# Municipal Police Training Committee

# Special Committee Meeting

# Zoom Meeting

# May 29, 2020

**Call to Order**

At 9:03 AM, Chairman Jim Hicks called the Special Committee meeting to order and greeted all present. Chief Hicks announced that a roll call would be taken to record who is present.

# Attendees: Voting Members

U/S Terence Reidy Aye

Chief Jim Hicks Aye

AAG Jim O’Brien Aye

Chief Michael Botieri Aye

Chief Brian Kyes Aye

Chief Scott Livingstone Aye

Chief Thomas O’Donnell Aye

Superintendent Richard Sullivan Absent

Superintendent Winnie Cotter Absent

Major Michael Lyver Aye

Officer Joseph Vieira Aye

# MPTC Staff (virtually)

Pat Caggiano, Melixza Esenyie, Dori-Ann Ference, ED Ferullo, Joanne Gardnier, Eileen Goodick, Kris Gottlander, Lynda Kearns, Maura Landry, John Melander, Andrea Nardone, Lara Thomas, Denise Sarro, Ricks Smith and Sheila Gallagher.

# Guests (virtually)

Peter Carnes, Joe Cecchi, Jack Dube, Ronald Fissette, Tom Flynn, Thomas Glynn, Greg Hennick, Neal Hovey, Lisa Lane McCarty, Jim Mulcahy, Steve Mullaney, Dean Murphy, Jonathan Perez, Peter Roddy, Wayne Sampson, Jeffrey Scott, Timothy Watts and David Weiss.

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# Reopening of the Academies

The Department of Public Health guided the protocols that the MPTC implemented for reopening the academies. The MPTC is complying with state police requirements for EVOC training. The state police requested that the MPTC provide a military tent, porta potties and hand washing facilities for EVOC sessions. As a result of time constraints, the state police are offering double sessions to accommodate the Reading, NECC, Cambridge and Cape Cod Academy.

The Boylston, Cape Cod and Western Mass academies made significant progress with academic classes during the suspension. No projectile simulations were allowed in the academies under the current circumstances. All facilities have relocated to allow for social distancing. The Boylston Academy is using the gymnasium and the Reading Academy moved to the Shriners Auditorium. The Cape Cod Academy has changed locations on base to allow for social distancing.

ED Ferullo clarified that the suspended academies (Cape Cod, Cambridge, NECC, Reading, Plymouth, Boylston and Western Mass) did not lose as much time since academy directors were able to continue offering classes through zoom. The Cape Cod Academy only lost eight (8) days due to the remote learning that was offered. The curriculum modification reduced 120 hours with certain topics such as hands on courses, building searches and rifle. The changes in the curriculum are not permanent and were implemented because of the pandemic. The restart dates for the academies is June 1, 2020.

The MBTA, Fitchburg State University and Randolph academies are scheduled to begin on June 1, 2020. ED Ferullo commented that the Human Resource Division was extremely helpful with offering the PAT and trying to assist with medicals for the Cambridge Academy. The Randolph Academy is working out an arrangement with Massasoit College because social distancing at the Randolph facilities are challenging. The Committee also discussed the possibility of a SPMA academy starting in late September. The Cambridge Academy plans to have a July start date and Plymouth will begin on August 3, 2020.

AAG O’Brien provided an update to the Committee about the CMRs. The revised CMRs were approved in January and were scheduled for a public meeting in April. As a result of COVID-19, the public meeting was cancelled. On Wednesday, the Subcommittee reconvened to discuss another issue that arose with the CMRs. Chief Kyes explained that there was one substantive change related to breaks in service. Initially, the CMRs had established that a reserve officer requesting a waiver should work two hundred and forty (240) hours which breaks down to twenty hours a week. Chief Kyes mentioned that some chiefs thought the hour requirement was too restrictive. After some discussion, Chief Kyes suggested four hours a week which would result in one hundred and ninety-two (192) hours, which was more amenable to the chiefs.

Attorney John Melander told the Committee it would have to vote to accept this substantive change to the CMRs. If the Committee votes to accept this change, the public hearing will have to be rescheduled. There are strict deadlines that must be followed. According to the deadlines, a public hearing could take place in mid- August. Even if the CMRS are promulgated on an emergency basis, the earliest date that the hearing could take place would be late July or August.

**Chief Kyes made a motion to accept the revised CMRs. Chief Livingstone seconded the motion and a roll call was taken.**

**U/S Terence Reidy Aye**

**Chief Jim Hicks Aye**

**AAG Jim O’Brien Aye**

**Chief Michael Botieri Aye**

**Chief Brian Kyes Aye**

**Chief Scott Livingstone Aye**

**Chief Thomas O’Donnell Aye**

**Superintendent Richard Sullivan Absent**

**Superintendent Winnie Cotter Absent**

**Major Mike Lyver Aye**

**Officer Joseph Vieira Aye**

**AAG Jim O’Brien Aye**

**The motion passed.**

John Melander added that he would notify the Committee if Administration and Finance authorized the Committee to promulgate the CMRs on an emergency basis.

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:50AM. The motion was seconded the motion and a roll call was taken.**

**U/S Terence Reidy Aye**

**Chief Jim Hicks Aye**

**AAG O’Brien Aye**

**Chief Michael Botieri Aye**

**Chief Brian Kyes Aye**

**Chief Scott Livingstone Aye**

**Chief Thomas O’Donnell Aye**

**Superintendent Richard Sullivan Absent**

**Superintendent Winnie Cotter Absent**

**Major Michael Lyver Aye**

**Officer Joseph Vieira Aye**

**The motion passed.**