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POST MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 2022

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Thursday, September 29, 2022, at the Cook Conference Center at LSU, Baton Rouge, LA. Sheriff Ard called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present (or represented): Sheriff Jason Ard (Chairman), Chief Barry Bonner, Mr. Jim Craft (Vice-Chairman), Mr. Stephen Dwight, Mr. Jeff Bergeron (proxy for Attorney General Jeff Landry, Lt. Scott Davis (proxy for Col. Lamar Davis), and Sheriff Brett Stassi.

Guests present: Capt. Hayden Brown (Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office), Deputy Patrick Knab (Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office), Jeremy Edwards (Red River and Northwest Planning Districts), Jared Walker (Tulane University Police Dept.), Jenny Alber (City of New Orleans), David Rigdon (North Delta Planning District & Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Kevin Johnson (Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Kory Borcharding (LA State Police), Asst. Chief Darrell Basco (Pineville Police Dept.), Capt. Pauline Carter (East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office), Trooper Joseph Drago, Jr. (LA State Police), Chief Kirk Bouyeas (Tulane University Police Dept.), Josh Smith (LA Probation & Parole), Dawn Hawkins (Capital Area Planning District), Sgt. Mark Iannazzo (Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office), Bill Hendrix (Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Fredrica Palmer (New Orleans Police Dept.), Aaron Harrelson (New Orleans Police Dept.), Amanda Bourque (Evangeline Planning District), Sgt. Alfred "Joey" Disler (Gretna Police Dept.), Carl Richard (LA City Marshal's Association), and Lt. Cedric Turner (New Orleans Harbor Police Dept.).

Staff members present: Rebekah Taylor Hill, Scott Murrell, and Marshall Menou.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bergeron made a motion to approve the minutes of the 03/31/2022 meeting. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

POST Homicide Investigator Training Waiver Request – Ratification

Chief Bonner made a motion to ratify the approval decision of the POST Homicide Investigator Training Committee. After some discussion, Lt. Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

No items on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

POST Certification – Reinstatements

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the requests for reinstatement of POST certifications for the following: Officer Paul Granpre (Xavier University Police Dept.) – Level 1, Sgt. Darrel Hickman (Natchitoches Police Dept.) – Level 1, Officer Jason Loyd (Boyce Police Dept.) – Level 2 & Level 3), Officer Cody Miller (Carencro Police Dept.) – Level 1, and Officer Cody Thibodaux (Patterson Police Dept.) – Level 1. Chief Bonner made a motion to approve the requests for reinstatements of these POST certifications. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the request for reinstatement of POST certification for Cpl. Johnnie Young (Shreveport Police Dept.) – Level 1. The POST Staff received notification of Cpl. Young's "active military duty" status during 2021. Mr. Bergeron made a motion to reinstate the POST certification of Cpl. Young. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification – Voluntary Surrender – Kasha Domingue (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the voluntary surrender of POST certification of Ms. Kasha Domingue to the Council members. Chief Bonner made a motion to accept the voluntary surrender and revoke Ms. Domingue's POST certification. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Appeal Hearing – Michael Hamilton (New Orleans Police Dept.)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the revocation appeal request to the Council members. Sheriff Ard asked if Mr. Hamilton, or a representative, was present and no answer was heard. Mr. Bergeron made a motion to approve the reinstatement of POST certification for Mr. Michael Hamilton. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed. Chief Bonner made a motion to approve the medical waiver, submitted by the agency head after the June POST Council meeting, for Mr. Hamilton's 2021 POST In-Service training deficiency. After some discussion, Mr. Dwight seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Appeal Hearing – Malcolm Ledet (Oberlin Police Dept.)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the revocation appeal request to the Council members. Sheriff Ard asked if Mr. Ledet, or a representative, was present and no answer was heard. Sheriff Stassi made a motion to deny the appeal request. After some discussion, Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification Revocation Appeal Hearing – Thad Leger (Opelousas Police Dept.)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the revocation appeal request to the Council members. Sheriff Ard asked if Mr. Leger, or a representative, was present and no answer was heard. Chief Bonner made a motion to approve the reinstatement of POST certification for Mr. Thad Leger. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed. Mr. Bergeron made a motion to approve the medical waiver, submitted by the agency head after the June POST Council meeting, for Mr. Leger's 2021 POST In-Service training deficiency. After some discussion, Lt. Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST In-Service Training Waiver Committee – New Member Appointment

Sheriff Ard nominated Sheriff Stassi to serve on the POST In-Service Training Waiver Committee. Mr. Bergeron made a motion to appoint Sheriff Stassi as the new committee member. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Administrative Rule – Notice of Intent – “Human Trafficking Training”

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the Notice of Intent for the “Human Trafficking Training” POST Administrative Rule(s). Chief Bonner made a motion to approve the Notice of Intent and submit it to the Louisiana Register for publication. After some discussion, Lt. Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Academy Facility Approval – Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office (ALETA Satellite) – New Academy Building

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the POST Staff recommendation for approval of the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office Satellite Academy's new building. Sheriff Stassi made a motion to approve the staff recommendation. After some discussion, Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff Ard made a call for public comment, and none was heard.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Taylor Hill invited the Council members and all guests to the LA Commission on Law Enforcement Medal of Honor ceremony at Louisiana's Old State Capitol.

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

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