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POST MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2024

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Thursday, March 21, 2024, at the West Baton Rouge Convention Center in Port Allen, 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), Chief Bry Layrisson, Sheriff Willy Martin, Capt. Paul Chamorro (proxy for Col. Robert Hodges), and Sheriff Brett Stassi.

Guests present: Capt. Darren Gros (St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Troy L. Dickerson (Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office), Chief Freddie Petersen (Ringgold Police Dept.), Capt. Pauline Carter (East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office), Kory Borcharding (LA State Police), Lt. Joey Disler (Gretna Police Dept.), Kelsey Savant (Oakdale Police Dept.), Capt. Sam Brown (Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office), Michael Flurry (Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Craig Aucoin (Slidell Police Dept.), Robert Wimberly (Kenner Police Dept.), Capt. Scott Wildey (Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office), and Brian K. Shoemaker (Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office).

Staff members present: Bob Wertz, Rebekah Taylor Hill, Melissa James, Shineisha Jackson, and Marshall Menou.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Bergeron made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/07/2023 meeting. After some discussion, Sheriff Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

POST Homicide Investigator Training Waiver Requests – Ratification

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the approved POST Homicide Investigator Training Waiver Requests from the POST Homicide Investigator Training Committee. Sheriff Martini made a motion to ratify the approved requests. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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POST Homicide Investigator Training Course Request – Ratification

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the recommendation to table the Homicide Investigator Training Course Request from the POST Homicide Investigator Training Committee. Sheriff Stassi made a motion to table the request for further review by the Committee. After some discussion, Sheriff Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

POST Certification – Appeal of Revocation Appeal Denial – Chief Freddie Peterson (Ringgold Police Dept.)

Chief Peterson appeared and presented his request to the Council members. Sheriff Ard informed Chief Peterson and the Council members that Chief Peterson's POST certification was revoked for a prior criminal conviction. Sheriff Ard also informed Chief Peterson and the Council members that Chief Peterson previously requested an appeal of the revocation, and the appeal was denied. Sheriff Martin made a motion to deny Chief Peterson's appeal of the revocation appeal denial, based on the decision made by the previous Council membership. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

POST Certification Revocation Hearing – Terrance Pleasant (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor Hill informed the Council members of Mr. Pleasant's felony conviction. Ms. Taylor Hill asked if Mr. Pleasant, or a representative, was present and no answer was heard. Chief Bonner made a motion to revoke Mr. Pleasant's POST Basic Peace Officer certification. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Certification – Reinstatement Request – Michael Flurry (Level 1) – Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office

Mr. Flurry appeared and presented his request to the Council members. Mr. Dwight informed the Council members of Mr. Flurry's criminal conviction. Sheriff Ard made a motion to deny Mr. Flurry's request for reinstatement. After some discussion, Mr. Bergeron seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Exam Request – Kelsey Savant – Oakdale Police Dept.

Ms. Savant appeared and presented her request to the POST Council. Sheriff Ard made a motion to deny Ms. Savant's request to take the POST Exam although she had previously been dismissed from the LA State Police Training Academy. After some discussion, Sheriff Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Firearms Instructor Waiver Request – Employment Status Requirement – Reserve Officer Jacob Dickinson – by Chief Arthur Lawson (Gretna Police Dept.)

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the request for waiver of the full-time employment status requirement to the Council

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members, with the POST Staff recommendation for approval of the request based on Reserve Officer Dickinson's training and prior service. Chief Bonner made a motion to approve the waiver request. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) Investigator Certification - OIS Investigator Certification Requests – Committee Recommended Approvals

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the list of certification requests recommended for approval by the OIS Investigator Training Committee. Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve the certification requests as recommended. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) Investigator Certification - OIS Investigator Certification Requests – Committee Recommended Approvals Pending

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the list of certification requests recommended for "approval pending" by the OIS Investigator Training Committee. Chief Bonner made a motion for the POST Staff to approve these waiver requests when the required training is completed and submitted to POST. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) Investigator Certification - OIS Investigator Certification Requests – Committee Recommended Denials

Ms. Taylor Hill then presented the list of certification requests recommended for denial by the OIS Investigator Training Committee. Sheriff Ard made a motion to deny the waiver requests as recommended. After some discussion, Sheriff Martin seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) Investigator Certification – OIS Investigator Training Course Request – Committee Recommended Approval

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the OIS Investigator Training Course Request recommended for approval by the OIS Investigator Training Committee. Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve the form. After some discussion, Sheriff Stassi seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST In-Service Training – 2023 POST In-Service Training Waiver Requests – Active Military

Ms. Taylor Hill presented the list of 2023 POST In-Service Training Waiver Requests based on Active Military duty, and the POST Staff recommendation for approval. Sheriff Martin made a motion to approve the requests. After some discussion, Chief Layrisson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sheriff Martin asked about the status of POST related legislation. Ms. Taylor Hill told the Council members she will give an overview of all POST related legislation at the June 2024 POST Council meeting, because that meeting will be after the 2024 Regular Legislative Session has concluded.

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

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