

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS  
STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION  
MICKELSON CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER  
Pierre, SD  
December 7, 2016

The South Dakota Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission teleconference meeting was called to order at the hour of 10:00 AM on December 7, 2016, 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; Tom Wollman, Lincoln County State's Attorney; John Long, SSA BIA OJS; Matt Burns, Sioux Falls Chief of Police; Randall Rosenau, Lawrence County Commissioner; Bryan Gortmaker, Chairman; and Scott Rechtenbaugh, Executive Secretary. Commission Members Jo Vitek, Lake Area Technical Institute; Robert Perry, Special Agent, FBI; Craig Price, Superintendent, SD Highway Patrol. Steve Allender, Rapid City Mayor; and Marty Jackley, Attorney General, were absent.

Chairman Gortmaker started the order of business with a request from the University of South Dakota Police Department to allow an officer dismissed from the 162<sup>nd</sup> basic course another opportunity at handgun qualification to obtain certification as a South Dakota law enforcement officer.

**Alex Gallo**, USD Police Department, failed the course of fire and failed to qualify on the retest resulting in dismissal from the 162<sup>nd</sup> basic certification session. Gallo scored in the low 20's and scored 32 on the final attempt to qualify. She attended remedial training during the basic session and put forth the effort to get better. There were no discipline issues during the training session. USD Police Department Chief of Police Pete Jensen and Officer Alex Gallo are present via telephone. Chief Jensen advised Gallo is working as an unarmed security officer. Gallo has been practicing; her confidence level is rising and feels she will have no problem succeeding with weapon. **Motion** by Commission Members Burns and Long simultaneously to allow Alex back to the academy and demonstrate the firearms skills, **second** by Commission Member Rosenau, motion **approved** by verbal response in the affirmative by all members. **Action: 6-0 Aye** (Leidholt, Burns, Long, Wollman, Rosenau and Gortmaker).

The following Canine Teams have met certification or recertification requirements:

- Canine Team **Kyler Pekarek and K9 Reno**, Yankton PD, have met the requirements for Patrol Dog certification on November 10, 2016;
- Canine Team **Derek Layher and K9 Cody**, Huron PD, have met the requirements for Drug Detection certification on November 23, 2016;
- Canine Team **Kathleen Adams and K9 Kelly**, Spink Co SO, have met the requirements for Drug Dog Detection certification on November 23, 2016; and
- Canine Team **Grant Van Voorst and K9 Max**, Sioux Falls PD, have met the requirements for Drug Dog Detection certification on November 16, 2016.

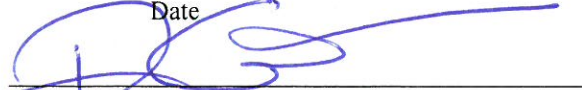
**Motion** by Commission Member Leidholt to approve the Canine Team certifications, **second** by Commission Member Rosenau, motion **approved** by verbal response in the affirmative by all members. **Action: 6-0 Aye** (Leidholt, Burns, Long, Wollman, Rosenau and Gortmaker).

There being no further business to come before members, the meeting was concluded.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 PM.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ February 22, 2017

Date



Bryan Gortmaker, Chairman LEOSTC



Scott Rechtenbaugh, Executive Secretary LEOSTC



Submitted By Recording Secretary