he said it is becoming difficult for departments to find a site to hold their fitness testing...CCRI is always very accommodating to us and they do not charge us a fee. Lt. Quarry asked if every city/town have different screening requirements. He asked why wouldn't the POST or Academy put out a standard process maybe twice a year. He suggested that he would provide us with as much assistance as he could to run it. Colonel McCartney stated there are 39 Chiefs to

satisfy what they want in their own towns. Lisa Holley stated she supports a unified agility testing for the reason it is non-subjective and could be done state-wide. The RI Police Chiefs Association could partner with the Academy on this. Chief Kelley will bring this up at the next Chief's meeting to discuss further with the Chiefs.

XIV: Adjournment:

Chief Pesare made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Kelley seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Donna M. Lavalley, Administrative Assistant