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**Police Officers Commission on Standards & Training**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 15, 2014**

**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 a.m. on May 15, 2014 at RI Municipal Police Training Academy, Lincoln, RI. He asked for a moment of silence for those killed in the line of duty being today marks Police Officer Memorial Day.**

**Chief Pesare asked Donna Lavalley to take a roll call. The following POST members were present: Chief Anthony Pesare, Chief Edward Mello, Colonel Steven O'Donnell, Chief David Palmer and Shawn Brown. Also present were Sergeant Scott Raynes, Captain David Ricciarelli, Mr. Richard B. Woolley, Lieutenant Colonel Karen Pinch,**

**Donna Lavalley, Mr. Paul Dutra, Lisa Holley, Director Stephen Bannon, Captain Joseph Coffey, Warwick PD and Ariel Engelman.**

## **2. Approval of the minutes**

**Chief Pesare asked for approval of the minutes from the last meeting dated February 20, 2014. Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the minutes of February 20, 2014; Colonel O'Donnell seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, the motion carries.**

## **3. Welcome Chief David S. Palmer, Hopkinton PD, POST appointee**

**Chief Pesare welcomed Chief Palmer, who was appointed to the POST. He said he will be a great addition to the POST and looks forward to working with him.**

## **4. Discussion on Narcan**

### **• Captain Joseph Coffey-Warwick PD**

**Captain Coffey and Ariel delivered a presentation on Narcan and spoke to the credentials of the program. Captain Coffey stated that we are in need of a train-the-trainer program which could train approximately 20-25 offices in about 1-3 hours. Sergeant Raynes offered the Academy to facilitate the train-the-trainer program. Chief Pesare asked that Captain Coffey and Ariel work with the Academy to produce a curriculum and submit to the POST for approval. If need be, Chief Pesare will call a POST meeting once this has been completed so that the training can begin as soon as possible. Paul Dutra discussed the immunity provision as it pertains to the drug overdose act and the Good Samaritan Act.**

## **5. Request for Approval of Firearms Qualification courses-Sergeant Scott Raynes**

- **Barrington PD**
- **South Kingstown PD**
- **East Greenwich PD**
- **Central Falls PD**
- **East Providence PD**
- **Rhode Island DEM**
- **Little Compton PD**
- **Westerly PD**
- **Rhode Island Capitol Police**
- **Hopkinton PD**
- **Charlestown PD**
- **West Greenwich PD**
- **Pawtucket PD**
- **Coventry PD**
- **Rhode Island Department of Corrections**
- **Johnston PD**

**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 Chief Palmer's department being one of the courses up for approval.**

**Mr. Brown made a motion to approve all of the above-named Firearms courses, with the exception of Hopkinton P.D. Chief Mello seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, motion carries.**

**Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Hopkinton Police Department's Firearms course. Chief Mello seconded the motion.**

**With all in favor and one abstention (Chief Palmer), 4-0, motion carries.**

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## **6. Certification of Academy Instructors**

- **Sgt. David Pacheco-East Providence PD – Drug Recognition Instructor**

- **Officer Ryan Vose – East Providence PD – Drug Recognition Instructor**

**Sergeant Raynes stated that Officer Drew Dubois has been the Lead Instructor for Drug Recognition; however, with his new assignments, he is unable to continue. Therefore, we are recommending Sergeant Pacheco and Officer Vose, who have both mentored with Officer Dubois. Mr. Brown approved both of these officers to be POST-certified. Chief Palmer seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, motion carries.**

## **7. Update regarding Director Normand Gamache, Rhode Island School of Design**

**Sergeant Raynes reminded everyone that Mr. Gamache was previously denied a waiver under the three-year rule and was a candidate during this current recruit class. On March 20, 2014, during Firearms training, Mr. Gamache stated that he was no longer willing participate and was removed from the waiver program. Chief Pesare and Colonel O'Donnell suggested that a letter be send to the R.I.S.D. President advising them of the voluntary withdrawal by Mr. Gamache.**

**Sergeant Raynes stated we would send the letter out.**

## **8. RICUPS Discussion**

Director Stephen Bannon gave a brief overview of the two-week training that is currently offered each June at Bryant University for their officers. He has suggested to move this under RIMPTA and has sent a letter to Colonel O'Donnell suggested this be a POST-certified training under RIMPA. However, he has decided not to run a training session this year and hold it until June, 2015. Mr. Woolley said he would look into it further but he feels the POST could certify this training. Sergeant Raynes suggested possibly changing the names of the some of the programs and maybe having different tiers.

#### **9. Discussion on Minimum Weapon qualification standards**

At the last POST meeting, the members requested the Academy to specify what actual requirements the POST was certifying. After several conversations with Mr. Dutra and firearms instructors throughout the state, Sergeant Raynes has developed the standards which reflect the minimum requirements for shotgun and Patrol Rifle. After reviewing many department firearms courses, it seems they are all meeting these requirements already. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Minimum Weapon qualification standards effective this date. Chief Mello seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, motion carries.

#### **10. Update on Continuing Education**

Captain Ricciarelli gave a brief overview of the current continuing education calendar and some upcoming trainings.

Colonel O'Donnell noted that Captain Ernest Quarry, Jr. has retired and asked the POST if they could send a letter to him. Chief Pesare

**stated he would obtain a plaque for him.**

## **11. Update on Class 2014-I, Graduation Discussion, and update on Class 2014-II**

**Sergeant Raynes stated that today completes Role Play for the current recruits and all have passed and will be graduating on May 23rd. He commended Troopers Chabot, Hartwell and Younkin for their hard work in bringing role play to a new level. Sergeant Raynes discussed the minor changes and the program of Graduation. As for the July incoming class, Orientation is scheduled for May 19th and the P/T testing on May 27th.**

**Colonel O'Donnell gave a very brief update on the consolidated academy, stating they are now looking at the state-owned land at the Ladd School.**

## **10. Adjournment**

**Chief Pesare made a motion to adjourn the May 15, 2014 POST meeting and Colonel O'Donnell seconded the motion. With all in favor, 5-0, motion carries. Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Donna M. Lavallee**

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