

**Municipal Police Training Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2022**

Call to Order

Chief James Hicks called the monthly meeting of the Municipal Police Training Committee to order at 10:25 AM. Chief Hicks welcomed the Committee members and guests. This meeting was recorded and broadcast over Teams.

Attendees: Voting Members

Secretary Terrence Reidy	Present
Chief James Hicks	Present
AAG Jennifer Cotter	Present
Chief Frank Frederickson	Present
Chief Jennifer Gundersen	Present
Chief Brian Kyes	Present
Chief Kelly Nee	Present
Chief Thomas O'Donnell	Present
Superintendent Winifred Cotter	Absent
Superintendent Richard Sullivan	Absent
Sheriff Kevin Coppinger	Present
Sheriff Chris Donelan	Absent
Deputy Supt. Lanita Cullinane	Present
Officer Joseph Vieira	Present
Maj. Daniel McGinn	Present

MPTC Staff

ED Robert Ferullo, James O'Brien, John Melander, Sheila Gallagher, Andrea Nardone, Shane Rodriguez, Dori-Ann Ference, Denise Flagg, Lia Avelino Ford, Tanya Hardiman, Ariel Perez, Lara Thomas, Jay Gribaudo.

Guests

Casey McGrath, Thomas Glynn, Jerry O'Rourke, Timothy Segur, Joseph Cecci, Reynaldo Rodriguez, Alicia Girgente-Malone, Alyssa Yetter, Maeve Dubiel, Raymond Mooney, Angelo Gomez, Jr., Jeffrey Scott, Andrew Turco. Yessenia Gomez

Review/Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2021 Committee meeting. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Standards and Training

Temporary Waivers

The Committee considered the following requests for temporary waivers:

Brandon Bryant	Erving
Mitchell Waldron	Erving
Daniel Toth	Palmer
Mark Couture	West Springfield

The Standards Subcommittee made a favorable recommendation that these temporary waivers be granted.

A motion was made to approve the temporary waiver requests for Brandon Bryant, Mitchell Waldron, Daniel Toth, and Mark Couture. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Permanent Exemptions

The Committee took no action with respect to the requests made on behalf of the following officers:

Scott Brown	Agawam
Robert Delleo	Middlesex Sheriff's Office
Aram Goshagian	Harwich
Brian Manetta	Sharon

The Standards Subcommittee made a favorable recommendation to approve the permanent exemption requests made on behalf of the following officers:

Richard Corbin	Dennis
Pharith Pi Deng	UMass Lowell
Mitchell Tolzmann	Tufts University

A motion was made to approve the permanent exemption requests for Richard Corbin, Pharith Pi Deng, and Mitchell Tolzmann. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

The Standards Subcommittee made a recommendation to deny the permanent exemption request of Edmond Barrette due to a break in service of over 5 years.

A motion was made to deny the permanent exemption requests for Edmond Barrette. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Bridge Academy Graduates

The Committee considered the exemption requests of 7 officers who have completed the Bridge Academy and have submitted paperwork confirming they have completed at least 2,400 hours of work as a law enforcement officer, have completed all mandated in-service training and have not had a break in service of greater than 5 years.

The Standards Subcommittee made a favorable recommendation to approve the exemption requests for all 7 officers.

A motion was made to approve the exemption requests for these 7 officers. The motion was seconded and vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Categories of SSPOs

This topic was tabled until next month.

Deferment Requests for Bridge Academy Eligible Officers

The MPTC has received numerous requests from officers asking for more time to complete the Bridge Academy before the June 30, 2021 deadline. This is an issue that the MPTC will need guidance from POST-C on because the MPTC has no authority to extend the certification of officers beyond the statutory deadline. The Committee reviewed a draft proposal regarding how such requests could be handled. The draft proposal will be modified to include language about FMLA approved leave and to indicate that maternity deferments would be valid until 90 days after the approved leave ends.

There was a motion to recommend the deferment request proposal to POST-C. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Disciplinary Appeals

There were no disciplinary appeals this month. An instructor certification revocation appeal hearing will be scheduled before the next meeting.

Open Discussion

No items discussed.

Executive Director's Report

Recruit Officer Training Update

Boston: Next start date: April 25, 2022, with 140 student officers.

Boylston: In session with 39 student officers scheduled to graduate in May 2022. Next start date: July 25, 2022, with 47 available seats.

Cambridge/Northeastern: In session with 41 student officers.

Cape Cod: Next class begins on February 22 with 55 student officers.

FSU: Next start date: May 16, 2022.

Lowell: Next start date: May 2, 2022, with 55 student officers.

MBTA: Next start date: February 7, 2022, with 53 student officers.

Merrimack: In session with graduation expected on April 24, 2022.

NECC: In session with 57 student officers.

Plymouth: In session with a tentative graduation date of February 18, 2022. Next start date: April 4, 2022.

Quinsigamond – In session with 12 student officers expected to graduate in May 2022.

Randolph: In session with 2 classes; one with 48 student officers and the other with 33 student officers. Next start date: September 6, 2022, with 48 student officers

Reading: In session with 48 student officers expected to graduate in June 2022. Next start date: August 1, 2022, with 48 student officers.

Springfield: In session with 45-50 student officers.

SPMA: There are no SPMA classes scheduled at this time. RTT is anticipated to begin in April with approximately 175 student officers.

Western Mass: In session with an expected graduation date of April 8, 2022. Next start date: June 6, 2022, with 25 student officers.

Worcester: Next start date: April 2022, with 25-30 student officers.

Bridge Academy A-H: There are 766 student officers currently enrolled. There are 76 skills classes scheduled.

Staffing update:

There are 3 new statewide coordinators:

Chuck DiChiara	Defensive Tactics and Use of Force
John Fraher	Simulations
Jamie Magarian	SFST

Jay Gribaudo was introduced to the committee. He is the new Operations/Facilities manager.

The Committee thanked Dori-Ann Ferrence for her 37+ years of service to the MPTC. Dori-Ann plans to retire this year.

Old Business

Updates on Working Groups

Academy and Buildings Review Working Group – a meeting will be scheduled next week. The training space in Southbridge is opening and there is a ribbon cutting ceremony there tomorrow with the Lt. Governor and the Worcester Chamber of Commerce. We are currently booking classes at the facility. The RFR for a Cape Cod facility is expected to go out this week.

Sheriff's Training Programs Working Group – met last week.

Campus Police Training Programs Working Group – ED Ferullo is in regular contact with MACLEA representatives. The main issue at this point is officers with federal law enforcement academies. Discussions are ongoing.

Police Reform Issues

The question of which agencies will and will not fall within the scope of POST-C is at the forefront of issues that need to be resolved. A working group consisting of members and staff of POST-C and the MPTC are meeting to discuss.

SSPO Warrant Process

ED Ferullo is meeting later today with POST-C and the State Police to streamline the SSPO warrant process.

Firing Range

The MPTC now has 50% access to the Smith & Wesson range in Springfield for academy training and for local departments. This facility is available 24 hours a day.

New Business

Update on Merrimack College Police Academy Pilot Program

Representatives from Merrimack College made a presentation on their Academy/Master's Degree program. Merrimack College is requesting that the program continue after this year. This request will be addressed at next month's meeting.

Update on Quinsigamond College Police Academy Pilot Program

Representatives from Quinsigamond College provided an update on their full-time night academy pilot program. Quinsigamond College is requesting that the program continue after this year.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022.