

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION
MICKELSON CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER
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August 3, 2017 Conference Call

The South Dakota Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission teleconference meeting was called to order at the hour of 10:00 a.m. CDT on August 3, 2017, in the DCI Conference Room located at the Criminal Justice Training Center in Pierre, South Dakota.

Chairman Gortmaker asked for the roll call. The following Commissioners responded to roll call: Mike Leidholt, Hughes County Sheriff; Matt Burns, Sioux Falls Chief of Police; Randall Rosenau, Lawrence County Commissioner; Jo Vitek, Lake Area Technical Institute; Robert Perry, Special Agent, FBI; David Lawrence, Chief of Police, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; Craig Price, Superintendent, SD Highway Patrol; Marty Jackley, Attorney General; and Steve Allender, Rapid City Mayor. Bryan Gortmaker, Chairman; Chad Mosteller, Executive Secretary; Kim Knecht, Assistant Training Administrator; and Greg Williams, Advance Training Coordinator. Brian Zeeb, Assistant DCI Director, was also present.

Commission Member Tom Wollman, Lincoln County State's Attorney, joined the conference call at 10:15 a.m. CDT.

Chairman Gortmaker started the order of business with a waiver request from the Sturgis Police Department based on the temporary rule for the roster, supplied by the Police Department, of all out-of-state certified officers regarding completion of the state qualifying firearms course in preparation for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Chairman Gortmaker reviewed administrative rule 2:01:06:02. Temporary or probationary appointment. *may be appointed on a temporary or probationary basis as a noncertified law enforcement officer but may not work in an enforcement capacity until the appointed person has successfully completed the state qualifying firearms course and received instruction from the appointing agency on its use of force or response to resistance policy. **The commission may waive the requirement to complete the state qualifying firearms course upon written request of a law enforcement agency documenting that the appointed person is a certified officer with another agency and has successfully completed a firearms qualification course within the year prior to the appointment.***

According to the roster of officers provided by Chief VanDewater, 44 certified out-of-state officers are scheduled to work at the Sturgis Rally. The question is, will the commission recognize the firearms qualification from their home district.

Chief VanDewater advised commission members that with their (the PD) current application process the Police Department makes sure the officers are current on their certification, are in good standing with their department, and have completed firearms qualification with their duty weapon within the last year. Almost all of the applicants have completed a current firearms qualification within the last year. Chief VanDewater indicated there is a time constraint to get officers qualified prior to them starting their duty shifts as most officers report for duty at 2 p.m. on Friday. It would also be a budget issue with paying firearms staff and ammo.

The police department provides 13 team leaders with training on department use of force and response to resistance policies. The team leaders then instruct the Sergeants on the department policies, and the Sergeants make sure every officer has read and understood the departments policies on use of force and response to resistance.

Motion by Commission Member Jackley to approve the waiver request submitted by the Sturgis Police Department, **second** simultaneously by Commission Members Price and Perry. Motion **approved** by verbal response in the affirmative by all members. **Action: 9-0 Aye** (Burns, Allender, Vitek, Price, Rosenau, Jackley, Leidholt, Perry, Lawrence).

Executive Secretary Mosteller presented the following recommended minor changes/revisions to the basic certification course; the reserve training program; and the reciprocity training week.

Basic Course Revisions:

In 2016 Law Enforcement Training received results from a statewide job task analysis conducted. Staff analyzed the results of the report and discussed the recommendations. A working group of law enforcement officers was established to further explore the recommendations. The working group and staff determined minor changes were needed in the basic officer certification course. The length of the course (520 hours) will not change. Staff is only asking to reallocate 22 hours of curriculum. The recommendations are:

- Delete Motorcycle Gangs (two hrs.) and Street Gangs (two hrs.) most officers do not deal with these issues;
- Change Accident Investigation to Traffic Management and Accident Report. The training will focus on scene management and reporting requirements. This will result in a reduction of training hours from 34 to 16, four hours of traffic incident management and 12 hours of accident reporting;
- Add 12 hours to Search & Seizure, add eight hours to Search & Seizure of Persons, two hours to Search & Seizure of Residences, and two-hour class on writing search warrants (blood draw & other);
- Add six hours to Crisis Intervention/Mental Health Response for a total of 16 hours;
- Revamp Building Search curriculum and add two hours to address active shooter principles; and
- A new two-hour course to address Concealed Carry, Firearm Laws, and Off-duty Carry.
- The length of time for EVOC remains the same.

Staff would like the recommended changes be implemented in the 165th Basic Training Course starting August 21, 2017.

Staff is asking the commission to reallocate 22 hours of curriculum within the 520 hour Basic Training Course.

Motion by Commission Member Leidholt to approve as presented, **second** simultaneously by Commission Members Burns and Vitek. Motion **approved** by verbal response in the affirmative by all members. **Action: 10-0 Aye** (Burns, Allender, Vitek, Price, Rosenau, Jackley, Wollmann, Leidholt, Perry, Lawrence).

Col. Price advised the Trooper Academy will also be adjusted.

Reserve Officer Program Revision:

- Reduce Communicable Diseases from four hours to two hours;
- Delete Below100, Tactical Assessment and Tactical Deployment instruction from Officer Survival; and
- Add two hours Mental Illness/Crisis Intervention to meet the every two-year requirement.

Motion by Commission Member Price to approve the reserve program revisions, **second** by Commission Member Perry. Motion **approved** by verbal response in the affirmative by all members. **Action: 10-0 Aye** (Burns, Allender, Vitek, Price, Rosenau, Jackley, Wollmann, Leidholt, Perry, Lawrence).

Reciprocity Training Week:

- Include two hours of Mental Health/ Crisis Response to meet the two-year requirement. The training week will increase from 37 hours to 39 hours.

Motion by Commission Member Jackley to approve the two hour addition to the reciprocity training week, **second** by Commission Member Vitek. Motion **approved** by verbal response in the affirmative by all members. **Action: 10-0 Aye** (Burns, Allender, Vitek, Price, Rosenau, Jackley, Wollmann, Leidholt, Perry, Lawrence).

The meeting concluded on a **motion** by Commission Member Price, **second** by Commission Member Leidholt. Motion **approved** by verbal response in the affirmative by all members. **Action: 10-0 Aye** (Burns, Allender, Vitek, Price, Rosenau, Jackley, Wollmann, Leidholt, Perry, Lawrence).

The next scheduled meeting will be conducted on August 23, 2017, at the Criminal Justice Training Center in Pierre.