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**POST MEETING MINUTES**

December 4, 2019

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at the Baton Rouge Marriott, Baton Rouge, LA. Mr. Lemoine called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present (or represented): Major Ben Ballard (proxy for Sheriff Jason Ard), Chief Barry Bonner, Mr. Reginald Brown, Mr. Jim Craft, Mr. John DeRosier, Chief Hal Hutchinson, Mr. Jeff Bergeron (proxy for Attorney General Jeff Landry), Mr. Jay Lemoine (member and proxy for Sheriff Steve Prator, Chairman), Asst. Chief Jason DiMarco (proxy for Chief Dwayne Munch), Capt. Mark Richards (proxy for Col. Kevin Reeves), and Sheriff Bud Torres.

Guests present: Lt. Brian Rico (Gretna Police Dept.), Lt. Bruce Haney (New Orleans Police Dept.), Capt. Pauline Carter (East Baton Rouge Parish SO), Chief Freddie Peterson (Ringgold Police Dept.), Tod Ardoin (3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court of Appeal), Lt. Robert Moore (Iberia Parish SO), Lt. Scott Wildey (Jefferson Parish SO), Capt. Melanie Montroll (New Orleans Harbor Police Dept.), Sgt. Cedric Turner (New Orleans Harbor Police Dept.), Capt. Sarah Rhodes (Bossier Parish SO), and Capt. Lafate Elliott Day, Jr. (Lafourche Parish SO).

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Brown 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**

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS**

POST Revocation Appeal Hearing – Chief Freddie Peterson (Ringgold Police Dept.)

Chief Peterson was present at the meeting. The POST Staff requested copies of Chief Peterson's expungement

records. Capt. Richardson made a motion to table the appeal hearing until the requested documents are submitted to the POST Staff for review. After some discussion, Asst. Chief DiMarco seconded the motion and the motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Proposed In-Service/Specialty Training for School Resource Officers – “Youth Mental Health First Aid” – South Central LA Human Services Authority

Ms. Taylor presented the proposed training to the Council members. Asst. Chief DiMarco made a motion to approve the training. After some discussion, Chief Hutchinson seconded the motion and the motion passed. Chief Hutchinson also requested that DARE Officers be allowed to attend the approved training.

### Proposed POST Administrative Rule – Job Task Analysis

Ms. Taylor presented the proposed addition to the POST Administrative Rule. Asst. Chief DiMarco made a motion to approve the new rule. After some discussion, Chief Hutchinson seconded the motion and the motion passed.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Lemoine made a request to the Council members to add a discussion about District Attorney's Investigators to the agenda. Chief Bonner made a motion to entertain the discussion. Mr. DeRosier seconded the motion and the motion passed. Mr. Lemoine stated that District Attorney's investigators have no power of arrest, do not receive supplemental pay, and are full-time employees that function as part-time investigators. Mr. Lemoine requested a motion that the POST Council “recognize” full-time employees as part-time investigators, therefore allowing part-time POST training requirements to apply. Mr. DeRosier made the requested motion. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and Asst. Chief DiMarco opposed the motion. Mr. Lemoine requested a roll call vote on the motion made by Mr. DeRosier. The roll call vote was as follows: Major Ballard – Yes, Chief Bonner – Yes, Mr. Brown – Yes, Mr. Craft – No, Mr. DeRosier – Yes, Chief Hutchinson – No, Mr. Bergeron – No, Mr. Lemoine – Yes, Asst. Chief DiMarco – No, Mr. Lemoine (proxy for Sheriff Prator) – Yes, Capt. Richardson – No, and Sheriff Torres – No. The roll call vote resulted in a tie, so the motion failed.

Mr. Lemoine made a call for other business, and none was heard.

Chief Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.