



WASHINGTON STATE
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION
19010 1ST AVENUE SOUTH, BURIEN, WA 98148

COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, June 10, 2015
10 AM

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Myers (Chair), Chief, Hoquiam Police Department
Bill Elfo (Vice Chair), Sheriff, Whatcom County (telephonically)
Dan Satterberg, Prosecuting Attorney, King County
Darell Stidham, Deputy, Spokane County Sheriff's Office
Joshua Kelsey, Officer, Lynnwood Police Department
John Turner, Sheriff, Walla Walla County
Kenneth Hohenberg, Chief, Kennewick Police Department
Laura Wells, Citizen at Large
Julie Anderson, Auditor, Pierce County
Ned Newlin, Chief of Corrections, Kitsap County
John Hillman, Assigned Counsel to WSCJTC, Attorney General's Office

GUESTS PRESENT:

Cheryl Sullivan-Coglazier, Department of Corrections (for Commissioner Warner)
Lana Weinmann, Attorney General's Office (for Commissioner Ferguson)

WSCJTC STAFF PRESENT:

Sue Rahr, Executive Director
David Bales, Deputy Director
Marisa O'Neill, Executive Assistant
Brian Elliott, Manager, Financial Services
Sonja Hirsch, Manager, Human Resources
Rick Bowen, Commander, Basic Training Division
Robert Bragg, Manager, Force & Fitness Division
Tisha Jones, Manager, Certification
Wesley Anderson, Manager, Facilities

OPENING

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Marisa O'Neill conducted a roll call of the Commissioners. **A quorum was present.**

The Chair asked guests to sign in if they wanted to be accounted for in the meeting minutes.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Newlin made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 11, 2015. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

CHAIR'S REPORT

Jeff Myers, Commission Chair

The Chair shared that he was unable to attend the WASPC Conference this year, but that he heard there was some discussion about the term "Guardian." He reiterated his belief that it is the responsibility of the Commissioners to inform and educate the public and their peers as to the philosophical views and training updates taking place at the Academy. He thanked those who he knows have had those tough discussions for their support of WSCJTC.

The Chair advised that we were going out of order on the agenda to maintain a quorum for voting purposes as two commissioners must leave at noon.

CERTIFICATION HEARING PANEL MEMBER REQUESTS

Sonja Hirsch, Hearing Coordinator

Sonja Hirsch presented applications for those interested in volunteering to serve as a hearing panel member. She asked they be voted on as one motion.

- Line-level with 10-years of experience:

-Sergeant Doug Kazensky, Longview PD

He has been commissioned since 2002 and has been with Longview Police Department for over 17 years. He has served over four years as a school resource officer and five years as a detective with the Criminal Investigations Unit. In 2011, he was promoted to Sergeant where he served several years as the graveyard shift supervisor. In January 2015, he was selected as the Training Sergeant as well as supervisor of the Community Services Unit. A letter of support was submitted by Chief Duscha. He is a certified peace officer, and his Peace Officer Certification is in good standing.

-Sergeant Edgar Reinfeld, Longview PD

He has been commissioned since 2005. He is currently the Patrol Sergeant. He has long time panel member Captain John Cruz' support, as well as that of Chief Thomas Robins. He is a certified peace officer, and his Peace Officer Certification is in good standing.

-Sergeant Rich Allen, Olympia PD

He has been commissioned since 2002. He has been a police officer for 24 years. He began his career with the Tacoma Police Department in 1991. He has held numerous assignments throughout his career. He has the support of Chief Roberts. He is a certified peace officer, and his Peace Officer Certification is in good standing.

-Officer Kerry Zieger, Seattle PD

He has been commissioned since 2002. He has been with the Seattle Police Department for over 14 years with over 24 years of experience as a sworn peace officer. He is currently assigned to the Education and Training Section. He has the approval of his agency up the chain of command to Chief Best. He is a certified peace officer, and his Peace Officer Certification is in good standing.

Commissioner Hohenberg motioned to approve the appointments. Commissioner Newlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Sheriffs:

-Sheriff Wade Magers, Lincoln County

He is a certified peace officer, and his Peace Officer Certification is in good standing.

-Sheriff Mark Howie, Wahkiakum County

He is a certified peace officer, and his Peace Officer Certification is in good standing.

-Sheriff Paul Pastor, Pierce County

He is a certified peace officer, and his Peace Officer Certification is in good standing.

-Sheriff Will Reichardt, Skagit County

He is a certified peace officer, and his Peace Officer Certification is in good standing.

-Sheriff Jim Raymond, Franklin County

He is a certified peace officer, and his Peace Officer Certification is in good standing.

Commissioner Hohenberg motioned to approve the appointments. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice Chair Elfo gave an update on the Reserve workgroup. **Commissioner Turner** walked the group through the handout of recommendations for discussion. He shared the purpose of these recommendations is to standardize training, explain how Reserve Officers are utilized, and to develop standardized Reserve Officer Certification levels for Washington State. The workgroup recommended a tiered approach that would be easy for large agencies to accomplish while at the same time doable by small agencies with fewer resources available to them.

The Chair drew attention to the wording in the purpose statement and advised that "utilization" is outside the authority of the Commission. **ACTION:** "Utilization" to be stricken.

A recommendation was made to change the labeling of the Tiers from I/II/III to Basic/Intermediate/Advanced for clarity. **ACTION:** Tier labeling to be changed.

Commissioner Newlin requested clarity on section C, page 2, regarding "accessible vicinity." The intent of the language was to mean "on-scene". **ACTION:** Clarification or guidance to be included.

Commissioner Wells commented on section H, page 2, where the language reads "noticeably different uniforms." Her belief is that while those in law enforcement may know the difference in uniforms, they may not be apparent to the citizens being served. Her hope is that a recommendation is made to ensure that there isn't any confusion with uniforms for Reserve Officers with this minimal level of training. **ACTION:** Clarification or guidance to be included.

Commissioner Wells requested clarification on page 3, identifying that the maximum number of hours worked cannot be "full time." **ACTION:** Clarification or guidance to be included.

ACTION: **Commissioner Turner** will have the workgroup take another look at the Field Training Officer recommendations listed on page 4, and report back on whether a mandate is in order to make the subject matter the same as that for peace officers on FTO.

Commissioner Newlin thought it important to require that training records for Lateral Reserve Officers be transferred to the new agency. **ACTION:** This requirement will be added.

WAC Rule Review

Sonja Hirsch, Rules Coordinator

WAC 139-05-195: Requirements of Training for Law Enforcement and Corrections Dog Handlers and Certification of Canine Teams

Commissioner Stidham provided an update on the Canine WAC workgroup. He shared that he'd met with a few different canine associations and explained the process and the direction WSCJTC is heading; they understood. In looking at information from other states and receiving input from the stakeholders, we are developing some guidelines instead of mandates or canine certification.

The Chair opened the floor to public comment and reminded all that this WAC is up for 1st review. No comments were received.

Commissioner Newlin *motioned to include a sunset clause indicating canine certification sunsets on the date of approval of the WAC changes and moved that upon doing so, the Commission agrees to the changes of the 1st review.* **Commissioner Anderson** *seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

WAC 139-05-300: Requirement for In-Service Training

Sonja Hirsch advised this WAC is up for first review. Tisha Jones shared while the Reserve Workgroup continues their process, and may want to amend this WAC at a

later date to include requirements for Reserve in-service training; this WAC needs to be finalized in the interim. **Commissioner Turner** informed the Commission there is no conflict in this language.

Chairman Myers called for comments from the public. None were heard.

Commissioner Newlin motioned to approve the WAC changes with an effective date change of January 1, 2016, and section 2, subsection a, be struck in its entirety, and re-letter sections b, c, and d appropriately. **Commissioner Anderson** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

WAC 139-05-810: Basic Training Requirement for Reserve Officers

Sonja Hirsch advised that this WAC is up for first review. **Tisha Jones** shared the changes made to this WAC were proposed by the Commission. The summary of the changes to this WAC were specific to adding language explaining where officers whose certification is not in good standing are ineligible to serve as Reserve Officers in the state of Washington. A requirement for notice of hire and separation for Reserve Officers has been added to this WAC.

WAC 139-05-825: Basic Reserve Law Enforcement Academy Certificate of Equivalency

Sonja Hirsch advised that this WAC is up for first review. **Tisha Jones** shared the changes made to this WAC were proposed by the Commission. The intent of the changes was to be clear to staff who should be authorized to attend the Equivalency Academy. With these changes staff will more easily approve attendance and/or forward those that are outside the norm to the Commission for review/approval.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sue Rahr, Executive Director

Director Rahr opened following up on the definition of "full time." This topic was brought before the Commission at the March Commission Meeting. The Commission requested staff come prepared with a few options for consideration to this meeting. Director Rahr reminded the Commission that this is only a WSCJTC policy used by staff to determine if officers can maintain their proficiency so their certification does not lapse. Twenty hours per week was suggested by Director Rahr because it creates an option for a part-time police officer that could maintain their certification.

Chief Hohenberg shared his support for this policy enactment for peace officers who would like to stay at home with small children and return part-time or after short breaks as well as those who'd like to take some time off to attend college.

The question of degradation of skills was posed. **Deputy Director Bales** responded that the general consensus is officers have to be out doing the job at least half time. **Commissioner Turner** shared his belief the degradation argument is hard to make if we allow these breaks for Reserves. **Chairman Myers** shared that he understood both

sides of the issue. **AG Hillman** advised the Commission that the WSCJTC has the authority to interpret "full time" in the absence of a legislative definition.

The Chair asked that we bring this back for discussion at the September Commission Meeting and finalize the policy decision.

Director Rahr shared a copy of her testimony before Congress on behalf of the President's 21st Century Task Force on Policing.

Director Rahr has reached out to Sheriff Rob Snaza of Lewis County to explain comments she made in an article with the Associated Press. She learned he was offended by her comments and wrote to WASPC asking them to discuss the issue with her. She shared the entire article with WASPC and is trying to connect with Sheriff Snaza to clear up the issue. She advised the Commission she will do her best to keep them apprised of situations such as these; however, as what we do at the Academy is noticed by the media, there is a chance that comments may be taken out of context. She will do her best to minimize this. One of the things she believes will help is shifting the focus off of her as an individual and onto others at WSCJTC. She commended Commander Bowen on the story that he did for King 5 last week. It was received very positively.

Director Rahr provided a budget update.

- Capital Budget request for dorm rebuild - Still in the Governor's budget. Not included in the Senate Budget. House approved, but requests we pass the cost on to stakeholders. WSCJTC is not interested in continuing the pursuit if the costs must be passed on the agencies.
- Building Public Trust Initiative - A supplemental budget request will be made for \$250,000 identifying the funds as different than the CIT funds.
- The Ostling Bill appears it is going to pass.

Deputy Director Bales updated the Commission on the IADLEST conference. He shared IADLEST is beginning a National Certification of Training. They would like to implement a standardized review process and put their certification seal on it afterward. The concern he has is whether or not IADLEST has the capacity to do what they say they are going to do. The process may be difficult, but it is something that we're watching.

Deputy Director Bales provided information on the contingency plan for a government shutdown. Our Budget Office responded to OFM on what the effects of a shutdown would look like for WSCJTC. Should this occur, WSCJTC will be closed. All classes will require rescheduling. Also important to note, if a shutdown goes into effect, WSCJTC will have to cancel all of its A-19 contracts. TAC Staff will be required to return to their agency as WSCJTC will not have the ability to pay their salaries. He shared though he isn't sure that a shutdown will occur, he has advised our staff, contract staff, and stakeholders of the possibility.

Commander Bowen provided a report to the Commission.

- The Spokane Academy is starting its new class this week. He anticipates success as he received nothing but positive feedback out of the last class.
- The BLEA wait time is at 6-7 weeks with six classes on campus here and one in Eastern Washington.
- Corrections is projected to fill all five classes this year and may need an additional if demand remains as it has been of late.
- Beginning September 1st, Corrections Equivalency will change to an in the seat training rather than a challenge method.

NEW BUSINESS



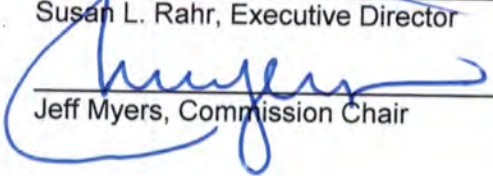
Commissioner Turner extended his appreciation to Commander Bowen, Tony Anderman, and Keith King. He visited the Spokane Academy and was thoroughly impressed. He also shared his appreciation with those who assisted on the Reserve Workgroup report.

Commissioner Stidham shared information on the Warrant Officer's Bill and advised it is something that WACOPS opposes mainly because of the training aspect.

The Chair called for any additional comments or questions. None were expressed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 PM.

Next Meeting: September 9, 2015, 10 AM, WSCJTC

Written by:	 _____ Marisa O'Neill, Executive Assistant	09/09/15 Date
Reviewed by:	 _____ Susan L. Rahr, Executive Director	09/09/15 Date
Approved by:	 _____ Jeff Myers, Commission Chair	09/09/15 Date