

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION
MICKELSON CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER
Pierre, SD
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The South Dakota Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission teleconference meeting was called to order at the hour of 11:00 AM on September 23, 2015, in the DCI Conference Room located at the Criminal Justice Training Center in Pierre, South Dakota.

Roll call of members included Mike Leidholt, Hughes County Sheriff; Doug Barthel, Sioux Falls Chief of Police; John Long, BIA; Steve Allendar, Mayor, City of Rapid City; Robert Perry, Special Agent FBI; Jeff Holcomb, Southeast Technical Institute President; Col. Craig Price, Superintendent, SD Highway Patrol; and Chairman Bryan Gortmaker. Others present included Scott Rechtenbaugh, Executive Secretary; and Kim Knecht, Assistant Training Administrator. Commission members Marty Jackley, Attorney General; Tom Wollman, Lincoln County States Attorney; and Randall Rosenau, Lawrence County Commissioner, were absent.

Welcome was extended to newly appointed commission member Steve Allender. Allender is the Mayor of Rapid City and represents the South Dakota Municipal League. Allender replaces Ken Tracy. Commission Member Doug Barthel, Sioux Falls Chief of Police, will retire October 16, 2015.

Chairman Gortmaker started the order of business with the request for certification reinstatement for **Oliver Semans, Jr.**, Rosebud Law Enforcement Services. Captain of Police Mark Kettel and Oliver Semans Jr. are present via telephone. Semans was employed with the Rosebud Police Department from 2009 until he resigned in 2010 and completed the 137th Basic 12-week training session in April 2009. Semans left the department in good standing. His certification lapsed in December, 2012. Background did not reveal anything derogatory. Semans was rehired by the Rosebud Police Department in July, 2015. Staff recommends Semans attend the reciprocity training week should the commission consider certification reinstatement.

Motion by Commission Member Leidholt to recommend reinstatement contingent upon attendance and completion of the reciprocity training week to become current with certification, **second** by Commission Member Price. Motion **approved** by verbal response in the affirmative by all members. **Action: 7-0 Aye** (Leidholt, Barthel, Long, Allender, Holcomb, Perry, and Price).

Business continued with the request to consider that **John Friman**, Hutchinson County Sheriff's Office, be allowed to return to the March, 2016 Basic Certification Session and be allowed to work until he returns for basic certification. Sheriff James Zeeb and Deputy Friman are present via telephone. Friman was dismissed from the 159th Basic Training Session for academic failure. Friman failed the Phase One exam, the exam retest, and did not qualify with his handgun. There were no disciplinary issues, he always had a positive attitude. He struggled on the firearms range not only with the holster but there were some safety issues as well.

Sheriff Zeeb indicated Friman is an EMT and is a perfect fit for the Sheriff's Office. They plan to work with Friman on his studies for the basic training as well as practice on the firearms range.

The question before commission members is to:

- allow reinstatement into the March, 2016 basic training session and whatever else the the commission would stipulate; and
- allow to work for the Sheriff's Office until March, 2016.

Friman is still within his one year of appointment as a law enforcement officer. **Motion** by Commission Member Perry to reinstate into the basic and allowed to work prior to the March, 2016 basic provided he qualifies with his firearm in his county, **second** by Commission Member Leidholt. Motion **approved** by verbal response in the affirmative by all members. **Action: 7-0 Aye** (Leidholt, Barthel, Long, Allender, Holcomb, Perry, and Price).

The following Canine Teams have met the certification or recertification requirements:

Canine Team **Patrick Nolz and K9 Max**, Yankton PD, have met the requirements for Drug Detection Dog certification on June 12, 2015 and Patrol Dog certification on September 11, 2015;

Canine Team **Zac Bader and K9 Karma**, SD Highway Patrol, have met the requirements for Drug Detection Dog certification on June 12, 2015;

Canine Team **John Badker and K9 Shadow**, Mitchell PD, have met the requirements for Drug Detection Dog certification on June 12, 2015;

Canine Team **Don Farlee and K9 Beaudy**, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, have met the requirements for Drug Detection Dog certification on June 26, 2015;

Canine Team **Charles Huston and K9 Hondo**, Bureau of Land Management, have met the requirements for Drug Detection Dog certification on June 26, 2015;

Canine Team **Grant Lanning and K9 Rocco**, Lake County SO, have met the requirements for Drug Detection Dog certification on May 20, 2015, and Patrol Dog certification on May 21, 2015;

Canine Team **Nick Butler and K9 Doerak**, Sioux Falls PD, have met the requirements for Drug Detection Dog certification on July 29, 2015;

Canine Team **Shannon Irish and K9 Rio**, Sioux Falls PD, have met the requirements for Drug Detection Dog certification on July 29, 2015.

Motion by Commission Member Barthel to approve the Canine Team certification list, **second** by Commission Member Holcomb. Motion **approved** by verbal response in the affirmative by all members. **Action: 7-0 Aye** (Leidholt, Barthel, Long, Allender, Holcomb, Perry, and Price).

Executive Secretary Rechtenbaugh presented the following reciprocity requests:

Cole German, McCook County Sheriff's Office. German completed the Law Enforcement Technology Program at Southeast Technical Institute in 2014. His background check revealed no adverse information. German successfully passed the reciprocity exam on July 23, 2015. Because of the articulation agreement between the SD Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission

and Southeast Technical Institute, German is only required to demonstrate his proficiency in the EVOC and Firearms skills test. He must demonstrate the same level of skills in EVOC and Firearms as required in the Basic Certification Course. German successfully completed the reciprocity EVOC and Firearms skills testing and has met all requirements in September, 2015. **Motion** made by Commission Member Leidholt to approve the reciprocity certification for Cole German, **second** by Commission Member Price.

Ty Reinke, Aberdeen Police Department. Reinke completed the 502-hour North Dakota Lake Region Academy in August 2014. His background check revealed no adverse information. Reinke successfully passed the reciprocity exam on August 24, 2015. Reinke successfully completed the reciprocity training week in September, 2015. He is also required to complete the Street Gangs and Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs instruction during the Basic Training Certification Session. With the completion of the additional blocks of instruction, Reinke will be in compliance for South Dakota law enforcement officer certification. **Motion** by Commission Member Leidholt to approve reciprocity certification for Ty Reinke contingent upon completion of the additional required blocks of training, **second** by Commission Member Price.

Kirk McCormick, Scotland Police Department. McCormick completed the Oregon Basic Police Class #190 in March, 1995 and obtained his Basic Police certification in September, 1995. McCormick is in good standing with the State of Oregon. His background check revealed no adverse information. McCormick successfully completed the reciprocity exam on August 31, 2015. McCormick completed the reciprocity training week in September, 2015 meeting all requirements for reciprocity certification. **Motion** by Commission Member Leidholt to approve reciprocity certification for Kirk McCormick, **second** by Commission Member Price.

Billy Davis, Pennington County Sheriff's Office. Davis satisfactorily completed 516 hours of basic training requirements for Nebraska law enforcement certification in June, 1995. Nebraska has no pending complaint so Davis remains in good standing with the State. His background revealed no adverse information. Davis successfully completed the reciprocity exam on September 1, 2015. Davis completed the reciprocity training week in September, 2015 meeting all requirements for reciprocity certification. **Motion** by Commission Member Leidholt to approve reciprocity certification for Billy Davis, **second** by Commission Member Price.

Dakodah Moore, Southeast Technical Institute. Moore completed the Law Enforcement Technology Program at Southeast Technical Institute in 2015. His background check revealed no adverse information. Moore successfully passed the reciprocity exam on September 15, 2015. Because of the articulation agreement between the SD Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission and Southeast Technical Institute, Moore is only required to demonstrate his proficiency in the EVOC and Firearms skills test. He must demonstrate the same level of skills in EVOC and Firearms as required in the Basic Certification Course. Moore is scheduled to attend the next reciprocity skills training. When Moore is hired by a sponsoring law enforcement agency, he will receive his South Dakota Law Enforcement Officer certification. He must be hired within two years of graduation. **Motion** made by Commission Member Leidholt to approve the reciprocity certification for Dakodah Moore contingent upon successful complete of the reciprocity skill testing, **second** by Commission Member Price.

Motion regarding reciprocity requests **approved** by verbal response in the affirmative by all members.
Action: 7-0 Aye (Leidholt, Barthel, Long, Allender, Holcomb, Perry, and Price).

The following item was presented for commission information and did not require any action by members.

A voluntary consent of decertification was received from Canine Team Shane Mentzer and K9 Ajax. K9 Ajax was retired on June 24, 2015. K9 Ajax is no longer a certified drug detection dog and will no longer be eligible for recertification as the same. The State agreed to sell all of the State's right, title and interest in Ajax to Officer and handler Mentzer effective July 1, 2015.

There being no further business to come before the meeting body, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on a **motion** by Commission Member Price, **second** by Commission Member Holcomb, motion **approved** by verbal response in the affirmative by all members. **Action: 7-0 Aye** (Leidholt, Barthel, Long, Allender, Holcomb, Perry, and Price). The next meeting is set for November 4, 2015, at the Sioux Falls Ramkota.

Approved November 4, 2015
Date

Bryan Gortmaker, Chairman LEOSTC

Scott Rechtenbaugh, Executive Secretary LEOSTC

Submitted By Recording Secretary