

Municipal Police Training Committee
Standards Subcommittee Monthly Meeting Minutes
MPTC Holyoke
October 29, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

On October 29, 2025, at 9:34 a.m., an in-person meeting of the Standards Subcommittee was called to order at MPTC Holyoke, 600 Kelly Way, 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

- Sheriff Kevin Coppinger
- Chief Brian Clark
- Superintendent Lanita Cullinane
- Major Jody Greene
- Chief Jennifer Gundersen

MPTC/EOPSS Staff Present

- Attorney Jim O'Brien
- Chief of Training Andrea Nardone
- Attorney Gina Masotta
- HR Manager Aiesha Grenier
- Veteran Officer Division Manager Sgt. Thomas Karns

II. APPROVAL OF SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

A motion was made by Superintendent Cullinane and seconded by Chief Clark to approve the Standards Subcommittee minutes from the meeting on August 20, 2025. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. POLICE STANDARDS

Temporary Waivers

There were no temporary waivers on the October agenda.

Out-of-State Exemptions

1. Andrew Prueter Norwood PD

- Basic Training:
 - Graduated from the 680-hour Oakland Police Academy in Michigan on June 19, 2015.
- Work Experience as a Law Enforcement Officer:
 - June 2015 – September 2, 2025: full-time police officer for the Gross Pointe, MI Public Safety Department.
- In-Service/Specialized Training: Yes, in MI.
- Break in Service: No.

- CPR/1st Aid Certified: Yes – 9/23/2025.
- MPTC Firearms Certified: Yes – 9/17/2025.
- MPTC Police Officer Core Competency Exam: Yes – 10/7/2025 (94%).

A motion was made by Chief Gundersen and seconded by Major Greene to recommend to the full Committee that Andrew Prueter 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 Bridge exemption requests for Officers numbered 656 and 657 on the October Bridge Academy A-H Class List. Coursework was completed and payroll has been verified.

A motion was made by Superintendent Cullinane and seconded by Chief Clark to recommend to the full Committee that it approve the Bridge exemption requests for Officers numbered 656 and 657 on the October Bridge Academy A-H Class List. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Standards Subcommittee considered Bridge exemption requests for Officers numbered 440 and 441 on the October Bridge Academy I-P Class List. Coursework was completed and payroll has been verified.

A motion was made by Chief Gundersen and seconded by Chief Clark to recommend to the full Committee that it approve the Bridge exemption requests for Officers numbered 440 and 441 on the October Bridge Academy I-P Class List. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Standards Subcommittee considered a Bridge exemption request for Officer numbered 353 on the October Bridge Academy Q-Z Class List. Coursework was completed and payroll has been verified.

A motion was made by Chief Gundersen and seconded by Chief Clark to recommend to the full Committee that it approve the Bridge Exemption request for Officer numbered 353 on the October Bridge Academy Q-Z Class List. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. UPDATE ON DISCIPLINARY DISMISSAL APPEALS

The Subcommittee is scheduled to hear the disciplinary dismissal appeals of two student officers on Thursday, November 6, 2025. A hearing still needs to be scheduled for a student officer who has appealed his dismissal from the Randolph Academy.

VI. UPDATE ON INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION REVOCATION APPEALS

Since the last meeting, the Subcommittee has issued decisions on four more instructor certification revocation appeals. Sheriff Coppinger will report out the decisions to the full Committee today. There is one decision pending, one instructor revocation appeal hearing scheduled for November 6, 2025, and seven pending appeals to be scheduled at a later date. The Subcommittee discussed December 4th and December 8th as being potential dates for some of those pending appeals. MPTC staff will be in touch with the Subcommittee members and involved parties to schedule hearings.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:49 a.m., a motion was made by Chief Clark and seconded by Major Greene to adjourn the Standards Subcommittee meeting. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.