

**Municipal Police Training Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2022**

Call to Order

Chief James Hicks called the monthly meeting of the Municipal Police Training Committee to order at 10:31 AM. This meeting was recorded and broadcast over Microsoft Teams.

Attendees: Voting Members

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

MPTC Staff

ED Robert Ferullo, John Melander, James O'Brien, Sheila Gallagher, Andrea Nardone, Denise Flagg, Jay Gribaudo, Tanya Hardiman, Lara Thomas, Kayleigh Callanan, Hallie Dyer, Steven Cromack, Yola Cabrillana, Denise Mellon, Daniela Belice.

Guests

Sgt. Arthur Newhook

Review/Approval of Minutes

The Committee made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022, meeting.

The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken. The motion passed with three (3) abstentions.

Police Standards and Training

Jennifer Cotter joined the Standards Subcommittee as Chairperson. Chief Brian Kyes resigned from the Subcommittee.

Temporary Waivers

The Standards Subcommittee made a favorable recommendation to approve the temporary waiver request of Jordan Kemp of the Middleton Police Department until the next available academy but no later than November 14, 2022.

A motion was made to approve the temporary waiver request of Jordan Kemp of the Middleton Police Department until the next available academy but no later than November 14, 2022. The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Exemptions

The Standards Subcommittee had previously considered the following exemption requests:

Scott Carline	Mashpee PD	Jonathan Hall	Northfield PD
Justin Hanrahan	Watertown PD	Peter Sheldon	NECC PD
Clarella Thomas	Wellesley PD	Sarah Wyzsynski	Boston Univ PD
Monica Ricci	Tufts Univ PD	Michael Boulay	UMass Lowell PD
Kevin Fitzgerald	Merrimack College PD		

The Standards Subcommittee made a favorable recommendation to approve Officers Carline, Hall, and Hanrahan. They will not have to take the exam.

A motion was made to approve the permanent exemptions for Scott Carline, Jonathan Hall, and Justin Hanrahan and that they do not take the exam. The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

The Standards Subcommittee made a favorable recommendation to approve Officers Peter Sheldon, Clarella Thomas, Sarah Wyzsynski, Monica Ricci and Michael Boulay.

A motion was made to approve the permanent exemption for Officers Peter Sheldon, Clarella Thomas, Sarah Wyzsynski, Monica Ricci and Michael Boulay. The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken. The motion passed with 1 abstention.

The Standards Subcommittee made a favorable recommendation to approve Officer Fitzgerald, contingent upon fulfilling the exemption requirements regarding break in service.

A motion was made to approve the permanent exemption for Officer Fitzgerald, contingent upon fulfilling the exemption requirements regarding the break-in-service. The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Bridge Academy Exemptions

The Standards Subcommittee made a favorable recommendation for officers numbered 391 to 487 on the Exemption list.

A motion was made to approve the exemptions for Officers numbered 391 through 487 from the Bridge Academy Exemption List. The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Hicks discussed MPTC Staff knowledge of individual police departments and the fact that staff does due diligence but is now always aware of the nuances of individual departments. This causes requests to be submitted to the Standards Subcommittee.

Standards Subcommittee additional waiver/exemption requests

Reynaldo Rodrigues was tabled for additional information.
Jason Cote was tabled for clarification for September meeting.
Michael Avilla was recommended to be added to the Bridge extension list.
Jason Almeida was recommended to be added to the extension list.
Ken Corkran was recommended to enroll in the Bridge Academy.

Chief Hicks compared dispatch hours to detail hours. The Committee had previously determined that detail hours do not count towards hours worked. Chief Hicks believes that patrol hours should be at least 1200 hours. Officer Vieira voiced that small departments utilize their staff differently than larger departments.

A motion was made to deny the request for Officer Almeida with the ability to reapply upon completion of patrol hours. The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Sheila Gallagher explained that Chief Corkran did not fall under MPTC umbrella in 1986 and at that time there was no formalized training requirement. She also explained the proposed training standards for SSPO's.

A motion was made to approve the request for Chief Corkran. The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Disciplinary Actions

The Standards Subcommittee is rescheduling a hearing for a student who was dismissed from the Springfield Police Academy.

Executive Director Report

MPTC Staffing

Chief Ferullo introduced two new MPTC staff members: Denise Mellon, Chief Financial Officer and Yola Cabrillana, Product Lead. Also introduced to the Committee was Beth Halloran, Academy director of Cambridge/Northeastern Academy.

Academy Updates

Andrea Nardone discussed the upcoming classes and availability.

Chief Ferullo discussed that we are making space for all class attendees.

Andrea Nardone also discussed the specialized training at being held at each academy.

Lara Thomas discussed the In-Service Instructor numbers for upcoming classes. In-person, online, and department run options. Chief Ferullo would like each department to chose one option for their in-service training. The Committee agreed that each department will have one option for in-service training for their staff.

Also discussed was Acadis training for chiefs and department training staff.

Old Business

Use of Force

Review of the current use of force policy has been done. Revisions to the language of the currently policy have been recommended. POST-C is currently working on Section 12 of the currently policy. Chief Hicks discussed current standards.

All suggested changes to a use of force policy must go through POST-C and MPTC. POST-C has filed suggested changes with the Secretary of State. EOPSS must also file these suggested changes.

School Resource Officers

Chief Ferullo discussed SROs and mandated training.

Working Groups

We will be scheduling a Sheriffs' Training Group soon.

New Business

Constables and the Bridge Academy

Jim O'Brien discussed eligibility issues. POST-C and MPTC are working on the request from Massachusetts Constable Association to attend and address the Committee. The Committee has been offering guidance to MPTC staff regarding police reform. Chief Hicks stated that the relationship with these types of groups must be very clear – They are a membership group only. Officer Vieira stated that POST-C should decide on their certification needs. Chief Hicks would like to schedule a meeting with MPTC, POST-C, MPTC Committee and the MCA to hear them once.

Committee Membership

We have recently lost 2 Committee members. These positions need to be filled.

IACP Annual Meeting

The IACP annual meeting is being held on October 26th this year.

EVOC

Officer Vieira invited Committee members and department chiefs attend EVOC.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 PM. The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2022 and will be held in Randolph.