

Municipal Police Training Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

June 16, 2021

Call to Order

At 10:10 AM, Chief Jim Hicks called the monthly meeting of the Municipal Police Training Committee to order. This was the first in-person meeting post-COVID. The meeting was also broadcast and recorded over Zoom.

Attendees: Voting Members

U/S Terrence Reidy	Present
Chief Jim Hicks	Present
AAG Jim O'Brien	Present
Chief Brian Kyes	Present
Chief Scott Livingstone	Present
Chief Thomas O'Donnell	Present
Superintendent Richard Sullivan	Absent
Superintendent Winnie Cotter	Absent
Officer Joseph Vieira	Present
Major Dan McGinn	Present

MPTC Staff

ED Robert Ferullo, John Melander, Sheila Gallagher, Andrea Nardone, Shane Rodriguez, Cassandra Cahill, Denise Flagg, Eileen Goodick, Patty O'Rourke, Ariel Perez, and Lara Thomas.

Guests

Allison Blank, Kevin Coppinger, Nicholas DeAngelis, Kelly Nee, Jerry O'Rourke, Peter Roddy, Jeffrey Scott, Stephen Taranto

Zoom Guests

Peter Carnes, Donna DaViega, Lt. Todd Dodge, Dori-Ann FERENCE, Frank Frederickson, Joanne Gardiner, Mike Grady, Nicole Hamwey, J. Heres, Chad Hunter, Maura Landry, Andrew Lyczmanenko, Laura Martin, Casey McGrath, James Mulcahy, Noshee Mahmood, J. Mousseau, Larry Norman, Lisa Ann Reich, Josh Stokel, Alison Taylor, and Thomas Zarelli.

Review/Approval of Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2021, meeting. The

motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously with one (1) abstention.

Police Standards and Training

Temporary Waivers

The Committee reviewed thirteen (13) temporary waiver requests.

Michael Cogswell	North Adams	Ethan Krauss	Hadley
Kahlil Paul	North Adams	Anthony Simo	Barre
Madison Chevarie	Athol	Liza Westling	Barre
Paul Forand	Athol	Heather Leary	Nahant
Robert Dacosta	Lunenburg	Jonathan Sturgis	Hubbardston
Brett Goldsmith	East Brookfield	Michael Ray	Westminster
Orlando Huertas	Northampton		

The Subcommittee made a favorable recommendation to the Committee to approve all thirteen (13) temporary waivers which will expire on December 31, 2021.

There was a motion to approve all thirteen (13) temporary waivers. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Permanent Exemptions

The Committee considered four (4) requests for permanent exemptions.

Robert Derksen,

Lanesborough

Chief Sorrell is requesting a permanent exemption for Robert Derksen to work as the chief for the Lanesborough Police Department. Captain Derksen graduated from the 28-week Broome County Law Enforcement Police Academy on March 21, 2001. After graduation, Captain Derksen began working for the Cortland County Sheriff's Office where he is still presently employed and exercises full police powers. Captain Derksen has served in many capacities including police officer, sergeant, lieutenant and most recently captain. If an exemption is granted, Captain Derksen will become certified in CPR/1st responder and firearms in accordance with MPTC regulations once he relocates to Massachusetts.

Adam Belville

Greenfield

Chief Haigh is requesting a permanent exemption for Adam Belville to work as a police officer for the Greenfield Police Department. Officer Belville graduated from the 772-hour Vermont Police Academy on November 30, 2007. After graduation, Officer Belville began working as a patrol officer Brattleboro Police Department in 2007. In February 2010, Officer Belville was promoted to Detective within the department and in October 2014, he rose to the position of Sergeant for the same department. Officer Belville joined the Springfield, Vermont Police Department in March 2017, where he remained

employed until September 2017. On October 24, 2017, the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council granted an exemption for Officer Belville to work as a police officer in the state of New Hampshire. Since September 2017, he has worked for the Hinsdale Police Department in New Hampshire. If an exemption is granted, Officer Belville will become certified in CPR/1st responder and firearms in accordance with MPTC regulations once he relocates to Massachusetts.

Joseph Lawer

Westborough

The Westborough Police Department is requesting a permanent exemption for Officer Joseph Lawer. Officer Lawer graduated from the 851-hour Metropolitan Police Department Academy in Washington, DC, on May 13, 2016. After graduation, Officer Lawer began working as a police officer for the Metropolitan Police Department in August 2015. In August 2017, Officer Lawer left the Metropolitan Police Department to attend the 871-hour Hartford Police Academy in Connecticut. Officer Lawer began working as a police officer for the New Britain Police Department in Connecticut, where he is still currently employed. Officer Lawer will become certified in CPR/1st responder and in firearms in accordance with MPTC regulations once he relocates to Massachusetts.

Matthew Llewelyn

Greenfield

Chief Haigh of the Greenfield Police Department is requesting a permanent exemption for Officer Matthew Llewelyn. Officer Llewelyn graduated from the 944-hour Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council Basic Recruit Academy on May 24, 2019 and began working as a patrol officer for the Brattleboro Police Department in Vermont where he is currently employed. Officer Llewelyn will become certified in CPR/1st responder and in firearms in accordance with MPTC regulations once he relocates to Massachusetts.

The Subcommittee made a favorable recommendation to the Committee to approve all four (4) of the permanent exemptions contingent upon them becoming CPR/1st responder certified and certified in firearms in accordance with MPTC regulations.

There was a motion to approve all four (4) of the permanent exemptions contingent upon them becoming CPR/1st responder certified and certified in firearms in accordance with MPTC regulations. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Disciplinary Appeals Hearings

There were no disciplinary appeals hearing this month.

AAG O'Brien provided an update on three (3) instructor revocation appeal hearings that were heard by the Subcommittee on May 12, 2021. AAG O'Brien gave an overview of the process for instructor revocation hearings. The burden of proof is on the instructor to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the action taken by the MPTC was either

arbitrary or capricious, an abuse of discretion, or was not otherwise in accordance with the law. In all three (3) hearings held on May 12, 2021, the Subcommittee found that the instructors did not meet that burden of proof. However, there were significant mitigating factors in each of the cases. Based upon the mitigating factors the Standards Subcommittee voted to reduce the permanent revocations a one (1) day suspension. The written decisions on these hearings were sent out last week.

Executive Director's Report

Recruit Officer Training Update

The MPTC continues to track COVID vaccinations which are slowly increasing.

Boston: The next class of one hundred and twenty (120) student officers is scheduled to begin on June 28, 2021.

Boylston: The current class has forty-three (43) student officers.

Cambridge/Northeastern: The next class is scheduled to begin in January 2022.

Cape Cod: The most recent class graduated on May 28, 2021.

FSU: The current class has fifteen (15) student officers.

Lowell: The current class has thirty-four (34) student officers.

MBTA: The next class is scheduled to begin on July 12, 2021.

Merrimack: The pilot program is scheduled to begin on August 30, 2021.

NECC: The current class has thirty-six (36) student officers and is scheduled to graduate on November 19, 2021.

Plymouth: The current class is scheduled to graduate on July 23, 2021. The next class is scheduled to begin on September 20, 2021, with forty-eight (48) seats.

Quinsigamond – The evening pilot program is scheduled to start on September 13, 2021.

Randolph: There are two (2) classes currently running. The first class will graduate on July 2, 2021.

Reading: The current class has twenty-two (22) student officers.

Springfield: The next class is contingent upon budgetary issues.

SPMA: RTT is currently running with 178 student officers.

Western Mass: The current class has fifteen (15) students. Graduation is scheduled for August 20, 2021. The next class is scheduled to begin on October 25, 2021 with forty-eight (48) student officers.

Worcester: The current class has twenty-five (25) student officers. Graduation is scheduled for July 9, 2021.

All upcoming academies have open seats. Current information about available seats can be found on Acadis. All MPTC academies are scheduled through 2022 and are on the MPTC website. The MPTC authorized academies are in the process of scheduling their academies through 2022 and that information will also be posted on the MPTC website.

Staffing Update

No new information was discussed.

Old Business

Police Reform

The Municipal Police Training Committee and Executive Officer of Public Safety had a positive meeting with the with members of POSTC.

Working Groups

ED Ferullo provided updates on the progress of the working groups.

Bridge Academy

The goal is to get the bridge academy up and running by October. There must be a decision made soon as to who is eligible to attend a bridge academy. It is expected that there will be an interim Committee meeting scheduled prior to the July meeting to discuss the bridge academy.

Use of Force regulations

The Subcommittee made a favorable recommendation for the full Committee to approve the draft regulations. The updated draft regulations and a draft “talking points” document will be provided to the Committee after the meeting. Chief Hicks requested that the National Use of Force database be added to the “talking points” document. The Committee will review the documents and discuss at the interim meeting.

NECC

There new information was discussed.

New Business

Specialized Training

The “Bubbles and Bridges” program has a training scheduled in Burlington tomorrow and will deliver four (4) additional trainings in the fall. ED Ferullo expects to have a proposal regarding the ABLE program for the Committee’s consideration soon.

Open Discussion

No items discussed.

Adjournment

Chief Hicks announced that this was Chief Livingstone’s last meeting as a member of the MPTC and he thanked him for his years of service. Chief Livingstone relayed that Chief Gundersen of South Hadley will replace him as the representative for the Western Massachusetts Chiefs of Police.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:06PM.