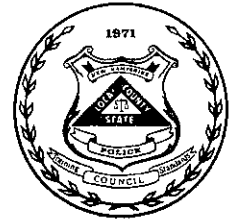




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John V. Scippa
Director

Public Minutes
July 23, 2024
Police Standards and Training Council

In attendance:

Vice Chair Chief Emily Cobb, New London Police Department
Sheriff Charles Massahos, Rockingham County Sheriff's Office
Dr. Robert Eckstein, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire
Commissioner Helen Hanks 9:07 a.m.
Colonel Mark Hall, New Hampshire State Police
Chief Mark Chase, Center Harbor Police Department
Mr. Michael Harrington
Judge Amy Manchester, Circuit Court
Judge Sawako Gardner, Circuit Court
Mr. Christopher Stawasz
Mr. Edward Lecius
Sergeant Jaqueline Pelletier, Goffstown Police Department
Chief Kevin Rourke, Nashua Police Department via Zoom
Chief Allen Aldenberg, Manchester Police Department

Not in Attendance:

Chairman, Sheriff Christopher Connelly, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
Attorney General John Formella
Dr. Maureen Sullivan

Staff Present: Director John Scippa, Major David Parenteau (ret.), Attorney Stacie Moeser, Captain Tom McCabe, Captain Adam Hawkins, and Anne Paquin, Investigative Paralegal.

Guests present: There were no guests this month.

Vice Chair Chief Cobb called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Motion by Mr. Lecius, seconded by Chief Chase to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2024 Council meeting.

Chief Cobb took a roll call vote due to a Council member participating on Zoom.

Chief Chase	yes
Judge Manchester	yes
Judge Gardner	yes
Sheriff Massahos	abstained
Chief Aldenberg	yes
Chief Rourke	yes
Sgt. Pelletier	yes
Mr. Lecius	yes
Mr. Stawasz	yes
Mr. Harrington	yes
Dr. Eckstein	abstained
Colonel Hall	yes
Vice Chair Chief Cobb	yes

Director's Report (copy attached)

Director Scippa reviewed his report for the Council members.

The discussion item for the Council was a request to change the full-time academy schedule from four overlapping academies each year, back to three academies each year, and to change the number of recruits attending the full-time academy program from 50 – 55 to 60.

Director Scippa explained that the circumstances that required holding the four overlapping academies each year are no longer apparent. Previously there had been as many as 20 recruits waiting to attend an academy, and currently there are 40 attending this academy. Academy staff has asked for three full time academies of 60 recruits to begin in 2025.

Motion by Colonel Hall, seconded by Chief Aldenberg to allow the PSTC full-time academy schedule to change from four overlapping academies each year, to three academies each year beginning in 2025.

Chief Cobb took a roll call vote.

Chief Chase	yes
Judge Manchester	yes
Judge Gardner	yes
Sheriff Massahos	yes
Chief Aldenberg	yes
Chief Rourke	yes
Sgt. Pelletier	yes
Mr. Lecius	yes
Mr. Stawasz	yes
Mr. Harrington	yes
Dr. Eckstein	yes
Colonel Hall	yes
Commissioner Hanks	yes
Vice Chair Chief Cobb	yes

Director Scippa was asked about scheduling a Part-Time Academy. While Director Scippa has been asked by several chiefs when an academy would be run, there had been no confirmations from agencies for individuals to attend.

Council members discussed criteria and scheduling relative to a Part-Time Academy; there were no confirmed dates.

Consent Calendar

PT&E Requests

Alexander Harbitz, Raymond Police Department

(DOH: 05/15/24) requests consideration for full-time police officer certification based on prior training and experience. Will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, (done on June 3, 2024) and entrance fitness test, with the stipulation that the officer must work in the direct presence of a certified officer unless the officer completes the agency's FTO program and then may work under normal supervision.

Christian Medvecky, Plaistow Police Department

(DOH 07/08/2024) requests consideration for full-time police officer certification based on prior training and experience. Will be granted certification upon successful completion of the medical exam, (done on June 2, 2024) and entrance fitness test, and the Law Package classes of the full-time academy, with the stipulation that the officer must work in the direct presence of a certified officer unless the officer completes the agency's FTO program and then may work under normal supervision.

Requests for Extensions

Note: Extensions granted until the first council meeting following the fitness testing for the requested Academy, and, if testing is successful, to the first council meeting following the end of the requested Academy.

Gregory LaPlant, Sanbornton Police Department

(DOH 12/31/23) The Sanbornton Police Department requests an extension for the next full time academy session due to an injury. Will be granted an additional extension in order to recover from medical injury, the extension to be valid from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. The extension is granted with the stipulation that the officer may continue working only in the direct presence of a certified officer. Unless the officer has successfully completed their agency's FTO Program, they may work with normal supervision.

*Full Time Academy

Class Number	197
Dates	June 24, 2024-October 11, 2024
	198
	July 29, 2024-November 8, 2024

* More detailed information about each academy session can be found in Benchmark. This will include the dates of the session, the fitness testing date and number of available seats.

*Part Time Academy

Class Number	284
Dates	TBA

* More detailed information about each academy session can be found in Benchmark. This will include the dates of the session, the fitness testing date and number of available seats.

*Corrections Academy

Class Number	125
Dates	TBA

* More detailed information about each academy session can be found in Benchmark. This will include the dates of the session, the fitness testing date and number of available seats.

Medical Extensions for Fitness Testing

Mark Kinton, Hampton Police Department 2023

Mary Gabrielli, Wolfboro Police Department 2023

Gerald Palmer, Cheshire County Sheriff's Office 2023

Vivian Nixon, NH Department of Corrections 2023

Andrew Newcomb, NH Department of Corrections and PT Hebron Police Department 2023

Kristina Chase, Exeter Police Department 2023

Ethan Judd, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office 2023

Michael LaVallee, Manchester Police Department 2023

Robert Bellenoit, Manchester Police Department 2022

Kelly McKenney, Manchester Police Department 2023

Jordan Kelly, Nashua Police Department 2023

Jeremy Perkins, Lebanon Police Department 2023

Hattie Johnson, Rochester Police Department 2022

Carole Lee, Strafford County Sheriff's Office 2023

Michelle Dandeneau, Henniker Police Department 2023

Amy Bossi, Henniker Police Department 2023

Tyler Babineau, Laconia Police Department 2023

Joshua Fisher, Newbury Police Department 2023

Jeremiah Haynes, Charlestown Police Department 2023

End of Consent Calendar

Motion by Mr. Lecius, seconded by Colonel Hall to approve the Consent Calendar items.

Chief Cobb took a roll call vote.

Chief Chase	yes
Judge Manchester	yes
Judge Gardner	yes
Sheriff Massahos	yes
Chief Aldenberg	yes, abstained from the Manchester PD items
Chief Rourke	yes
Sgt. Pelletier	yes
Mr. Lecius	yes
Mr. Stawasz	yes
Mr. Harrington	yes
Dr. Eckstein	yes

To: All NHPSTC Council Members

FROM: Director John Scippa

DATE: July 23, 2024

RE: Director's Monthly PSTC Council Report

Bureau of Recruit Training:

1. 197th Full Time Police Academy began on June 17, 2024. 51 Recruits.
2. 198th Full Time Police Academy set to begin July 29, 2024. 42 Recruits
3. 125th Corrections Academy set to begin on October 11, 2024.

Bureau of Professional Development:

1. Court Security Officer Training and Certification program meeting with development team where we discuss proposed POL rules that will cover CSOs.
3. 2024-2025 In-Service Training contracts are being finalized.
4. RFP for LMS/RMS System informational meeting was conducted with potential vendors last week.

NH Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission:

1. 20 agencies enrolled.

Bureau of Standards:

1. Pathways to Certification guidance document is being finalized for Council Review.
2. Pol rule covering firearms changes is being developed.

Conduct Review Committee:

1. As of Monday, July 22, we have received 283 complaints with 112 originating from the public portal (although some on the public portal are duplicative).
2. 179 cases have been closed by the CRC.
3. Thirteen (13) cases have been sustained as misconduct and are being prepared for a hearing at the Council.
4. The next (14th) meeting of the CRC will be held on Monday, August 12.

PST Budget and Facilities:

1. Two capital projects that were approved in last year's biennium (Firing range remediation and AC repair and upgrade), and which have received total ARPA funding through the GOFER office are still in the que with DAS engineering. NO project numbers have been assigned yet.

2. PST is working with Meraki Security who has installed several security cameras within and outside our facility.

3. PST has received permission from DAS to move forward on replacing the Tac Center floor without DAS engineering oversight as the project will not cause structural changes to the facility.

Outreach, Education and Legislation:

1. June 26-Corrections Advisory Committee meeting
2. June 26-Department Wide Meeting
3. June 27-Hillsboro County Chiefs Meeting
4. June 28-Meeting with DOC Director Reed
5. July 1-Meeting with AG Formella and Commissioner Hanks
6. July 1-IADLEST E-Board Meeting via Teams
7. July 2-Meeting with FLETC rep "Skeet" Brewer via Teams
8. July 8-Meeting with representatives from MASS POST via Teams
9. July 8-Meeting with AOC and Leg. Court Security Directors on Pol rules for CSO academy
10. July 8- IADLEST E-Board meeting via Teams
11. July 9-NH LE Accreditation Commission meeting
12. July 10-Governor and Council Meeting
13. July 12 Meeting with Dirigo Safety on Accreditation contract
14. July 15-IADLEST E-Board meeting via Teams
15. July 18-Meeting with DOC Director Reed via Teams.

Staff and Operations:

1. We have interviewed candidates for the fulltime and the part time training specialist positions and offers have been made.
2. We are presently advertising for the open Curriculum Development administrator and have re-advertised for the part time business administrator.

Open Action Items:

1. Administrative Rules Committee continues to work towards the total re-write of our rules

Discussion Items:

1. Request Council to allow PST to move from 4 police academy sessions back to 3 for 2025.