

**Municipal Police Training Committee**  
**Standards Subcommittee Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Holyoke Academy, Holyoke, MA**  
**July 17, 2024**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

On July 17, 2024, at 9:25 a.m., an in-person meeting of the Standards Subcommittee was called to order at the MPTC Holyoke Academy in Holyoke, MA. Advance notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with the open meeting laws. A quorum of the seven-member Subcommittee was present. The meeting was broadcast over Microsoft Teams.

**Subcommittee Members Present**

- Chair Kevin Coppinger
- Chief Jennifer Gundersen
- Chief Edward Conley
- Major Jon Provost
- Chief Thomas Gammel

**MPTC Staff Present**

- Jim O'Brien

**II. APPROVAL OF SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Chief Gundersen and seconded by Chief Conley to approve the Standards Subcommittee minutes from the June 12, 2024, meeting. A vote was taken, and the motion passed with two abstentions (Chair Coppinger and Chief Gammel).

**III. POLICE WAIVERS AND OUT-OF-STATE EXEMPTIONS**

**Temporary Waivers**

There were no temporary waivers on the July agenda.

**Out-of-State Exemptions**

There were two out-of-state exemptions on the July agenda.

**1. Michael W. Dempsey**

**Westwood PD**

- Basic Training:
  - Graduated August 23, 2019, from the 594.25-hour 179<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Full-Time Police Academy.
- Work Experience as a Law Enforcement Officer:
  - August 2019 – present: full-time police officer for the Laconia, NH Police Department.

- In-Service/Specialized Training: Yes, with NH.
- Break in Service: No.
- CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid Certified: Yes – 7/15/2024.
- MPTC Firearms Certified: Yes – 7/12/2024.
- MPTC Police Officer Core Competency Exam: Yes – 7/11/24 (85%).

## 2. Matthew T. Scheidel

## Westwood PD

- Basic Training:
  - Graduated August 17, 2018, from the 606.25-hour 176<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Full-Time Police Academy.
- Work Experience as a Law Enforcement Officer:
  - August 2018 – present: full-time police officer for the Concord, NH Police Department.
- In-Service/Specialized Training: Yes, with NH.
- Break in Service: No.
- CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid Certified: Yes – 7/11/2024.
- MPTC Firearms Certified: Yes – 7/12/2024.
- MPTC Police Officer Core Competency Exam: Yes – 7/11/24 (78%).

A motion was made by Chief Gundersen and seconded by Chief Gammel to recommend to the full Committee that both Michael W. Dempsey and Matthew T. Scheidel be granted an exemption from the requirement of completing a full-time MPTC operated/authorized Police Academy. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

## IV. BRIDGE HOURS/EXEMPTIONS

### Bridge Exemptions

The Standards Subcommittee considered a Bridge exemption request for Officer numbered 636 on the July Bridge Academy A-H Class List.

A motion was made by Chief Gammel and seconded by Chief Gundersen to recommend to the full Committee that it approve the Bridge exemption request for Officer numbered 636 on the July Bridge Academy A-H Class List. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Standards Subcommittee considered a Bridge exemption request for Officer numbered 424 on the July Bridge Academy I-P Class List.

A motion was made by Chief Gundersen and seconded by Chief Conley to recommend to the full Committee that it approve the Bridge exemption request for Officer numbered 424 on the July Bridge Academy I-P Class List. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Standards Subcommittee considered Bridge exemption requests for Officers numbered 324 through 335 on the July Bridge Academy Q-Z Class List.

**A motion was made by Chief Gundersen and seconded by Chief Gammel to recommend to the full Committee that it approve the Bridge exemption requests for Officers numbered 324 through 335 on the July Bridge Academy Q-Z Class List. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **V. UPDATE ON DISCIPLINARY DISMISSAL APPEALS**

Since the last meeting, the Subcommittee issued its decision regarding former SO Kyle DeCoste's appeal of his dismissal from the Randolph Academy. Chief Gundersen will report-out the decision at the Committee meeting.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 9:42 a.m., a motion was made by Chief Gammel and seconded by Chief Gundersen to adjourn the Standards Subcommittee meeting. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.**