

POST MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2017

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Thursday, June 15, 2017, at the Wyndham Garden in Lafayette, 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, Mr. John DeRosier, Lt. David McClendon (proxy for Col. Kevin Reeves), Mr. Jeff Bergeron (proxy for Attorney General Jeff Landry), Mr. Jay Lemoine, Capt. Edward Beyerback (proxy for Chief Dwayne Munch), and Sheriff Steve Prator (Chairman).

Guests present: Major Bruce Teutsch (Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Joe Way (St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Gary Ranatza (St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Guy Willie (St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Edward Lamulle (Slidell Police Department), Maria Pollage-Toups (Probation & Parole), Lt. Patsy Netherland (Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. William Brister (Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office), Pamela Scott (Volunteers of America- Greater New Orleans), Sherlyn Hughes (Volunteers of America- Greater New Orleans), Sgt. Mark Iannazzo (Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office), Sgt. Jerrod King (Alexandria Police Department), Capt. Mark Candies (St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Melanie Montroll (New Orleans Harbor Police), Lt. Chris Carpenter (Wildlife & Fisheries), Major Wendell Raborn (Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office), Commander Christopher Goodly (New Orleans Police Department), Lt. Bruce Haney (New Orleans Police Department), Cpl. Josh Peppers (Alexandria Police Department), Capt. Cliff Gatlin (Alexandria Police Department), Shawn Caldwell (Lake Charles Police Department)

Staff members present: 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

POST Homicide Investigator Training Waiver Requests – Ratification

Sheriff Prator presented the approved POST Homicide Investigator Training Waiver requests. Mr. Lemoine made a motion to ratify the approvals. After some discussion, Sheriff Arbuckle seconded the motion and the motion passed.

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POST Certification Extension Requests – Officer Justin Dickens (Homer Police Department), Officer Charles R. Tucker (Homer Police Department), Officer Chelsey Mikele Gault (Lake Charles Police Department), and Deputy Otis Malone (Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office)

Sheriff Prator requested future Certification Extension Requests be in "New Business". Mr. DeRosier requested the Council members hear each Certification Extension Request one at a time.

Sheriff Prator presented the request for Officer Justin Dickens. Sheriff Arbuckle made a motion to deny the request. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Sheriff Prator presented the request for Officer Charles R. Tucker. Sheriff Arbuckle made a motion to deny the request. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Sheriff Prator presented the request for Officer Chelsey Mikele Gault. Mr. Lemoine made a motion to request an opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General's Office concerning the POST Council's authority to grant/deny Certification Extension Requests. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Mr. DeRosier made a motion to rescind the previous motions of denial, and defer all Certification Extension Requests pending the AG's Opinion. After some discussion, Sheriff Arbuckle seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

POST Basic Curriculum- Breakdown of 07/01/2017 Increase

Capt. Joe Way explained the process and result of the increased hour breakdown. Chief Bonnier made a motion to approve the breakdown as presented. After some discussion, Mr. Lemoine seconded the motion and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

2016 POST In-Service Training Waiver Requests- Medical

Ms. Blanchard presented the waiver requests to the Council members. The In-service waiver subcommittee consisting of Jason DiMarco of Gretna Police Department and Mr. Lemoine recommended the approval of 74 requests and the denial of three medical waivers submitted, Michael Hodges of Sterlington Police Department, Kourtney Jackson of Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office, and Charles Morgan of Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Arbuckle made a motion to approve the recommendations of the committee. After some discussion, Mr. DeRosier seconded the motion and the motion passed. Chief Bonner abstained from the vote.

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2016 POST In-Service Training Waiver Requests- Military

Ms. Blanchard presented the waiver requests to the Council for approval, as recommended by the In-Service Training Committee. Sheriff Arbuckle made a motion to approve the recommendations of the committee. After some discussion, Mr. Lemoine seconded the motion and the motion passed.

2016 POST In-Service Training Deficiencies

Ms. Blanchard presented the In-Service Training Deficiencies for 2016. Mr. Lemoine made a motion to revoke the POST certification of all 83 peace officers who failed to meet the In-Service Training requirements for 2016. After some discussion, Lt. McClendon seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lt. McClendon seconded the motion and the motion passed.