

POST MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2015

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Thursday, May 14, 2015, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Baton Rouge, LA. Sheriff Steve Prator, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present (or represented): Sheriff Steve Prator (proxy for Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle), Chief Barry Bonner, Constable Reggie Brown, Mr. Mike Thompson (proxy for Attorney General James Caldwell), Capt. Darrell Williams (proxy for Col. Mike Edmonson), Chief Bry Layrisson, Mr. Jay Lemoine, Sheriff Steve Prator (Chairman), Chief Carlos Stout, and Mr. Joey Watson.

Staff members present: Rebekah Taylor and Keegan Larisey.

Guests present: Lt. Jason DiMarco (Gretna Police Dept.), and Commander Richard Williams (New Orleans Police Dept.). Other guests were present but did not sign in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CONSENT AGENDA

POST Basic Academy Attendance Approval – Kentwood Police Department attending St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office Training Academy & Certification Extension Requests – Officer Brandon Jones and Officer Darren Randall (Jonesville Police Dept.)

Ms. Taylor presented the requests and approvals to the Council for ratification. After some discussion, Chief Stout made a motion to ratify the approvals. Chief Layrisson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

POST Master Instructor School Update

Ms. Taylor updated the Council members on the status of the POST Master Instructor School. No action

necessary at this time.

POST In-Service Training Program Update

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

NEW BUSINESS

POST In-Service Requirements Waiver Requests

Ms. Taylor presented the requests to the Council members. After some discussion, Mr. Brown made a motion for the staff to create a "Waiver Request Form" (within two weeks) to send to Sheriff Prator for approval, then to full Council membership for approval. Once the form is approved by all Council members, then the form would be disseminated to all those with pending waiver request for completion. The completed forms will be considered at the next POST Council meeting. Mr. Lemoine seconded the motion and the motion passed. Mr. Lemoine then made a motion to table all current requests for consideration at the next scheduled POST Council meeting. Mr. Watson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sheriff Prator reviewed the survey conducted by POST Staff of other state's POST standards for Part-time and Reserve peace officers. Lt. DiMarco (President – LA Academy Directors' Association) presented a report from the association's last meeting. Lt. DiMarco informed the Council members the Academy Directors Association voted for the recommendation that all peace officers should be required to be POST Certified. Sheriff Prator asked the Council members to continue their consideration of this topic for future discussion.

Ms. Larisey asked the Council members to consider the status of officers who are no longer employed, but are deficient for 2014 POST In-Service requirements. After some discussion, Chief Stout made a motion to table the request until the next POST Council meeting. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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

Mr. Lemoine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Capt. Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed.