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POST MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2018

A regular meeting of the Louisiana POST Council was held Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at the Holiday Inn Downtown Convention Center in Alexandria, LA. Sheriff Steve Prator (Chairman) called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present (or represented): Sheriff Steve Prator (proxy for Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle), Chief Barry Bonner, Constable Reggie Brown, Mr. Jim Craft, Lt. David McClendon (proxy for Col. Kevin Reeves), Chief Hal Hutchinson, Mr. Jeff Bergeron (proxy for Attorney General Jeff Landry), Mr. Jay Lemoine, Sheriff Steve Prator (Chairman), and Sheriff Bud Torres.

Guests present: Lt. Patsy Netherland (Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Clay Brister (Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office), Deputy Joe Way (Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Robert Knight (Baton Rouge Police Department), Karla Beck (Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office), Tod Ardoin (3rd Circuit), Capt. Pauline Carter (East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office), Major Bruce Teutsch (Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office), Capt. Wesley Harrell (NSU Police Department), Lt. Bruce Haney (New Orleans Police Department), Diane Ashe (Police One), Lt. Ross Desadier (Natchitoches Police Department), Major Wendell Raborn (Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office), Commander Christopher Goodly (New Orleans Police Department), Capt. Steven Joe (Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office), Lt. Gary Ranatza (St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office), and Sgt. Lisa Jones (Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office).

Staff members present: Bob Wertz, Rebekah Taylor, and Briana Blanchard

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chief Bonner made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. After some discussion, Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

POST Related Legislation – 2018 Regular Session (HB210, HB271, and HB474)

Ms. Taylor presented the POST related legislation being considered during the 2018 Regular Session. No action necessary at this time. Sheriff Prator requested the POST Firearms Curriculum Committee discuss training that could be required for teachers to be armed, and what other state require for these types of qualificaitons.

OLD BUSINESS

POST Basic Curriculum- New Curriculum, Curriculum Updates, and POST Basic Peace Officer Certification Minimum Hour Requirements

Ms. Taylor presented the updates and POST Basic Minimum Hour increase to the Council. Sheriff Torres made a motion to approve the new curriculum, curriculum updates, and increasing the POST Basic Peace Office Minimum hour requirements to 496 total hours, effective July 1, 2018. After some discussion, Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Administrative Rule Updates – Public Comment Review

Mr. Wertz informed the Council members that no public comment was received by POST Staff. The Administrative Rule Update will have an adoption date of April 20, 2018. No action necessary at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

POST Revocation Hearing – Wade Bergeron (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Wade Bergeron's criminal conviction. Chief Bonner made a motion to revoke Mr. Bergeron's POST Basic Certification. After some discussion, Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Revocation Hearing – Robert Burns (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Robert Burns' criminal conviction. Chief Bonner made a motion to revoke Mr. Burns' POST Basic Certification. After some discussion, Lt. McClendon seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Revocation Hearing – Jason Comeaux (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Jason Comeaux's criminal conviction. Chief Bonner made a motion to revoke Mr. Comeaux's POST Basic Certification. After some discussion, Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Revocation Hearing – Jeremy Hatley (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Jeremy Hatley's criminal conviction. Chief Bonner made a motion to revoke Mr. Hatley's POST Basic Certification. After some discussion, Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Revocation Hearing – Jesse Hayes (Level 2, Prior POST Corrections Instructor)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Jesse Hayes' criminal conviction. Mr. Brown made a motion to revoke Mr. Hayes' POST Basic Correctional Certification, and POST Corrections Instructor Certification. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Revocation Hearing – Wesley Hayes (Level 2, Prior POST Corrections Instructor)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Wesley Hayes' criminal conviction. Chief Bonner made a motion to revoke Mr. Hayes' POST Basic Correctional Certification, and POST Corrections Instructor Certification. After some discussion, Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Revocation Hearing – David Hines (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of David Hines' criminal conviction. Chief Bonner made a motion to revoke Mr. Hines' POST Basic Certification. After some discussion, Lt. McClendon seconded the motion and the motion passed. Chief Hutchinson abstained from voting.

POST Revocation Hearing – Byron Benjamin Lassalle (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Bryon Benjamin Lassalle's criminal conviction. Chief Bonner made a motion to revoke Mr. Lassalle's POST Basic Certification. After some discussion, Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.

POST Revocation Hearing – Gerald Savoy (Level 1)

Ms. Taylor informed the Council members of Gerald Savoy's criminal conviction. Chief Bonner made a motion to revoke Mr. Savoy's POST Basic Certification. After some discussion, Lt. McClendon seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Waiver Request – POST Firearms Instructor Requirements – Russell J. Blanchard, III (Jefferson Parish Constable's Office)

Ms. Taylor presented the waiver request to the Council members. Mr. Brown made a motion to deny the request. After some discussion, Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Waiver Request – POST Firearms Instructor Requirements – Officer Taylor Boutin (Breaux Bridge Police Department)

Ms. Taylor presented the waiver request to the Council members. Chief Bonner made a motion to approve the request. After some discussion, Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Major Teutsch requested to address the Council members, and was allowed. Major Teutsch requested that law enforcement instructors be involved with all law enforcement training in Louisiana.

Sheriff Prator made a call for other business, and none was heard.

Sheriff Torres made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Bonner seconded the motion and the motion passed.