

POST MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2016

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at the Hilton Capitol Center 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, Constable Reggie Brown, Mr. Jim Craft, Lt. E.J. Chesne (proxy for Col. Mike Edmonson), Mr. Jeff Bergeron (proxy for Attorney General Jeff Landry), Mr. Jay Lemoine, Chief Dwayne Munch, and Sheriff Steve Prator (Chairman).

Guests Present: Lt. Jody Jones (Shreveport Police Department), Lt. Cinnamon Salvador (Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Avery Leary (Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office), Major Bruce Teutsch (Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Brian Charpentier (St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Rodney Navarro (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), Marc Mashaw (Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Lafate Day, Jr. (Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office), Patsy Netherland (Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office), Debbie McBeth (Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Jason DiMarco (Gretna Police Department), Lt. Chris Carpenter (Wildlife & Fisheries), David Rigdoa (Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Wendell Raborn (Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Robert Moore (Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Mark Candies (St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office), Major Rick Chargois (Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Bruce Fairbanks (Alexandria Police Department), Lt. Melanie Montroll (New Orleans Harbor Police Department), Capt. Joe Way (St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Barry Sicard (St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Steven Joe (Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office), Chief Arthur K. Lewis (Ferriday Police Department), Asst. Chief Bruce L. Wiley (Ferriday Police Department), Capt. Pauline Carter (East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Michael Andrus (Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Timothy Soignet (Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Gerald Butler (Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. J.D. Leach (Baton Rouge Police Department), and Sheriff Mike Tubbs (Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office).

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Certification Extension Requests: Earl Thomas, III (Southeastern LA University Police Department), Richard Martin, II (Stonewall Police Department), and Keith Broussard (Iota Police Department)

Mr. Craft made a motion to approve the requests. After some discussion, Chief Munch seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Basic Academy Facility Inspection – LA Wildlife & Fisheries Temporary Facility, Woodworth

Lt. Chesne made a motion to approve the temporary facility inspection. After some discussion, Sheriff Arbuckle seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

POST Basic Peace Officer Curriculum Status

Sheriff Prator requested final approval of the POST Basic Peace Officer Curriculum. Mr. Craft made a motion to approve the newly formatted curriculum. After some discussion, Lt. Chesne seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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.

2015 POST In-Service Deficiencies

Ms. Blanchard presented the remaining deficiencies from the 2015 calendar year. Those officers denoted by “****” on the report were confirmed by Ms. Blanchard as not completing POST In-Service hours for 2015, and the POST Staff recommends revocation of POST Certification. Chief Bonner made a motion to revoke the POST Certification of those officers who failed to complete 2015 POST In-Service Training requirements. After some discussion, Sheriff Arbuckle seconded the motion and the motion passed.

2015 POST In-Service Waiver Requests: Gary Danna (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), David Deblanc (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), Stephanie Hudson (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), Robin Tardy (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), Walter Thomas (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), John Aaron (Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office), and Terry Scott (Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office)

POST Staff recommends approval of waiver requests. Chief Munch made a motion to approve the requests. After some discussion, Mr. Lemoine seconded the motion and the motion passed.

2015 POST In-Service Waiver Request: Cynthia Briley (Washington Police Department)

POST Staff recommends denial of the waiver request. Mr. Lemoine made a motion to deny the request. After some discussion, Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Homicide Investigator Training – LA Homicide Investigators Association

Ms. Taylor requested the LA Homicide Investigators Association Board of Directors be appointed as the Homicide Investigator Curriculum Committee for the POST Council. Sheriff Arbuckle made a motion to appoint the committee. After some discussion, Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed. Ms. Taylor requested the curriculum content of the 2016 LA Homicide Investigators Conference be approved by the POST Council for all attendees to meet the requirement of Act 152. Chief Bonner made a motion to approve the conference content. After some discussion, Sheriff Arbuckle seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Homicide Investigator Training – Waiver Form Approval

Ms. Taylor presented the Waiver Form to the Council members. Chief Bonner made a motion to approve the form. After some discussion, Mr. Craft seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Homicide Investigator Training – Basic Homicide Investigator Training (IPTM)

Ms. Taylor presented the Basic Homicide Investigator Training course by the Institute of Police Technology and Management (IPTM) to the Council for approval. Chief Munch made a motion to approve the training curriculum. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Homicide Investigator Training – Administrative Rule Proposal

Ms. Taylor presented the addition to POST Administrative Rule that includes all of the Homicide Investigator Training items. Chief Bonner made a motion to approve the proposed rule. After some discussion, Mr. Craft seconded the motion and the motion passed.

North Delta Training Academy – Request from Advisory Board

The North Delta Training Academy Advisory Board submitted a letter to the POST Staff requesting the control of the North Delta Training Academy be transferred from Delta Community College to the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the request. After some discussion, Mr. Lemoine seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Pre-Academy Firearms training requirement – Administrative Rule Proposed Modification

Mr. Wertz presented the Administrative Rule proposed modification to the Council members. Mr. Lemoine made a motion to approve the proposed modification. After some discussion, Chief Munch seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Refresher Exam Policy Waiver Request – Officer Madison Eaton, Jr. (Winnsboro Police Department – Chief George Wilhite)

Ms. Taylor presented the waiver request to the Council members. Mr. Lemoine made a motion to deny the request. After some discussion, Mr. Craft seconded the motion. Lt. Chesne called for a vote of the Council, and no opposition was heard. The motion to deny the request passed.

POST 2015 In-Service Training Waiver Request – Ferriday Police Department

Ms. Taylor presented the waiver request to the Council members. Chief Lewis and Asst. Chief Wiley were present. POST Staff recommended approval of the request. Sheriff Arbuckle made a motion to approve the request due to the effort by the current agency head to meet 2016 In-Service Training requirements. After some discussion, Lt. Chesne seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Revocation Appeal – Lt. Mark Wheeler – Shreveport Police Department

Due to the absence of Lt. Wheeler and his legal representation, Lt. Chesne made a motion to postpone the request. After some discussion, Chief Munch seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sheriff Prator made a presentation to the Council members and guests concerning possible changes in POST Basic Training coming in the near future. Sheriff Prator informed the Council members of the current 360 minimum hour requirement for POST Basic Certification, and most POST Academies exceed that amount of training hours. Sheriff Prator requested the POST Academy Directors Association meet and review commonalities in overage hours and electives. Chief Munch made a motion for the meeting of the POST Academy Directors is mandatory attendance for all academies. After some discussion, Mr. Lemoine seconded the motion and the motion passed. The POST Academy Directors Association will meet, and report back to the Council at the November meeting.

Mr. Craft informed the Council members and guests of the upcoming Medal of Honor ceremony being held on November 16, 2016 at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center.

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

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