

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

January 16, 2018  
Conference Call

The South Dakota Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission teleconference meeting was called to order at the hour of 9:35 a.m. CST on January 16, 2018, 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; 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; and Steve Allender, Rapid City Mayor. Bryan Gortmaker, Chairman; Chad Mosteller, Executive Secretary; Kim Knecht, Assistant Training Administrator, were also present. Randall Rosenau, Lawrence County Commissioner; Marty Jackley, Attorney General; and Tom Wollman, Lincoln County State's Attorney, were absent.

Chairman Gortmaker declared a quorum present and started the order of business with the proposed changes to the current canine administrative rules.

Executive Secretary Mosteller outlined the information leading to the proposed changes. The current administrative canine rules point toward the ICPSD "the International Congress of Police Service Dogs" training standards and certification of canine teams. The ICPAD has dissolved. We need to set/create our own state standards administered by the Commission and Law Enforcement Training. A working group comprised of Matt Oxner, SDHP; Jon Lohr, Sioux Falls PD; and Sean Doyle, Rapid City, all involved in the canine trade, was set up to research and find the best mechanism that would assure the level of professional standards and training would be met. The set of proposed rules will allow a handbook to be established that will set out the standards for handlers, canine instructors, and judges.

**Motion** by Commission Member Leidholt to begin the rules process, **second** by Commission Member Vitek. Motion **approved** by verbal response in the affirmative by all members. **Action: 7-0 Aye** (Burns, Leidholt, Vitek, Lawrence, Allender, Perry, and Price).

Chairman Gortmaker advised members a meeting was held with a group from Washington DC representing SD tribal agencies. The group was here to seek legislature for mandating two tribal positions in each 13-Week Basic Certification Training Session. Explanation was given regarding the limited seating and pressure of getting officers trained within the one-year requirement. When possible, tribal agency officers are placed in the basic training sessions, the welcome mat is always out. At the conclusion of the meeting, the group was satisfied with the work we do and would not seek legislature mandating tribal positions in the academy.

Meeting adjourned on a **motion** by Commission Member Vitek, **second** by Commission Member Perry.

Motion **approved** by verbal response in the affirmative by all members. **Action: 7-0 Aye** (Burns, Leidholt, Vitek, Lawrence, Allender, Perry, and Price).