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Director

Public Minutes

NH Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission Meeting

July 9, 2024

NH Police Standard & Training
Arthur D. Kehas Law Enforcement Training Facility and Campus
17 Institute Drive
Concord, NH 03301
&
Microsoft Teams

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: At 1:02 pm Commission Chair Chief King called the meeting to order.

Commission Chair: Chief Anthony King Stratham Police Department present – in person
Commission Vice Chair: Chief (Ret.) Ron Ace present – in person
Commission Secretary: Chief Mark Chase Center Harbor Police Department present – in person
Commission member: Sheriff Eli Rivera Cheshire County Sheriff’s Office present – in person
Commission member: Director John Scippa NH Police Standards & Training present – in person
PST Designee: Captain Adam Hawkins NH Police Standards & Training - Absent
Commission member: Senator Sharon Carson NH Senate present – in person
Commission member: Representative Terry Roy present – in person
Commission member: Dr. Jeffrey Czarneck SNHU present – in person
Commission member: Chief Anne Perriello present – in person
Commission member: Attorney General John Formella NHDOJ – Absent
DOJ Designee: Senior Assistant Attorney General Matthew Broadhead NHDOJ present -
via zoom (joined the meeting at 1:05 pm)

Staff Present: Attorney Stacie Moeser PST (Board Counsel) present – in person
Lieutenant Sonya Robicheau PST present - in person
Rick Stillman Program Manager/Dirigo Safety present – in person
Keri Wareing Accreditation Consultant/Dirigo Safety present – in person

2. Introduction: Chief King again welcomed Chief Perriello and Lt. Robicheau and introduced them to the Commission members and staff who had not had a chance to meet them.

3. Acceptance of Public Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to accept the June 4, 2024, minutes by Sheriff Rivera and seconded by Chief (Ret.) Ace. A roll call vote was cast, and the motion passed unanimously with Chief King, Director Scippa, Senator Carson, Representative Roy and SAAG Broadhead abstaining.



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- 4. Public Comment:** None.

- 5. PST Update:** Chief King advised that the first invoice has been received from Dirigo Safety for \$5372.88. This will be the monthly rate for the duration of the contract. A motion was made by Chief Chase and seconded by Sheriff Rivera to approve the invoice. A roll call vote was cast, and the motion passed unanimously. The following agencies have applied for enrollment: Alstead, Amherst, Brentwood, Hooksett, Litchfield, New London and North Hampton. A motion was made by Senator Carson and seconded by Sheriff Rivera to approve these agencies. A roll call vote was cast, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Program Manager Updates:** Program Manager Stillman and Accreditation Consultant Wareing updated the commission on the work that has been done since the last meeting. This included having a booth at the NH Association of Chief of Police Trade Show where they had the opportunity to speak with and answer questions for numerous departments. They have completed site visits at Bow, Gilford, and Stratham. They attended a NNEPAC meeting and are beginning to schedule presentations at the County Chief Association meetings. Program Manager Stillman also participated in a mock assessment in a community in Maine. What he has gained from this is that most departments he has met with have good policies but the individual department Program Managers need training on what the expectations are and what satisfies a proof. It is important that as we begin training the assessors everyone is on the same page.

- 7. Lt. Robicheau Updates:** Lt. Robicheau updated the Commission that it has been confirmed that department PowerDMS fees can be reimbursed from the original \$75,000.00 grant retroactively to September 1, 2021. Grant money cannot be used on food but is permitted for all the other items the Commission has previously discussed. The annual contribution from PowerDMS can however be utilized for food. The Margate in Laconia had the availability and set up to host the NH Accreditation Conference on November 13 and 14th. After much discussion on the timing, costs associated with conference and training content, a motion was made by Director Scippa and seconded by Chief Perriello to instead at this time host a kickoff meeting and then 4 regional trainings around the state and to approve up to \$1200.00 per event for breakfast and lunch for attendees. A roll call vote was cast, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 8. Mock Assessments:** Chief King questioned how the Commission felt about allowing Commission members to assist agencies with mock assessments. It was felt that there is no conflict as the mock assessment is to help agencies preparing for the actual assessment will be done by other approved and independent assessors. Program Manager Stillman and Accreditation Consultant Wareing questioned how much assistance was appropriate for them to provide departments. It was felt that we all want the program to be successful and they should provide as much guidance as possible, but



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cautioned that they cannot be engaged in doing the departments' work for them. The Commission is researching how grant money can be used to assist agencies with things such as policies.

9. Standards Subcommittee Report: Chief (Ret.) Ace reported on the significant amount of work that Lt. Robicheau, Program Manager Stillman and Accreditation Consultant Wareing having been doing to ensure we incorporate the 19 DOJ standards into our program. They are also reviewing and expanding the glossary of terms. When it is complete it will be brought before the entire Commission for review and approval.

10. Old Business: None.

11. New Business: Director Scippa and Senator Carson spoke about recent legislation (SB362) for the formation of a study committee specific to Body Worn Cameras and release of the content. As part of the study the LEAC will be asked to make recommendations by November 1, 2024. Merrimack County Attorney Halvorsen will be invited to speak at the next meeting as he has done a significant amount research on this topic.

12. (NONPUBLIC SESSION) Pursuant to RSA 91-A:3: None

13. Meeting schedule / next meeting: The Standards Subcommittee meeting will be at:

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August 13, 2024, at 12:00 pm and by Microsoft Teams.

The next Commission meeting will be held at:

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August 13, 2024, at 1:00 pm and by Microsoft Teams.



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Adjournment: The meeting disbanded at 2:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Chief Mark C. Chase