Municipal Police Training Committee
Standards Subcommittee Monthly Meeting Minutes
MPTC Randolph
September 23, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

On September 23, 2026, at 9:09 a.m., an in-person meeting of the Standards Subcommittee was called to order at MPTC Randolph, 42 Thomas Patten Drive, Randolph, 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 (Chair)
- Chief Brian Clark
- Superintendent Richard Dahill
- Major Jody Greene
- Chief Jennifer Gundersen
- Assistant Attorney General Mary Nguyen
- Superintendent Richard Sullivan

MPTC/EOPSS Staff Present

- Jim O'Brien
- Gina Masotta
- Andrea Nardone
- Denise Flagg
- Thomas Karns
- Deb Crafts
- Felisha Arnold
- Tori Koch

Guests

- Chief James Sevigne, Jr., Whatley PD
- Officer John Wessig, Whatley PD

II. APPROVAL OF SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

A motion was made by Superintendent Sullivan and seconded by Chief Gundersen to approve the minutes of the Standards Subcommittee meeting on August 25, 2026. A vote was taken, and the motion passed with three abstentions (Chief Clark, Major Greene, and Superintendent Dahill).

III. POLICE STANDARDS

Temporary Waivers

There were no temporary waiver requests on the September agenda.

Out-of-State Exemptions

There were three out-of-state exemption requests on the September agenda.

1. **Nathan Campbell** **Rowley PD**
   - Basic Training:
     - Graduated from the 672-hour 186th New Hampshire Police Academy for full-time officers on December 22, 2021.
   - Work Experience as a Law Enforcement Officer:
     - December 2021 – present: full-time police officer for the Allenstown, NH Police Department.
   - In-Service/Specialized Training: Yes, in NH.
   - Break in Service: No.
   - CPR/1st Aid Certified: Yes – 9/4/2026.
   - MPTC Firearms Certified: Yes – 9/4/2026.
   - MPTC Police Officer Core Competency Exam: Yes – 9/6/2026 (80%).

2. **Brian Auclair** **Fall River PD**
   - Basic Training:
     - Graduated from the 733-hour 63rd Providence, RI Police Recruit Training Academy on January 6, 2006.
   - Work Experience as a Law Enforcement Officer:
     - January 2006 – present: full-time police officer for the Providence, RI Police Department.
   - In-Service/Specialized Training: Yes, in RI.
   - Break in Service: No.
   - CPR/1st Aid Certified: Yes – 9/5/2026.
   - MPTC Firearms Certified: Yes – 9/9/2026.
   - MPTC Police Officer Core Competency Exam: Yes – 9/5/2026 (86%).

A motion was made by Chief Gundersen and seconded by Chief Clark to recommend to the full Committee that Nathan Campbell and Brian Auclair be granted exemptions from the requirement of completing a full-time MPTC operated/authorized police academy. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Daniel Koski** **Needham PD**
   - Basic Training:
     - Graduated from the 915-hour New York City Police Department Police Academy on December 27, 2010.
   - Work Experience as a Law Enforcement Officer:
     - December 2010 – September 23, 2021: full-time police officer for the New York City Police Department.
   - In-Service/Specialized Training: Yes, in NY, and TY22-26 in MA.
   - Break in Service: Yes – almost 5 years.
   - CPR/1st Aid Certified: Yes – 9/18/2026.
   - MPTC Firearms Certified: Yes – 9/9/2026.
   - MPTC Police Officer Core Competency Exam: Yes – 9/21/2026 (85%).

A motion was made by Superintendent Sullivan and seconded by Chief Clark to recommend to the full Committee that Daniel Koski be granted an exemption from the requirement of completing a full-time MPTC-operated/authorized police academy on the condition that he obtain POST certification and work a shift performing police duties and functions today, Wednesday, September 23, 2026. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. BRIDGE EXEMPTIONS

The Standards Subcommittee considered a Bridge exemption request for Officer numbered 674 on the September Bridge Academy A-H class list. Coursework was completed and payroll has been verified.

A motion was made by Chief Gundersen and seconded by Major Greene to recommend to the full Committee that it approve the Bridge exemption request for Officer numbered 674 on the September Bridge Academy A-H Class List. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

There were no Bridge exemption requests on the September Bridge Academy I-P Class List.

The Standards Subcommittee considered a Bridge exemption request for Officer numbered 367 on the September Bridge Academy Q-Z class list. Coursework was completed and payroll has been verified.

A motion was made by Chief Gundersen and seconded by Major Greene to recommend to the full Committee that it approve the Bridge exemption request for Officer numbered 367 on the September Bridge Academy Q-Z Class List. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. INTERRUPTION-IN-SERVICE, 5+ YEARS

1. John Wessig Whately PD

MPTC staff is seeking guidance from the Subcommittee as to whether (1) Officer John Wessig has had a break-in-service of more than five years and (2) his work as a federal police officer for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) in Leeds, MA can be counted toward the 2,400 hours required for Bridge. Officer Wessig enrolled in the Bridge Academy in May 2023. He was sponsored by the Hampden County Sheriff's Office. He completed his Bridge coursework in 2024, and a Bridge exemption request was submitted on his behalf in July 2026 by Whately PD. The payroll records submitted with his exemption request were a combination of hours worked by Officer Wessig at Holyoke PD from December 2021 to 2024, Whately PD from 2024 to 2026, and the VA PD in Leeds from 2022 to 2024. Officer Wessig graduated from a reserve academy in 1995, so MPTC staff inquired about his work history thereafter. He began working for the Springfield Park Rangers after completing his reserve academy and remained there until 2008. He also worked at Baystate Medical Center from 1998 to 2002. He worked as a special/reserve officer for Holyoke PD from 2008 until 2024. He worked for TSA from 2016 to 2021. He began working for the Hampden County Sheriff's Office in 2020 and remains there today. He began working at the VA in Leeds in 2021 and also remains there today. Finally, he began working for Whately PD in 2024 and still works there now. But if his work for the Springfield Park Rangers does not constitute law enforcement work, then he has potentially had a lengthy break in service between 1995 and when he began working for Holyoke PD in 2008. Moreover, while the Subcommittee has previously said that working as a VA police

officer in Massachusetts counts as law enforcement work for purposes of the 2 years of full-time work experience required for out-of-state exemptions, they have not yet considered whether hours worked as a VA police officer can be counted for Bridge.

Officer Wessig and Whately PD Chief Sevigne were present at today's meeting to provide additional information and answer questions for the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee inquired about his duties as a park ranger. Officer Wessig reported that as a park ranger he patrolled the city parks in a marked cruiser, enforced city and state laws within the parks, answered calls for service, made arrests, conducted traffic stops, issued citations, and filed reports. He said he and the other park rangers obtained their police powers through Springfield PD, which sponsored him to attend the reserve academy. He said initially they were armed, but that changed at some point and he worked unarmed for approximately six years. When asked to elaborate on the types of arrests he made as a park ranger, Officer Wessig said he participated in arrests for underage drinking, OUI, and similar infractions and that he went to court for these cases. Chief Sevigne noted that Officer Wessig attends all mandatory MPTC in-service training and is currently POST-certified.

Chief Gundersen said she is familiar with the Springfield Park Rangers and the type of work they did. She said she is satisfied that Officer Wessig was doing law enforcement work in that role.

A motion was made by Chief Gundersen and seconded by Chief Clark that Officer Wessig's work as a Springfield Park Ranger constituted law enforcement duties and functions and therefore he obtained the necessary employment within two years of graduating from his academy and has not had a break-in-service of more than five years. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Subcommittee also discussed whether Officer Wessig's VA hours could be accepted toward the 2,400 hours of law enforcement work required for a Bridge exemption. Officer Wessig summarized his duties as a VA police officer in Leeds. He said he has arrest power, wears a uniform, carries a firearm and a badge, patrols in a marked cruiser, conducts motor vehicle stops, answers calls for service on VA properties, and testifies in both federal and Massachusetts courts. He said VA police officers have the authority to enforce both federal and state law on VA properties.

A motion was made by Chief Gundersen and seconded by Chief Clark that the hours worked by Officer Wessig as a VA police officer in Massachusetts constitute law enforcement duties and functions and can be counted towards the 2,400-hour Bridge requirement. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION REVOCATION APPEALS & STUDENT OFFICER DISCIPLINARY DISMISSAL APPEALS

Deputy General Counsel Masotta informed the Subcommittee that there are still several instructor revocation appeal hearings that need to be scheduled. MPTC staff are working on a date for the next hearings.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 a.m., a motion was made by Chief Clark and seconded by Superintendent Sullivan to adjourn the Standards Subcommittee meeting. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.