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AGENDA POLICE STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL

DATE: September 11, 2024

TO: Police Standards Advisory Council

FROM: Mark Stephenson, Director

SUBJECT: Meeting Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 9:00 A.M.
Library, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center
3600 North Academy Road, Grand Island, Nebraska 68803

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 21, 2024 P.S.A.C. MINUTES

III. REPORTS

- A. Director – N.L.E.T.C.
- B. Deputy Director of Training – N.L.E.T.C.
- C. Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy
- D. Crime Commission Report

IV. OLD BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Academy Instructor Applications

Attachment 1

Professional-Original-Voting Item
Jeffrey Jacobs-Lincoln Police Department
Jonathan Kossow-Lincoln Police Department
Justin Grint-Nebraska State Patrol
Marissa Holwerda-SDLEA



Professional Renewal-Voting Item

Michael Smith-SDLEA

General Original-Voting Item

Elton Hill-Lincoln Police Department

- B. Extension of the 1-Year Requirement for Management Attachment 2**
1. David McCart-Madison County Sheriff's Office-Voting Item
 2. Jeremiah Franks-Richardson County Sheriff's Office-Voting Item
 3. Brad Miller-Union Pacific Railroad Police Department-Voting Item
- C. PSD Evaluator Performance Audit Attachment 3**
1. Randy Pignotti-Omaha Police Department (Patrol/Narcotics)-Voting Item
 2. Jeremy Wedel-Omaha Police Department (Patrol)-Voting Item
- D. PSD Judge Performance Audit Attachment 4**
1. Jarrod Wineinger-Douglas County Sheriff's Office (Patrol/Narcotics)-Voting Item
 2. Jason Prante-NE State Patrol (Patrol/SWAT/Narcotics)-Voting Item
- E. Management In-Lieu-Of NLETC Course Attachment 5**
1. Jason Allan-Grand Island Police Department-Voting Item
- F. Supervision In-Lieu-Of NLETC Course Attachment 6**
1. Bryce Collamore-Grand Island Police Department-Voting Item
 2. Brandon Kirksley-Grand Island Police Department-Voting Item
 3. Jason Wood-Grand Island Police Department-Voting Item
- G. NCO's Eligible for Automatic Extension-Voting Item**

Name
Robyn Antone

Agency
Thayer Co SO

16 week deadline
10/16/2024

H. NCO's Not Eligible for Automatic Extension-Voting Item

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Manuel Lucero	Superior PD

I. Hiring Bonus Grant Approvals-Voting Item

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Parker Dahlberg	Alliance PD
Christopher Leibert	Broken Bow PD
Easton Hanson	Cass Co SO
Dexter Taft	Cass Co SO
Jared Meisinger	Columbus PD
Dayton Bell	Dixon Co SO
Trey Mosby	Gering PD
Matthew Garrelts	Gosper Co SO
Kolton Sliva	Hall Co SO
Treven Melroy	Holdrege PD
Nathaniel Lousberg	Keith Co SO
Cory Waychoff	Keith Co SO
Joseph Miller	Madison Co SO
Kevin Cravey	Plattsmouth PD
William Persinger	Ponca PD
Lucas Geyer	Richardson Co SO
Rachel Jones	Richardson Co SO

J. Revocation-Voluntary Surrender-Voting Item

Allen Castaneda-LR-279-24

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Informational Items

1. Trainees-No action needed.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Lucy Kitta	Bellevue PD
Riley Lampman	Bellevue PD
Hannah Pearson	Bellevue PD
Hailey Pohevitz	Bellevue PD
Cameron Toth	Bellevue PD
Rolando Torres-Aguirre	Cheyenne Co SO
Gregory Deaton	Dawes Co SO
Kenden Ahl	Douglas Co SO
Grant Brown	Douglas Co SO

Jolie Calfior	Douglas Co SO
Alex Irizarry	Douglas Co SO
Patrick Petranick	Douglas Co SO
Ethen Sellers	Douglas Co SO
Evan Praseuth	Gage Co SO
Kathlean DeMarinis	Grand Island PD
Jacob Ackerman	La Vista PD
Conner Barnett	La Vista PD
Brian Maddy	La Vista PD
Connor Rinn	La Vista PD
Robert Schofield	La Vista PD
Jeremiah McDowell	Lincoln PD
Cale Neelly	Lincoln PD
Timothy Herron	Metropolitan Com. College PD
Brett Greenfield	NE Game & Parks
Alisha Shankar	Omaha PD
Nicholas Feekin	Papillion PD
Brian Springer	Red Willow Co SO
Ja'Rod Kirksey	Sarpy Co SO
Raymond Lewis	Sarpy Co SO
Nathaniel Moore	Sarpy Co SO
Andrew Strickler	Sarpy Co SO
Brian Williams	Sarpy Co SO
Levi Thomas	Scottsbluff PD
Jonathan West	Seward Co SO

2. NCO's Completed 80 Hours of Training

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Ethan Brock	Johnson Co SO

B. Date, Time & Location of Next Meeting

October 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m., Library, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, 3600 North Academy Road, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
POLICE STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL
August 21, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Sgt. Drew Bolzer called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Legal notice of the meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on August 14, 2024. Roll call; Sgt. Drew Bolzer, Lt. Col. Buck Duis, Chief Deputy Greg London, Mr. Matthew McCarthy, Sheriff Dan Osmond, Chief Steve Reeves, Asst. Chief Jason Stille, Deputy Chief Sherie Thomas. Chief Paul Graham was absent.

II. APPROVAL OF JULY 17, 2024 P.S.A.C. MINUTES

Sgt. Bolzer asked if there was a motion to approve the July 17, 2024 minutes.

MOTION

Chief Deputy London: I'll make a motion to approve. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Lt. Col. Duis, Chief Deputy London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Deputy Chief Thomas. Motion approved.

III. REPORTS

A. Director's Report

Director Mark Stephenson reported on the following:

- 58 applications were received for the 218th Basic Training Session by the July 26th deadline. 2 resigned from their agencies before the application process was completed. 2 were denied entrance based on Title 79 Chapter 8. One was set for an appeal but resigned from his agency before the appeal process. The other agency chose not to appeal the denial. 4 failed the PRET on July 29th. 2 applicants were added the week after the deadline making the enrollment 52 for the start of the basic. One of the



extras resigned from his agency so the basic will start with 51 students. No one has been deferred to the 219th Basic.

- An adjustment in the schedule for the Physical Task testing has been accommodated. The testing was moved from week 10 to week 4. This was done so if someone failed the physical task test they wouldn't have had so many weeks invested into the academy. The pass rate for the Physical Task testing was 100% for males and 97% for females over the past 5 years. The testing will be in week 4 of the basic and remediation for any failures will take place in week 5.

B. Deputy Director's Report

Deputy Director Gene Boner reported on the following:

- 217th Basic class graduation was held on August 16th with 42 students graduating. Thank you to Chief Reeves for being the keynote speaker.
- The following training was held at NLETC:
 - Instructor Development-July 29-August 1: 6 students enrolled.
 - Online Management-August 5-23: 13 students enrolled.
 - GAGE Instructor-August 5-6: 7 students enrolled.
 - Firearms Instructor-August 19-23: 16 students enrolled.

C. Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy

Captain Andy Ecklund reported on the following:

- Camp 70 is in week 7 with 10 recruits. Captain Ecklund reported on the courses being completed.
- NSP is on the 3rd and final week of LPO training. The class will graduate on August 23rd.

D. Crime Commission Report

Executive Director Bryan Tuma reported on the following:

- Provided a recap of the special session of the legislature. The session ended on August 20th.
 - Public Safety entities are exempt from any property tax lids.
 - LB 2 & 3 (appropriation bills to identify reduction in State government). The Crime Commission had originally been tasked with cutting 10.5 million over a two year period. The final cut will

only be 1.6 million. The cuts will come from Community Corrections, Jail Standards Board and the central administration budget.

- The Crime Commission is preparing proposals for the next budget. Meetings will be happening with the Governor's office to go over the preliminary budget. The Commission is still looking at hiring 7 additional NLETC instructors and possibly 2 additional administrative staff.
- 19 new senators will be coming on board in January 2025.
- Director Tuma conducted meetings across the State with law enforcement agencies. The meetings were very productive. Big issues discussed were the lack of mental health services and how that impacts law enforcement, juveniles and the lack of detention facilities and that impact on law enforcement operations, and recruitment and selection and how NLETC supports the law enforcement community. The meetings will continue on an annual basis.
- Crime Commission meeting was held on August 16th. 1 revocation and 5 dismissals came out of the meeting. Special Assistant Attorney General Sara Bockstadter is reviewing cases. There are about 14 cases up for review.
- The Governor will be visiting the Training Center on September 19th. He will be observing both NLETC and the State Patrol Academies.
- LB 876 (Newborn Safe Haven Law)-Went into effect. DHHS was tasked with putting together an inter-active map for public and law enforcement/public safety training. Law enforcement agencies have not been responsive to their survey. Training is needed on LB 876. More information will be upcoming.

Sgt. Bolzer asked if LB 1300 was covered in the special session. Executive Director Tuma indicated that they did not cover it.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Academy Instructor Requests

Legal Original

Amanda Pflueger-Nebraska State Patrol

After review by the NLETC staff, Deputy Director Boner recommended approval of the Legal academy instructor application as presented in the agenda.

MOTION

Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion to approve the Legal Original Instructor Application for Amanda Pflueger of the Nebraska State Patrol for the subject areas that are marked approved on the instructor application provided in the agenda packet. Chief Deputy London seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Chief Deputy London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer. Abstained: Lt. Col. Duis. Motion approved.

Professional Original

Christopher Anderson-NLETC
Robert Myers-Omaha Police Department
Randy Pignotti-Omaha Police Department

After review by the NLETC staff, Deputy Director Boner recommended approval of the Professional academy instructor applications as presented in the agenda.

MOTION

Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion to approve the Professional Original Instructor Application for Christopher Anderson, Robert Myers and Randy Pignotti for the subject areas marked approved on the instructor application provided in the agenda packet. Chief Deputy London seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Deputy Chief Thomas (for Christopher Anderson), Sgt. Bolzer, Lt. Col. Duis, Chief Deputy London. Abstained: Deputy Chief Thomas (for Robert Myers and Randy Pignotti). Motion approved.

Professional Renewal

Mariana Ward-NE State Patrol
Jonathan Gorden-Omaha Police Department

After review by the NLETC staff, Deputy Director Boner recommended approval of the Professional academy instructor applications as presented in the agenda.

MOTION

Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion to approve the Professional Renewal Instructor Application for Mariana Ward of the Nebraska State Patrol and Jonathan Gorden of the OPD Academy for the subject areas that are marked approved on the instructor application provided in the agenda packet. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Deputy Chief Thomas (for Mariana Ward), Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Deputy London, Mr. McCarthy. Abstained: Deputy Chief Thomas (for Jonathan Gorden), Lt. Col. Duis. Motion approved.

General Original

Erin Linde-SDLEA

After review by the NLETC staff, Deputy Director Boner recommended approval of the Legal academy instructor application as presented in the agenda.

MOTION

Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion to approve the General Original Instructor Application for Erin Linde of Sarpy Douglas Law Enforcement Academy for the subject areas that are marked approved on the instructor application provided in the agenda packet. Deputy Chief Thomas seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Lt. Col. Duis, Chief Deputy London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond. Motion approved.

B. Form Approval

Director Mark Stephenson reported on the changes to the four forms presented to the Council. The language and formatting was updated on the forms. The updated forms will be on the website and will go out to the agencies in a Director's Update.

MOTION

Chief Deputy London: I'll make a motion that we accept the recommendations on the form approval listed on the agenda. Sheriff Osmond seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Asst. Chief Stille, Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Lt. Col. Duis, Chief Deputy London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves. Motion approved.

C. Extension of the 1-year Requirement to Attend Management

Jeffrey Johns-Dawes County Sheriff's Office (corrected agency, agenda which listed him with Dawson County Sheriff's Office)

Bobby Martinez-Valley Police Department

David Volenec-Washington County Sheriff's Office

Director Mark Stephenson reported that the 3 listed below have completed the in-person Management course and are currently enrolled into the on-line portion of Management and are scheduled to complete the on-line course on August 23rd.

MOTION

Chief Deputy London: I'll make a motion that we grant extensions of 1-year requirement for online management for the three individuals listed on the agenda. Deputy Chief Thomas seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Lt. Col. Duis, Chief Deputy London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille. Motion approved.

D. Extension of Firearms Instructor/Patrol Rifle Instructor Certification

John Wagner-NE State Patrol

Director Mark Stephenson reported that Trooper Wagner requested an extension of his Firearms Instructor and Patrol Rifle Instructor certification. Trooper Wagner had a medical issue that prevented him from the Nebraska State Patrol's recertification courses. He will be scheduled to complete the recertifications in 2025. Director Stephenson recommended the approval of the extension.

MOTION

Chief Deputy London: I'll make a motion that we give an extension for Firearms Instructor/Patrol Rifle Instructor certification for John Wagner of NSP. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Sgt. Bolzer, Chief Deputy London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Deputy Chief Thomas. Abstained: Lt. Col. Duis. Motion approved.

E. PSD Evaluator Performance Audit

Joseph Gray-Bellevue Police Department
Santiago Velasquez-Columbus Police Department

Deputy Director Boner reported that pursuant to Title 79 Chapter 18, section 005.05, audits were conducted for both of the officers listed above. Deputy Director Boner recommended that both officers listed should retain their certification as Police Service Dog Evaluators.

MOTION

Chief Deputy London: I'll make a motion that Joseph Gray and Santiago Velasquez continue in the position as State Detector Dog Evaluators. Asst. Chief Stille seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION

Lt. Col. Duis clarified that the position title would be Narcotics Detector Dog Evaluator.

AMENDED MOTION

Chief Deputy London: I'll modify my motion. Asst. Chief Stille seconded the amended motion.

Voting in favor: Lt. Col. Duis, Chief Deputy London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer. Motion approved.

F. NCO's Eligible for Automatic Extension

Anthony Wielgus-Columbus Police Department
Tyson Wren-David City Police Department
Hailey Plautz-Hall County Sheriff's Office

Director Mark Stephenson reported that the NCO's listed above have completed all qualifications to eligible for the automatic extension.

MOTION

Sheriff Osmond: I'll make a motion that we grant the extension for the three people listed on the agenda for the NCO's eligible for the automatic extension. Mr. McCarthy seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Chief Deputy London, Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Lt. Col. Duis. Motion approved.

G. Hiring Bonus Grant Approvals

Christopher Land-Bellevue Police Department
Kevin Tretter-Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office
Damien Kluska-Grand Island Police Department

Jessica Wagoner reported that the individuals listed under item G applied for the hiring bonus grant. They were vetted by NLETC support staff through our database and Christopher Land and Damien Kluska have met all of the requirements to receive the bonus. Kevin Tretter is not eligible to receive the hiring bonus. Jessica Wagoner stated, "I would recommend that you approve the hiring bonus grants for Christopher Land of the Bellevue Police Department and Damien Kluska of the Grand Island Police Department. I would recommend that you deny the hiring bonus grant for Kevin Tretter of the Cheyenne County Sheriff's Office."

MOTION

Chief Deputy London: So moved on the recommendation. Sheriff Osmond seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Mr. McCarthy, Sheriff Osmond, Chief Reeves, Asst. Chief Stille, Deputy Chief Thomas, Sgt. Bolzer, Lt. Col. Duis, Chief Deputy London. Motion approved.

H. Public Comments

Captain Todd Armbrust of the La Vista Police Department introduced Robert Schofield as the new Chief of Police of the La Vista Police Department. The Council members introduced themselves to Chief Schofield.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Informational Items

1. Trainees: The trainees were listed on the agenda for the Council's information. No action needed.

B. Date, Time & Location of Next Meeting

September 18, 2024, 9:00 A.M., Library, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, 3600 North Academy Road, Grand Island, Nebraska 68801.

Hearing no further business, Chairman Bolzer adjourned the meeting at 9:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven D. Gobel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Steven Gobel, Secretary to the Police Standards Advisory Council