

**POLICE OFFICERS COMMISSION ON STANDARDS AND TRAINING  
SPECIAL MEETING: Thursday, August 09, 2012  
WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT, 2ND FLOOR**

**The meeting opened at 10:00 AM. Col. McCartney took roll call:**

**Commission Members Present: Col. McCartney**

**Chief Pesare**

**Chief Mello**

**Col. O'Donnell**

**Commission Members Absent: Mr. Brown**

**Also Present: Ms. Lisa Holley –DPS Legal Counsel**

**Mr. Richard Wholley – POST Legal Counsel**

**Col. McCartney called the special meeting at the request of Col. O'Donnell so the meeting was turned over to Col. O'Donnell.**

**Col. O'Donnell then explained his request by informing the POST that Director Anthony Silva had resigned his position as RIMPTA and has taken over as the Director of RI DMV. Assistant Director David Ricciarelli has been appointed as the RIMPTA Acting Director. At this point, Col. O'Donnell explained that the search process for a permanent director will be on hold pending decisions that need to be reached on a consolidated academy. The colonel went on to explain that he has had discussion on this issue with state officials, all**

agencies involved in the Google investigation, and also the Providence Police Department. The colonel said that he is also very sensitive to the issues surrounding the search process of a permanent new director of a potential new consolidated academy and wants to ensure that the local municipal police departments have plenty of input into the process & the concept of a consolidated academy. Chief Pesare indicated that he would ensure that this issue is thoroughly vetted at the August Police Chief's meeting with the chiefs.

He also discussed the status of the RIMPTA permanent staff in view of the fact that at least one permanent staff member who is being funded thru grant funding has no guarantee of being re-funded next fiscal year and there is the possibility that he may be considering other employment due to this situation. Col. O'Donnell stated that if that did happen he would ensure that the position would be filled due to the heavy workload that RIMPTA experiences during the year with both recruit and in-service training going on.

The POST and legal counsel reviewed the quarterly POST agenda for the regular August 30th meeting.