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Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training

Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2013

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Chief Anthony Pesare called to order the regular meeting of the Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training (POST) at 10:05 p.m. on November 21, 2013 at RI Municipal Police Training Academy, Lincoln, RI.

Chief Pesare asked Donna Lavallee to take a roll call. The following POST members were present: Chief Anthony Pesare, Chief Edward Mello, Colonel Steven G. O'Donnell, Colonel Marco Palombo and Mr. Shawn Brown. Also present were Sergeant Scott Raynes, Captain David Ricciarelli, Mr. Richard B. Woolley, Lt. Colonel Karen Pinch, Captain Ernest Quarry, Donna Lavallee, Mr. Paul Dutra, Lt. Todd

Boisvert and Normand Gamache.

2. Approval of the minutes

Chief Pesare asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting dated September 18, 2013. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of September 18, 2013; Colonel Palombo seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, the motion carries.

3. Request for Approval of Firearms Qualification courses-Sergeant Scott Raynes

- Cranston PD**
- Bristol PD**
- Wyatt Detention Center**

Sergeant Raynes stated that after a review by himself and Captain Phil Gould, all departments have met all the requirements for re-certification of their Firearms Qualification courses. A vote should be separate due to Colonel Palombo's department being one of the courses up for approval.

Cranston P.D.: Colonel O'Donnell made a motion to approve the Cranston P.D. Firearms qualification course and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Colonel Palombo abstained from the vote, which carries at 4-0.

Bristol P.D.: Colonel O'Donnell made a motion to approve the Bristol P.D. Firearms qualification course and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, motion carries.

Wyatt Detention Center: Colonel O'Donnell posed the question as to whether they are covered under our state statute and Sgt. Raynes

replied yes, they are much like the ACI and their statute is the same. Chief Mello asked if Patrol Rifle and Shotgun should be part of qualifications. Sergeant Raynes stated that we look at the patrol rifle and shotgun courses as well when they are submitted. Chief Mello asked why by statute, their pistol courses must be approved annually but not their shotgun courses. Mr. Woolley stated if it's not in the statute, then it's not required. If an incident occurs and it was approved by the POST, there may be ramifications. He suggests just approve the pistol courses. Colonel Palombo stated that the POST certifies SWAT teams and technically that's not in the statute. Mr. Woolley stated the POST has the authority to set standards. Based on further thought, he doesn't see it presenting a problem if the POST approves Rifle and shotgun courses even though it's not in the statute. Sergeant Raynes asked if the POST would like the Academy staff to set some standards for the next meeting. Chief Pesare stated that under the umbrella of firearms qualifications, this would fall under the POST jurisdiction. Sergeant Raynes will put together qualifications for shotgun and rifle courses.

Colonel O'Donnell made a motion to approve the Wyatt Detention Firearms Qualification Course and Mr. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, motion carries.

Colonel O'Donnell made a motion to have Sergeant Raynes work with the Academy staff to develop standards for shotgun and rifle qualifications. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, motion carries. This motion was not part of the agenda but came up as part of the discussion regarding firearms qualifications.

4. Update on the progress of Woonsocket PD's request for an extension of their SRT certification (tabled from September 18, 2013) Sergeant Raynes stated that the Academy received a letter from Woonsocket PD stating they are ready to go for their assessment and this request has been forwarded to Inspector Chris Mathiesen to have the members of RITOA set up a review. As soon as they complete this, they will notify us.

Lieutenant Boisvert stated that they currently have a need to be deployable. Their VICE unit is using their own guys to do this and it could potentially create a liability issue. He would like the option of an extension of about a month to have his SRT deployable. They have never stopped training. Colonel Palombo asked if this is a public safety issue and Lt. Boisvert replied yes it is. Chief Pesare asked how many times would they be deployed normally and Lt. Boisvert responded at least once or twice a week. Chief Mello asked when was the department ready for their assessment. He stated maybe we could expedite the process for them and hold a special POST meeting to approve them. Colonel O'Donnell asked how long is the assessment process and Lt. Boisvert stated about a day.

Chief Pesare made a motion for the Chair of the POST to contact Colonel McCartney to request that Inspector Mathiesen contact Lt. Boisvert as soon as possible, possibly tomorrow, to the Woonsocket SRT team can be evaluated and recommended to the POST. If they recommend approval to the POST, a special POST meeting will be called. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, motion carries.

5. Request for POST certification under the 3-year rule for Normand Gamache-RISD.

David Ricciarelli stated that Mr. Gamache was a 1980 graduate of the Police Academy and left after 21 years of service to the Central Falls Police Department. He is applying for certification under the 3-year rule, sections III(a) and III (c). This mirrors past POST practices. Chief Pesare asked if any members had any questions for Mr. Gamache. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve certification under the 3-year rule for Normand Gamache and Colonel Palombo seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, motion carries.

6. Update on Provisional Police Officer's Certification for Glenn Cassidy, Gloucester PD

• Sergeant Scott Raynes

Sergeant Raynes advised the POST members that Chief Pesare has signed the first Provisional Certification agreement for Officer Glenn Cassidy. He has six months from today's date to complete all the requirements for full certification.

7. Update on recruit class

Sergeant Raynes stated that the current recruit class is currently at Role Play. They are in week 18 and have completed their P/T test-outs and came in well above the 50%. He thanked Troopers Chabot and Younkin for their efforts in P/T. This class has had less injuries and have been well motivated. They also completed the second P/T joint session with the RISP Academy and did the obstacle course together. We are currently at 47 seats for the 2014-I class and Orientation and the P/T testing have been completed. Day 1 will be

January 6, 2014 and they will conduct their first six weeks at Camp Fogarty.

In line with that, a meeting was held recently with the National Guard regarding the use of land at Fogarty for a unified Academy. If a building was erected on their property, it becomes Federal property. There is land just north of Fogarty, a 6-acre lot for sale. The state is looking into this.

Colonel O'Donnell thanked the Academy staff for all the work they are doing. There is an upcoming community forum where the State and local police departments will get together with the community and participate in dialogue. On the subject of the consolidated Academy, if the state is willing to purchase the land, we would use "Google" monies to build. The North Providence PD is committed to helping as is the Attorney General's office.

Sergeant Raynes stated that we have had great success with the CTO position and would like to keep it. Trooper Chabot would like to be able to identify the right person for this position. We have put feelers out and due to the manpower restraints, we were unable to secure a municipal CTO. Due to the class size of the incoming class, we need an extra set of eyes and therefore, Trooper Scott Hartwell will be part of the staff effective December 22nd. Sergeant Raynes stated he feels it is important to keep a municipal officer in that position. Colonel O'Donnell added that it is not the goal of the RISP to keep assigning Troopers here but they will assist if need be. Mr. Brown stated that at his last meeting of the League of Cities and Towns, he passed on the message of the need of CTO's. Chief Mello

stated he truly understands the concern about the right person but the information needs to get out to the Chiefs better as to what you are looking for. Sergeant Raynes stated he would put together guidelines. Chief Mello suggested maybe a screening process. He does not want this program to be eliminated due to misinformation and perhaps we need a broader base. Colonel Palombo stated some departments may face the challenge of the Collective Bargaining. Chief Pesare added that he attended the Use of Force test out and was very impressed.

8. Update on Continuing Education

- **Captain David Ricciarelli**

Captain Ricciarelli talked about the success of the recent “Effective Police Interactions with Youth” train the trainer courses that were held over a two-week period. He also reviewed some of the upcoming trainings scheduled.

9. Certification of Master Academy Instructor-Officer David DelBonis, East Greenwich PD

- **Officer David DelBonis, E. Greenwich PD (Patrol Operations Instructor)**

Sergeant Raynes stated that Officer DelBonis has been teaching at the Academy since 1988 and it is time that he starts stepping back a little bit. We have developed a plan where he will intermittently give up parts of Patrol Operation instruction which a huge block of the

recruit curriculum. If approved, he will be certified as a Master Instructor which will permit him to develop curriculum and courses. He will get a cadre of four for each portion until he can ease out and move on. He stated that he has seen first hand how much of an asset Officer DelBonis has been to our staff and our recruit classes and the enormous amount of time he dedicates to the Academy. However, it is time that he moves on.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve Officer David DelBonis as Master Instructor and Colonel O'Donnell seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, the motion carries.

Chief Pesare asked Sergeant Raynes to go over graduation which Sergeant Raynes briefly did. Graduation is set for Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 11:30 am.

Chief Pesare congratulated Lieutenant Colonel Karen Pinch on her recent promotion.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Colonel Palombo seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Donna M. Lavalley, Administrative Assistant