

## ***Minutes***

***October 23, 2007***

The 365th meeting of the NH Police Standards and Training Council was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chairman Michael L. Prozzo, Jr., Sullivan County Sheriff's Department, in the John D. Morton conference room at the Arthur D. Kehas Law Enforcement Training Facility and Campus in Concord, New Hampshire.

***Members Present:*** Chief Gregory C. Dodge, Epping Police Department; Chief Timothy Russell, Henniker Police Department; Sheriff Scott A. Carr, Carroll County Sheriff's Department; Associate Justice Stephen H. Roberts, Dover District Court; Associate Justice Norman E. Champagne, Manchester District Court; Colonel Frederick H. Booth, NH State Police; Commissioner William L. Wrenn, Jr., Department of Corrections; Vice Chancellor Charles Annal, designee of Chancellor Richard A. Gustafson of the Community College System of New Hampshire; Chief Michael J. Magnant, Portsmouth Police Department; Chief Peter Morency, Berlin Police Department; and, Deputy Attorney General Bud Fitch, designee of Attorney General Kelly Ayotte.

***Staff Present:*** Director Donald L. Vittum, Assistant Director Robert B. Stafford, Jr., Investigative Paralegal Cassandra A. Erickson, Keith H. Lohmann, Captain Benjamin Jean, Council Secretary Kathryn Day, and Program Assistant Lorelee Ames.

***Guests Present:*** Chief Gary A. Phillips and Officer Warren P. Breau, Winchester Police Department; Chief Lawrence Streeter, Newton Police Department; Mr. William Pease, Nashua Police Department; Accreditation Manager Rebecca Gagne, Town of Newton; Chief Russell Timmons and Officer Gary O'Brien, Somersworth Police Department; Mr. William Phinney and Mrs. Sherri Lee Phinney of Bristol, New Hampshire; and, Lieutenant Michael F. Lewis, Bristol Police Department.

### ***Approval of Minutes***

The Council unanimously approved the Minutes of September 25, 2007, following a motion by Sheriff Carr and seconded by Chief Russell.

### ***Director's Report***

The Director's written report, mailed under separate cover, was accepted as submitted. The Director commented on the hiring of two attorneys, Simon Brown and Michael Ramsdell, on a contract basis to assist with possible litigation that could arise with two future hearings.

### ***Director's Report (cont'd)***

The Director asserted that during the next budgetary process he will request to hire an attorney on a permanent basis to assist with hearings as they become more in-depth and to advise on legal aspects of police training.

Justice Roberts asked if there have ever been any appeals of decertification decisions made by the Council and what course any such appeal had taken. The Director stated that there have been no appeals since the time of his appointment. Deputy Attorney General Fitch recalled one appeal during his tenure on the Council that went to the New Hampshire Supreme Court. The Director and staff are preparing for two litigious hearings, one in November and one in December, and are currently working with the two attorneys now to ensure that the Council is adequately represented.

### ***Previous and/or Unfinished Business***

#### **Part-Time Academy Curriculum Revision**

The Council previously voted to increase the part-time academy from 100 hours to 200 hours. Driving and firearms training were noted as two components where hands-on training is needed. Across the state, chiefs of police agree that these two areas warrant additional training; these two components will take over 80 hours in the new curriculum. As a result, the part-time curriculum increases to 14 weeks from 12 weeks, making it of a longer duration than the full-time academy.

Captain Benjamin Jean formally presented the proposed curriculum. The driving portion will constitute 34 hours of the program, and the firearms, 48 hours, for a total of 82 hours of new training. Officers currently attending the part-time academy get 8 hours of defensive tactics and limited exposure to practical motor vehicle stops and collision investigation; the remainder of the program takes place in the classroom. Class size will be limited to 30; once the part-time academy size exceeds 30, there would be two tracks, Group A and Group B. This would make the size cap on the part-time academy 60, which is the same as the full-time academy. The curriculum covers a 14-week period, considerably longer than it is now at only 7 weeks.

The curriculum has been constructed to take advantage of videoconferencing sites on Tuesday and Thursday nights; all hands-on practical classes would occur on Saturdays at the Police Standards and Training facility. This would require a greater commitment on the part of the part-time officer and their departments to complete the firearms training; the costs involved would be for providing ammunition and vest protection, along with the increase in the number of hours that officers will spend in training. The financial impact on the agency has not yet been determined. Costs would include increased maintenance on the fleet for repairs and fuel, and more staff to assist with firearms and driving. One additional staff member would be required if the class size is 30 or fewer; if there were two tracks, more training specialists would be required.

***(More) Previous and/or Unfinished Business***

Part-Time Academy Curriculum Revision (cont'd)

Captain Jean proposed running just two academies in the first year to determine the success of the curriculum revision and to make any necessary adjustments. Considering that the curriculum encompasses 13 weeks of formal instruction, if three tracks of the part-time academy were run, throughput for the year would be 180 officers, comparable with class sizes over the last six years.

Justice Roberts, concerned about the financial burdens it would place on the smaller police departments, asked whether these chiefs had been made aware of the increase in hours. Director Vittum indicated that in speaking with police chiefs over the last three months, he has gotten a positive response, with very few exceptions. Police chiefs were asked to express any concerns they may have to the Council, as well. The Chairman submitted an email he received from Chief Gregory C. Begin of the Weare Police Department in support of the changes for the part-time academy, namely, extending the number of required hours to offer additional training on firearms and driving.

Commissioner Wrenn considered that many departments run their own firearms programs for their part-time officers and wondered if there had been any resistance from these smaller departments. The Director stated that he had encountered none. Chief Morency remarked that in meetings of the Police Chiefs Association discussion centered around the need to improve the quality of the part-time officers' training and that the consensus was that this was a worthy effort; also, in light of the fact that many of these agencies want to go to a CALEA accreditation, this is a program that would advance that goal.

Chief Russell vigorously supported the physical agility requirement for entrance into the part-time academy. Chief Morency echoed Chief Russell's opinion that part-time officers should be required to meet the physical agility standards. Chairman Prozzo asked if, in the course of the current proposed rule change, the physical agility requirement for entrance to the part-time academy should be added and asked for a motion.

Chief Russell moved to include a requirement for an entrance physical agility test for the part-time academy, along with standards for the three-year ongoing fitness testing; he subsequently withdrew that motion and the Council asked that the staff be prepared to respond at a future Council meeting with details on how fitness testing might be implemented for entrance into the part-time academy.

The Director commented that requiring departments to conduct fitness testing as a prerequisite for entrance into the part-time academy may be problematic; if the testing were performed at Police Standards and Training, there would be greater assurance that the standardized requirement had been met. If the fitness testing requirement is implemented for the part-time academy, it should mirror what is done with the full-time academy.

***(More) Previous and/or Unfinished Business***

Part-Time Academy Curriculum Revision (cont'd)

Commission Wrenn suggested further study and an effort to garner the input of police chiefs whose departments would be affected. Another consideration would be the aspect of costs incurred should a part-time officer be injured during the fitness testing. Judge Roberts agreed that additional study would be appropriate and asked if there is any disparity between the numbers of part-time officers and full-time officers who fail to meet the three-year testing eligibility requirement. Is the number of part-time officers leaving law enforcement at the end of three years greater now that the three-year testing is in place? If the fitness standards are not included upon entrance to the part-time academy, what is the likelihood of the part-time officer failing the three-year testing? When compared side by side, if more part-time officers are failing, it would make sense to include the fitness requirement "up front."

The Director this week sent out 300 letters to police officers and corrections officers who are approaching the deadline to meet the three-year fitness testing requirement by December 31, 2007. The outcome of this first group (full-time police officers, corrections officers, and part-time officers) facing the inaugural testing cannot be predicted, so the answers to this question are not yet known.

Upon a motion by Judge Champagne, seconded by Judge Roberts, the Council voted to adopt the proposed new part-time curriculum as presented and to begin implementation in January 2008.

Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Changes (Pol 101.14 and Pol 301.06)

Chairman Prozzo opened the Public Hearing at 9:25 a.m.

Mr. Keith Lohmann introduced the proposed changes to the rules that received the unanimous support of the Council at their July 24, 2007, meeting. The proposed changes were then communicated to all law enforcement agencies in the state to solicit comments for the public hearing. This comment period concludes on November 2, 2007.

Mr. Lohmann outlined each of the proposed changes.

- 1) In Chapter 100 Organizational Rules, Part Pol 101.14, the definition of "days" was changed to mean calendar days, not working days; and,
- 2) In Chapter 300 Application and Qualification, Part Pol 301.06, language was added to reflect the requirement that Form "A" must be submitted no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of an academy session.

Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Changes (Pol 101.14 and Pol 301.06) (cont'd)

Mr. Lohmann explained that the current Rule requires that the agencies notify the Council within 15 days after a person is hired, and the Council further recommended that if the intention was to send a person to the academy without regard to the 15-day rule, that the Form "A" be submitted 14 days prior to the beginning of an academy session. The Chairman invited questions from the Council, and there were none. The Chairman solicited comments from members of the public and invited such persons to offer testimony; there were no public members present. The Chairman closed the public hearing at 9:30 a.m. and invited further comment from the Council.

Commission Wrenn noted some ambiguity in the language, "*. . . no later than 14 days prior to ... proposed entrance into an academy program.*" Mr. Lohmann explained that this language was selected because there is no guarantee, just because paperwork is submitted and even if people pass the entrance PT test, that they will have a slot in the academy; hence, the word 'proposed' was included. In this context, 'proposed' is intended to mean planned or anticipated.

Judge Roberts suggested that "prior to the beginning date of the academy program for which the candidate is proposed to enter" or similar language might be more definitive. Mr. Lohmann proposed modifying the language in the proposed rule change to read, "*... employee status notification form "A" to the Council no later than 14 days prior to the beginning of an academy session to which an uncertified officer wishes entrance.*" Commissioner Wrenn emphasized the importance of including the words 'prior to the first day of the academy session' to indicate a definitive point on the 14-day timeline. Vice Chancellor Annal recommended adding a statement to define "proposed entrance" as narrowly as possible.

***New Business***

Decertification

In the matter of James R. Therrien's decertification under Pol 402.02(a)(3), the Director summarized the case forthrightly, stating that Mr. Therrien's intention is to surrender his certification following his conviction for Driving While Intoxicated.

*Synopsis:*

James R. Therrien  
Certified as a part-time officer 11/9/96 (**Staff Exhibit A**)

Violation of Pol 402.02 (a)(4) the officer has been convicted either prior to or after certification of a crime of moral turpitude or of a crime which tends to bring discredit on the police or corrections service, including but not limited to (c) DWI.

***New Business (cont'd)***

Decertification (cont'd)

On August 6, 2007, James Therrien pled guilty to Class B Misdemeanor DWI in Rockingham County Superior Court. He license was suspended for 12 months, fined \$750.00 plus penalty assessment and complete the IDIP program. **(Staff Exhibit B)**

On July 12, 2006 Trooper Christopher Vetter responded to a single vehicle crash on Interstate 95 in Portsmouth. The vehicle was into the guardrail and the operator was out of the car sitting on the guardrail.

When Trooper Vetter approached him the operator stated, "I'm SP174 and I fucked up." Trooper Vetter noted his speech was badly slurred and he could smell alcohol coming from him. He told Trooper Vetter he was heading home from Maine; however, he was on Interstate 95 North, heading toward Maine. Mr. Therrien denied injury and said he lost control of the vehicle.

No field sobriety tests were completed as Mr. Therrien needed assistance to walk to the cruiser. He asked several times not to be arrested and asked Trooper Vetter to drive him home. At the station he nodded off to sleep and his speech was so slurred that Trooper Vetter had to ask that he repeat himself numerous times. His BAC level was .23. **(Staff Exhibit C)**

Mr. Therrien received notice of the hearing by certified mail on October 2, 2007. If he does not appear for the hearing Pol 206.03 also applies.

Mr. Therrien declined to appear before the Council **(Respondent's Exhibit 1)** and the Director stated that there is no appeal of his conviction pending. Commissioner Wrenn moved that the Council accept Mr. Therrien's voluntary surrender of his certification. The motion was seconded by Chief Magnant and passed on a voice vote with the unanimous consent of the Council.

Rescission

The Council proceeded to the matter of William S. Phinney, pursuant to Pol 402.02(h). Mr. Phinney was informed of the hearing protocol by Chairman Prozzo and requested that the matter be heard in nonpublic session. A motion by Chief Dodge, seconded by Chief Morency, to enter into a nonpublic session carried by a unanimous roll call vote at 9:40 a.m.

Commissioner Wrenn moved to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. The motion was seconded by Deputy Attorney General Fitch and passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Sheriff Carr seconded a motion by Commissioner Wrenn to exit the nonpublic session. A roll call vote of the Council was unanimous in support of the motion at 10:15 a.m.

***New Business (cont'd)***

**Rescission (cont'd)**

Colonel Booth moved to take the matter under advisement and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Wrenn. Chairman Prozzo proposed that the matter be carried over to the agenda for November 27, 2007. The motion carried on a voice vote, with Chief Russell in opposition.

The Council unanimously approved the following **PT&E Requests**:

**Full-Time**

**Officer Michael A. Gobbi, Stratham Police Department.** Officer Gobbi is required to pass the entrance fitness test, attend First Aid and CPR classes if certification has lapsed, and attend the law package of the full-time academy.

**Part-Time**

**Officer Timothy A. Wintle-Newell, Marine Patrol.** Officer Wintle-Newell will be required to pass the entrance fitness test and attend the law package of the full-time academy for his request for unlimited hours to be effective.

The Council also considered the following **PT&E Requests (Full-Time)**:

**Officer Gary O'Brien, Somersworth Police Department.** Officer O'Brien's request was approved and full-time certification will be granted based upon his previous academy training **once he has retaken and passed the final fitness test for the Police Academy.**

Major Robert Stafford, Assistant Director, introduced Somersworth Captain Russell Timmons and Officer Gary O'Brien, who attended the 138<sup>th</sup> Police Academy and has yet to receive his certification, based on the fact that he was unable to pass the final fitness test. The Somersworth Police Department has since hired Officer O'Brien and asserts that he is now able to meet the final PT requirements. The Department requests his certification as a full-time police officer if he successfully passes his fitness test prior to the end of the two-year period since his graduation, specifically, November 9, 2007.

Captain Timmons stated that while attending the 138<sup>th</sup> Academy, Officer O'Brien suffered an injury in October 2005, after successfully passing the entrance fitness test in March of that year, as well as the Midterm fitness test as late as September 30, 2005. In November 2005 he took and failed the 138<sup>th</sup> final fitness test, although the severity of his injury had not yet been diagnosed by a physician, and he was permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies without receiving full-time certification. As the Council directed, Officer O'Brien was granted an extension at the request of his then employer, Seabrook Police Department, through February 16, 2006, and he took and passed the defensive tactics test, but once again failed to pass the final fitness test.

### **PT&E Requests (Full-Time) (cont'd.)**

By the time Officer O'Brien was hired by the Somersworth Police Department in September 2007, his physical condition was greatly improved and he has met all of their physical requirements and is ready to pass the final fitness test. Captain Timmons supports Officer O'Brien's request and the staff recommends allowing him to take the final fitness test again and granting him full-time certification upon passing.

Chief Russell confirmed with Officer O'Brien that he was convicted in 1996 for DWI (alcohol) in New Hampshire.

Chief Magnant moved that the Council accept the staff recommendation to allow Officer O'Brien to take the fitness retest by November 9, 2007, and, if he passes, grant him full-time certification. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Carr. The motion carried on a voice vote, with none opposed.

**Officer Warren P. Breau, Winchester Police Department** Officer Breau is required to **pass the entrance fitness test and to attend the law package of the full-time academy.**

Major Stafford explained that analysis of the matrix indicated that Officer Breau's score fell short of 330 points and, therefore, the recommendation of the staff is for Officer Breau to attend the full academy. Major Stafford then introduced Winchester Police Chief Gary Phillips and Officer Breau.

Chief Phillips characterized for the Council Officer Breau's outstanding qualities: very, very self-disciplined, motivated, professional, productive, and well received by the community, as well as by his supervisors and the staff at the Winchester PD. Chief Phillips offered letters he has received from his staff and the general public complimenting Officer Breau, along with an article from the Union Leader that illustrated Officer Breau's dedication and professionalism. Officer Breau has been with the Winchester Police Department as a part-time officer since February 2006 and achieved part-time certification in May 2006. Winchester hired him as a full-time officer on June 3, 2007, and he serves as one of two field training officers with the department and is certified as an advanced field training officer in the State of Florida. He is also certified as a background investigator and the State of New Hampshire recently certified him to administer physical agility testing for new hires and for the three-year ongoing fitness test. His CPR and First Aid training were brought up to date in August 2007.

Officer Breau has twice been certified in the State of New Hampshire as a full-time officer, in 1989 and in 1998. The last time Officer Breau was employed in New Hampshire as a full-time officer was from December 1997 through May 1999 for the Town of Temple; after he left that position, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Hesser College and later worked in security. Collectively, Officer Breau has over 11 years of full-time law enforcement experience, more than three of those in the State of New Hampshire.



### **PT&E Requests (Full-Time) (cont'd.)**

Chief Phillips put forth a recommendation for Officer Breau to complete the law package of the full-time academy and meet any physical requirements. With regard to Officer Breau, his service record, proven maturity, and education should motivate the Council to approve granting full-time certification after he satisfies these two requirements.

Vice Chancellor Annal asked Major Stafford if this option had been discussed and Major Stafford responded that it had and that the staff maintained that Officer Breau should be required to attend the full academy. When the matrix was applied, Officer Breau scored 264 of 330-point threshold for waiving the full-time academy. Chairman Prozzo affirmed that the matrix has been applied for many years and was formulated with the input of local police departments to include consideration of prior training and experience and that the point system was applied evenly and consistently.

Chief Morency recalled one case where the point system was relaxed but could not recount the details of that circumstance. Commissioner Wrenn and Chairman Prozzo remembered the same instance and agreed that there were extenuating circumstances and the margin was much smaller when the matrix was completed for that officer. The Director stated that as a result of an internal error, the outcome in that case was not according to the matrix. Since that time, additional adjustments were made to the process. Chairman Prozzo was supportive of upholding the matrix as a matter of consistency. Director Vittum, however, agreed that after testimony from Chief Phillips and considering the thorough background check performed by Winchester, the point system as it is applied to each request should also consider the totality of an officer's experience and achievements.

Chief Russel moved to require Officer Breau to pass the entrance PT and complete the law package of the full-time academy. Colonel Booth seconded that motion. Commissioner Wrenn raised concern over setting a precedent for waiving the 330-point minimum. Vice Chancellor Annal and Chief Morency shared those sentiments and the Vice Chancellor suggested that perhaps the point system needs to consider any factors not already included therein, anything that would allow an exception based on experience, education, etc. Justice Roberts felt that, although objectivity was important when considering PT&E requests, the mechanical application of the matrix did not consider the uniqueness of each case. For example, the number of points assessed for each year out of active law enforcement seems arbitrarily set at 40 points; what is the basis for this limit? Based on Chief Phillip's presentation and Officer Breau's background, would the Town be well served by him attending the full-time academy, when there are numerous aspects of the full-time academy that Officer Breau has already been exposed to? Requiring him to attend the full-time law package seems to be appropriate, since changes in the laws have taken place, and the physical requirement should also be mandatory. Justice Roberts was not concerned about setting a precedent.

Judge Champagne clarified that Officer Breau was not employed as a full-time officer for a period of seven years, from 1999 to 2006.

### **PT&E Requests (Full-Time) (cont'd.)**

The rule states that if he is away from full-time police work for three years, certification expires within 30 days. Chief Phillips confirmed for Commissioner Wrenn that Officer Breau was currently part-time certified as of May 2006 and has been working independently since that time. Chief Morency noted that Officer Breau's paperwork indicated that he was full-time certified in 1990. Commissioner Wrenn was receptive to the fact that the officer is currently part-time certified and wanted to know if that factor was included in the matrix. Major Stafford confirmed that it was. Commissioner Wrenn felt that this was a mitigating factor in favor of Officer Breau.

Chief Russell asked for clarification of what the benefit would be to Officer Breau to attend the full-time academy, considering his recent employment and his independent and ongoing education and training? Major Stafford conceded that there was a compelling argument for the law package and that the full-time academy would not further enhance Officer Breau's qualifications.

Deputy Attorney General Fitch cited Section 4 of the Point Evaluation Worksheet, "*If applicant not currently employed as a part-time officer in New Hampshire or another state at the time of hiring ...*" and explained that a literal interpretation of Section 4 in the case of Officer Breau would effect no deduction from the 430 appoints awarded him in Section 1. He cautioned against the broadness of Section 4 and clarified that he did not intend to suggest that merely being a currently certified part-time officer would exempt anyone from the analysis in A, B, C, or D in Section 4 as it currently reads.

Commissioner Wrenn felt that the final recommendation for PT&E should be "outcome-based" and not simply a function of the point system. The Director supported the matrix as a guideline for the staff for determining which requests should be brought before the Council but felt that the decision to approve a PT&E request was at the sole discretion of the Council based on all the information they received pertaining to each case individually.

Vice Chancellor Annal moved the question, seconded by Commissioner Wrenn, and the Council voiced their unanimous consent. A voice vote on Chief Russell's motion to require Officer Breau to pass the entrance PT and complete the law package of the full-time academy was affirmative, with the exception of Chief Magnant who was opposed.

Vice Chancellor Annal recommended that the staff review the Point Evaluation Worksheet to simplify Section 4 in particular. There should be a provision for prior education, as well as prior training and experience. In the case of Officer Breau, no points were awarded in recognition of his having earned his Bachelor degree in Criminal Justice from Hesser College five years ago, and it was pointed out that this exceeds what is essentially covered in the 12 weeks of the full-time academy curriculum.

***New Business (cont'd)***

The Council voted unanimously to grant the following **Request for Extension:**

**Full-Time Police Officer**

Officer Kristopher J. Bean, Bristol Police Department. Hired April 10, 2007, **not part-time certified.** Officer Bean was granted extension to the 145<sup>th</sup> Session of the Full-Time Academy 01/07/08-03/28/08 (fitness test 12/17/07) with the requirement that the officer work only under direct supervision of a full-time certified officer.

The following **Training Grant Requests** were approved with the unanimous consent of the Council:

**Concord Police Department** request to send Sergeant Timothy O'Malley to a two-week class, Command Training Series First-Line Supervision Course, beginning January 27, 2008 and ending February 8, 2008, at Roger Williams University, Portsmouth, Rhode Island. \$1,000.00

**Durham Police Department** request to send Sergeant Michael Lyczak to the Command Training Series First-Line Supervision Course at Roger Williams University, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, from November 26, 2007, through December 7, 2007. \$1,000.00

**Keene Police Department** request to send Lieutenant Richard Richards and Lieutenant Peter Thomas to the Command Training Series Mid-Management Course at Roger Williams University, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, from March 31, 2008, through April 11, 2008. \$2,000.00

And, finally, the Council agreed without exception to approve the following request for **"Other Training":**

**Moultonborough Police Department** request to send Sergeant Peter W. Beede to the Field Training & Evaluation Program-Coordinator Course at Roger Williams University, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, from November 13 through November 15, 2007. \$473.32

**Ongoing Three-Year Fitness Testing**

Neither Joseph Caron nor James Medeiros were in attendance as the Director had requested, so the Director recommended that the Council authorize a show cause letter for each of them to appear before the Council at their November meeting. Additionally, one of these two individuals may be considering leaving law enforcement but there has been no official notification of that fact. Both officers' departments were informed and invited to attend or to submit documentation to the Board, but as yet have not done so.

Chief Dodge moved to authorize these show cause letters. The motion was seconded by Deputy Attorney General Fitch and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

## ***General***

### Police Standards and Training Annual Report FY 07

The Director noted minor grammatical errors and requested that the Council approve submitting the corrected report to Governor and Council. It was agreed.

### Newton Police Department State Accreditation

Following a brief recess, at 10:28 a.m. the Council reconvened for a presentation by Assessment Team Leader William Pease. Mr. Pease introduced himself and identified himself as the Team Leader for the Newton, New Hampshire, assessment for State voluntary accreditation. In summarizing the events of the assessment, Mr. Pease highlighted the following observations:

1. The Newton Police Department was found in compliance with the more than 100 high liability standards involved regarding accreditation.
2. The most impressive aspect of the Newton Police Department was their ability to do more with less. For example: Despite the fact that the Department is currently housed in a mobile home, they were still able to design their evidence room and their detention facility for optimal efficiency to ensure evidence integrity and safe, secure temporary detention.
3. With the strong support of Chief Streeter, Newton's five full-time officers spend dedicated hours on a monthly basis in training.

Mr. Pease recommended, without reservation, that the Newton Police Department be granted State accreditation.

Commissioner Wrenn extended his congratulations to Chief Streeter, the Newton Police Department, and Accreditation Manager Rebecca Gagne on their outstanding effort in bringing their Department into compliance with the standards. This sentiment was echoed by members of the Council. Commissioner Wrenn also recognized Chief Streeter for his performance under difficult circumstances as a former chief in Salisbury, Massachusetts, and thanked him for the benefit of his experience.

Commissioner Wrenn moved that the Council support granting State accreditation status to the Newton Police Department. Colonel Booth seconded the motion. Without further discussion, the vote of the Council was unanimous in the affirmative.

Chief Streeter expressed his appreciation for the work of the Council on behalf of the citizens of New Hampshire, stating that, in his experience over the last five years with the New Hampshire law enforcement community, the professionalism and accountability of the Police Standards and Training Council has been most gratifying for him personally. On behalf of the Newton Police Department, he thanked the Council for their support and their favorable decision.

### ***Other Business***

Chief Morency extended compliments to Lt. Mulla for his performance that he noted during a recent firearms recertification program that the Chief attended. Chief Morency was appreciative of Lt. Mulla's delivery of the material because he listed for the class not just the topics that were discussed, but the reasoning behind why they were included in the program.

Commissioner Wrenn commented that during the ongoing Corrections Academy the Director, Major Stafford and the academy staff addressed issues that came up in an expeditious and sensitive way and provided DOC with a full report once they had conducted a thorough investigation of each incident. The Commissioner extended his appreciation and described the conduct of the staff as "extremely appropriate."

Chief Magnant referenced a luncheon that he had recently attended, along with Commissioner Wrenn, for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and said that he had noticed that there were staff present from Police Standards and Training. He noted that another two-day training on mental illness and the criminal justice system with NAMI is planned in the near future, and he stressed that this was an important issue for all professionals in the criminal justice system. He thanked the Director and the staff for being at the forefront of this effort. Director Vittum commented that a similar program is being offered to 25 to 30 individuals at a location Berlin and he thanked the Chief for recognizing this effort on the part of the PSTC staff.

### ***Next Meeting Date/Adjournment***

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for ***November 27, at 9:00 a.m.***

Upon a motion by Commissioner Wrenn, seconded by Vice Chancellor Annal, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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Chairman Michael L. Prozzo, Jr.