

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION**

Friday, July 31, 2026

10:00 AM CST / 9:00 AM MDT

Virtual Teleconference

**George Mickelson Criminal Justice Training Center
Pierre, South Dakota**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the South Dakota Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission will hold a Commission /Hearings meeting on Friday, July 31, 2026, at 10:00 AM Central Standard Time / 9:00 AM Mountain Standard Time.

For anyone without telephone or computer access, a listening location is available at the George S. Mickelson Criminal Justice Center, Commission Conference Room, 1302 E. Highway 14, Suite 5, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. The meeting's listening location is being held in a physically accessible place. Persons with special needs for which the Commission can make arrangements are asked to call (605) 773-7811 at least two (2) business days before the meeting.

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

This meeting of the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission can be accessed via the web-link below (Microsoft Teams) or by calling the phone number and utilizing the meeting ID below.

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Review Minutes**
 - a. March 18, 2026
 - b. April 14, 2026
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Consent Agenda**

Matters appearing on the Consent Agenda are expected to be non-controversial and will be acted upon by the Commission at one time, without discussion. At the request of any one Commission member, the Chairman, or the Executive Secretary, an item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the regular agenda whenever additional discussion on an item is necessary. Items removed from the Consent Agenda will be discussed at the beginning of the formal items.

- a. Reciprocity Certification Requests (*Outlined in Attachment A*)
 - b. Canine Team Certification Requests (*Outlined in Attachment B*)
- 6. Grant Request**
Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office
- 7. Sturgis/Spearfish Rally Requests**
Waiver for all out-of-state officers
- 8. Complaints**
Reflects complaints/investigations reviewed by an independent commission member
- 9. Commission Information**
Officer Consent of Decertification
Overview of completed Technical College Audits
- 10. Adjourn**

ATTACHMENT A

White Lance, Dorothy - Winner Police Department

Completed the reciprocity exam on 4/9/2026 - 75%

- Completed the 597.5-hour Indian Country Police Officer Training Program, April 6, 2020.
- Hired by the Winner Police Department in November 2025
- Attended skills and classroom requirements during April 20 - 24, 2026, reciprocity training week. All reciprocity requirements are completed.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification

Cooper, Daniel - Division of Criminal Investigation

Completed the reciprocity exam on 3/31/2026 - 86%

- Cooper is a graduate of the FBI Academy in November 1991.
- Employed as a Special Agent with the FBI from 1991 until retirement in March 2023.
- Hired by the DCI on August 1, 2025
- Attended skills and classroom requirements during April 20 - 24, 2026, 2026, reciprocity training week; incomplete, failed EVOC skills. Scheduled to attend EVOC training July 2026, during the 202nd basic training course. Additional requirements to complete - CPR; Patrol Response; Traffic Enforcement

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification

ARSD 2:01:06:03. Reciprocity. The Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission may waive any portion of the training program requirement of § 2:01:06:01, except firearms, emergency vehicle operations course, use of force, and the written reciprocity examination, upon formal application of a person requesting the waiver. The application must show that the person has completed a basic law enforcement certification course of equivalent content and quality in another jurisdiction no more than two years prior to the date of the appointment or has been employed within the prior two years as a fully empowered certified law enforcement officer in another jurisdiction and has completed a basic law enforcement certification course of equivalent content and quality. The commission's executive secretary shall administer to the applicant a written examination to determine the applicant's state of competence. Upon completion of the examination, the executive secretary or designee must notify the applicant of the training to be completed before the applicant may be certified. After the applicant successfully completes the required training and if the applicant meets the minimum standards for certification of § 2:01:02:01, the commission must issue the applicant a certificate as a certified law enforcement officer.

Technical College Reciprocity Requests - May 2026 Graduates

LAKE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

NAME	DEPARTMENT	COMPLETED RECIPROCITY SKILLS TESTING	CONTINGENT CERTIFICATION
Bradwisch, Tristian	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026 - 84.02%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12 2025	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test Hired by the Brookings Police Department
Butler, John	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026 - 84.43%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test
Bushee, Logan	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026 - 88.52%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
Decker, Isaiah	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026 - 72.54%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test
Drew, Wyatt	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026 - 83.5%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test
Erickson, Brody	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026 - 87.30%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test Hired by the Lake County Sheriff's Office
Espinoza, Drake	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026 - 81.56%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12, 20256	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
Eszlinger, Kolten	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026 - 80.74%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test
Fieber, Brandon	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026- 83.61%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
Heinrich, Ian	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2025- 83.20%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
Hellwig, Cason	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2065- 87.30%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 13, 2025	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
Lindholm Rayden	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026- 84.84%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 13, 2025	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test
Miller, Carter	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026- 86.48%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test

LAKE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

NAME	DEPARTMENT	COMPLETED RECIPROCITY SKILLS TESTING	CONTINGENT CERTIFICATION
Peterson, Chet	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026- 85.66%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
Phillips, Carson	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026- 78.69%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test
Ryan, Bowen	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026- 83.61%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
Thomas, Ryan	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026 - 82.38%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test
Vlasman, Colton	Lake Area Technical College Exam 5/5/2026 - 78.28%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 12, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification upon hire with a South Dakota law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and, if applicable, turning twenty-one (21) years of age.

SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE 5/13-14/2026

NAME	DEPARTMENT	COMPLETED RECIPROCITY SKILLS TESTING	CONTINGENT CERTIFICATION
Bierman, Trey	Southeast Technical College Exam 4/14/2026 - 79.51%	Attended the May 2026 skills training. Completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test Hired by McCook Co SO
Branton, Madison	Southeast Technical College Exam 4/14/2026 - 79.92%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test
Brinkerhoff, Thomas	Southeast Technical College Exam 4/13/2026 - 80.33%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
Calmy, Reagan	Southeast Technical College Exam 4/14/2026 - 83.20%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test
Ellingson, Jaxon	Southeast Technical College Exam 4/17/2026 - 75.41%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
Hora, Ashlyn	Southeast Technical College Exam 4/17/2026— 80.33%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
Kavanagh, Brock	Southeast Technical College Exam 4/17/2026 - 84.43%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
Lillo, Connor	Southeast Technical College Exam 4/14/2026 - 79.51%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test
Lopez, Melendez	Southeast Technical College Exam 4/17/2026 - 72.95%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
Marko, Caden	Southeast Technical College Exam 4/14/2026 - 73.36%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
Miglianti, Tyler	Southeast Technical College Exam 4/13/2026 - 72.95%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test
Mohr, Jesse	Southeast Technical College Exam 4/13/2026 - 87.30%	Attended the May 2026 skills training Completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test Hired by Flandreau PD

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WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE 5/13-14/2026

NAME	DEPARTMENT	COMPLETED RECIPROCITY SKILLS TESTING	CONTINGENT CERTIFICATION
Allard, Daniel	Western Dakota Technical College Exam 5/7/2026 - 89.34%	Attended the May 2026 skills training, completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
Bice, Elijah	Western Dakota Technical College Exam 5/7/2026 - 89.75%	Attended the May 2026 skills training, completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
CiFuentes, Christian	Western Dakota Technical College Exam 5/7/2026 - 80.74%	Attended the May 2026 skills training, completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test
Kulbom, Mikayla	Western Dakota Technical College Exam 5/5/2026 - 80.53%	Attended the May 2026 skills training, completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test
Lange, Samuel	Western Dakota Technical College Exam 5/5/2026 - 90.16%	Attended the May 2026 skills training, completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and 21 yrs
Neuhardt, Noah	Western Dakota Technical College Exam 5/5/2026 - 85.25%	Attended the May 2026 skills training, completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test
Tucker, Tegan	Western Dakota Technical College Exam 5/5/2026 - 87.70%	Attended the May 2026 skills training, completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test
Wise, Nathan	Western Dakota Technical College Exam 5/5/2026 - 83.61%	Attended the May 2026 skills training, completed skills requirements May 14, 2026	Contingent upon being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification upon hire with a South Dakota law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and, if applicable, turning twenty-one (21) years of age.

4.4.3 An eligible student who successfully completes all testing and is otherwise compliant with minimum standards will be deemed certifiable by the Commission and LET. The eligible student will gain the South Dakota law enforcement officer certification upon hire with a South Dakota law enforcement agency within two years of the final administered test and, if applicable, turning twenty-one (21) years of age.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE; WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE;
LAKE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

and

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION

Agreement with Respect to Applying the

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT SCIENCE/ LAW
ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY

AT SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE; WESTERN DAKOTA TECHNICAL COLLEGE;
LAKE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

toward

SOUTH DAKOTA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CERTIFICATION

and vice versa

ATTACHMENT B
Canine team certification requests

NAME	DEPARTMENT	Certification Date	Certification	Renewal New Team
Dustin Johnson / Dax	SD Dept. of Corrections	03-19-2026	Corrections	Renewal
Paperwork received 04-14-2026	Completion date 03-19-26			
Matt Geppert / Delt	SD Dept. of Corrections	03-19-2026	Corrections	Renewal
Paperwork received 04-14-2026	Completion date 03-19-26			
Ekaras Jackson / Hoonigan	Rapid City PD	04-09-/2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 04-16-2026	Completion date 04-09-26			
Donnie Farlee / Utah	CRST Law Enforcement	04-08-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 04-16-2026	Completion date 04-8-26			
Donnie Farlee / Utah	CRST	05-28-2026	Patrol Dog	Renewal
Paperwork received 06-09-2026	Completion date 05-28-26			
William Moran / Juno	BIA	04-09-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 04-16-26	Completion date 04-09-26			
Jason Parmenter / Axel	Rapid City PD	04-09-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 04-16-2026	Completion date 04-09-26			
Peter Schmeling / Khaos	Perkins Co SO	04-09-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 04-20-2026	Completion date 04-09-26			
Shannon Rojo / Chena	OST Dept of Public Safety	04-09-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 04-20-2026	Completion date 04-09-26			
Christopher Woods / Davos	Spearfish PD	04-09-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 04-20-2026	Completion date 04-09-26			
Joshua Lee / Hari	Brown Co SO	04-09-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 04-27-2026	Completion date 04-09-26			
Nina Martinez / Rayo	OST Dept of Public Safety	04-09-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 04-27-2026	Completion date 04-09-26			
Kyle Maciejewski / Baron	SD Highway Patrol	05-28-2026	Patrol Dog	New
Paperwork received 06-09-2026	Completion date 05-28-26			
Jordan Anderson / Demi	SD Highway Patrol	06-30-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 07-08-2026	Completion date 06-30-26			

Staff recommendation: Grant canine team certification in accordance with listed type and status.