

POST MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2017

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at the Embassy Suites in Baton Rouge, LA. Sheriff Steve Prator (Chairman) called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present (or represented): Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle, Chief Barry Bonner, Mr. Earl Wright (proxy for Constable Reggie Brown), Mr. Jim Craft, Mr. John DeRosier, Lt. David Ryerson (proxy for Col. Mike Edmonson), Mr. Jeff Bergeron (proxy for Attorney General Jeff Landry), Chief Dwayne Munch, and Sheriff Steve Prator (Chairman and proxy for Mr. Jay Lemoine).

Guests present: Capt. Mark Candies (St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Chris Carpenter (LA Wildlife & Fisheries), Commander Chris Goodly (New Orleans Police Dept.), Lt. Keith Forsythe (Kenner Police Dept.), Lt. Bruce Haney (New Orleans Police Dept.), Capt. Steven Joe (Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Ricky Bacle (Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Angela Barbera (Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Melanie Montroll (New Orleans Harbor Police Dept.), Lt. Jody Jones (Shreveport Police Dept.), Lt. Jason DiMarco (Gretna Police Dept.), Sgt. Joel Callahan (Baton Rouge Police Dept.), Capt. Pauline Carter (East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Joe Way (St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Avery Leary (Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office), Major Bruce Teutsch (Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Wendell Raborn (Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office), Chief Deputy Carlos Stout (Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office), Deputy Mike Thibodeaux (Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Michael Andrus (Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office), and Lt. Sam Brown (Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office).

Staff members present: Bob Wertz, Rebekah Taylor, Scott Murrell and Briana Blanchard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chief Bonner made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. After some discussion, Sheriff Arbuckle seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

POST Homicide Investigator Training Waiver Requests – Ratification

Sheriff Prator presented the approved POST Homicide Investigator Training Waiver requests. Chief Munch made a motion to ratify the approvals. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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Administrative Exception Ratification – Vehicular Homicide

Sheriff Prator presented the administrative exception concerning Vehicular Homicide investigator training. Sheriff Prator also informed the Council membership of upcoming legislation to amend the current requirement. Sheriff Arbuckle made a motion to ratify the administrative exception until which time the statute is corrected legislatively. After some discussion, Chief Munch seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Firearms Instructor Employment Status Waiver Request – Deputy Nicholas Tranchina – St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office

Ms. Taylor presented the waiver request for Deputy Nicholas Tranchina to return as a POST Firearms Instructor in a Reserve position. Chief Munch made a motion to approve the waiver request. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Extension Request – Officer Jonathan R. Stewart – Jonesboro Police Department

Sheriff Prator requested the POST Staff send all future certification extension requests to the Council for approval, due to upcoming changes in POST training standards. Sheriff Prator presented the certification extension request for Officer Jonathan R. Stewart. Sheriff Arbuckle made a motion to deny the request. After some discussion, Chief Munch seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Extension Request – Officer Richard Martin, II – Stonewall Police Department

Sheriff Prator presented the certification extension request for Officer Richard Martin, II. Chief Munch made a motion to deny the request. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed. Sheriff Arbuckle abstained from voting on the motion.

OLD BUSINESS

POST In-Service Training Program Update

Mr. Wertz updated the Council members on the status of the POST In-Service Training Program. No action necessary at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

POST Basic Academy Attendance Policy Waiver Request – Deputy Mike Thibodeaux – Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Prator recognized Deputy Mike Thibodeaux was present at the meeting. Sheriff Prator presented the waiver request to the Council members. Chief Deputy Carlos Stout and Capt. Mike Andrus requested the Council members

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approve the waiver request. Sheriff Arbuckle made a motion to allow Deputy Thibodeaux to complete the POST Basic Refresher course. After some discussion, Mr. DeRosier seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Firearms Instructor Policy Waiver Request – Officer Troy Viccellio – Central Police Department

Ms. Taylor presented the waiver request to the Council members, Officer Viccellio requesting a waiver for both the POST Certification and Full-Time employment status requirements. Chief Munch made a motion to deny the waiver request. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Firearms Instructor Policy Waiver Request – Deputy Marshal Pablo Estrada – Opelousas Marshal's Office

Ms. Taylor presented the waiver request to the Council members, Deputy Marshal Estrada requesting a waiver of the two (2) years of law enforcement experience – he currently has 1 year and 10 months experience. Sheriff Arbuckle made a motion to approve the waiver request. After some discussion, Chief Munch seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Academy Guidelines Manual – Policy Update

Ms. Taylor presented the updated POST Academy Guidelines Manual. Chief Bonner made a motion to approve the updates. After some discussion, Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Corrections Instructor Policy Update

Ms. Taylor presented the updated POST Corrections Instructor Policy. Chief Munch made a motion to approve the updates. After some discussion, Mr. DeRosier seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sheriff Arbuckle made a motion to enter into Confidential Executive Session. Chief Munch seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Sheriff Arbuckle made a motion to return to Regular Session. Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

No action taken during Confidential Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sheriff Prator made a call for other business, and none was heard.

Chief Bonner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Munch seconded the motion and the motion passed.