



Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council

Meeting 116
September 6, 2018
10:00 am

Division of Criminal Justice Services
Alfred E. Smith State Office Building
80 South Swan Street, Albany, NY 12210
Room 118, Crime Stat Room

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance** *Executive Deputy Commissioner Michael Green*
- 2. Roll Call** *Executive Deputy Commissioner Green*
- 3. Introductions** *Executive Deputy Commissioner Green*

ACTION ITEMS

- 4. Approval of June 2018 Meeting Minutes** *Executive Deputy Commissioner Green*
- 5. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation** *Executive Deputy Commissioner Green*

Cicero Town Police Department
Mount Pleasant Town Police Department
Niagara Falls City Police Department
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office
Oswego City Police Department
Rye City Police Department
Southampton Town Police Department
Southampton Village Police Department
Tonawanda Town Police Department
West Seneca Town Police Department
Yonkers City Police Department

6. Presentation of Certificates

*Executive Deputy Commissioner Green
Sheriff Philip Povero*

- Cicero Town Police Department
- Mount Pleasant Town Police Department
- Niagara Falls City Police Department
- Onondaga County Sheriff’s Office
- Oswego City Police Department
- Rye City Police Department
- Southampton Town Police Department
- Southampton Village Police Department
- Tonawanda Town Police Department
- West Seneca Town Police Department
- Yonkers City Police Department

7. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys

Accreditation Unit Staff

Beacon City Police Department; Bedford Town Police Department; Bethlehem Town Police Department; Brighton Town Police Department; Broome County Sheriff's Office; Centre Island Village Police Department; Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office; Columbia County Sheriff's Office; Cornwall Town Police Department; Guilderland Town Police Department; Johnson City Village Police Department; Lancaster Town Police Department, Manlius Town Police Department; Ogden Town Police Department; Ossining Village Police Department; Oswego County Sheriff's Office; Peekskill City Police Department; Scarsdale Village Police Department; Seneca Falls Town Police Department; Suffolk County Sheriff's Office; Tuckahoe Village Police Department; Utica City Police Department; Warren County Sheriff's Office; Waterford Town & Village Police Department; Yorktown Town Police Department

8. Approval of New Assessors

Hilary McGrath

Lieutenant (Retired) James Picchi – Geneva Police Department

9. Agency Request for Waiver

Hilary McGrath/Accreditation Council

Centre Island Village Police Department – Standard 13.1, Performance Evaluations

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. Program Updates

Accreditation Unit Staff

- Assessor and Program Manager Training
- Accreditation Survey
- 2018 NYSSA Law Enforcement Supervisor’s Training Conference Presentation
- 2019 Meeting Dates: March 6, June 5, September 4, December 4

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN



Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council

NYSACOP Appointments

Chief Gregory J. Austin

Rye Brook Village Police Department
938 King Street
Rye Brook, NY10573

Chief Marvin Fischer

SUNY Police Farmingdale
2350 Broad Hollow Road
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Chief Mark Henderson

Brighton Town Police Department
2300 Elmwood Avenue
Rochester, NY14618

NYSCOP/PCNY Appointment

Sergeant Louis Dini

Suffolk Co. PD

PCNY Appointment

Mr. Richard Wells, President

Police Conference of New York
112 State Street
Albany, New York 12207

NYSSA Appointments

Sheriff Philip Povero

Ontario County Sheriff's Office
74 Ontario Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Sheriff Robert Maciol

Oneida County Sheriff's Office
6065 Judd Road
Oriskany, NY 13424

Sheriff Barry Virts

Wayne County Sheriff's Office
7376 Route 31, Suite 1000
Lyons, NY 14489

Academic Appointment

Robert E. Worden, Ph.D

Assoc. Professor, University at
Albany
221C Draper Hall
135 Western Avenue
Albany, New York 12222

NYS Conference of Mayors

Mayor Robert M. Palmieri

City of Utica
1 Kennedy Plaza
Utica, NY 13502

NYS Association of Towns

Supervisor Edmond J. Theobald

Town of Manlius
301 Brooklea Drive
Fayetteville, NY, 13066

Senate Appointment

Chief (Retired) Charles Koenig

Ballston Spa Village Police Department

Ex-Officio Members

Superintendent George P. Beach, II

New York State Police
State Campus - Building #22
Albany, New York 12226-2252

Commissioner James O'Neill

New York City Police Department
One Police Plaza
New York, New York 10038

3 Vacancies:

Assembly Appointment - 1
NYS Association of Counties - 1
NYSSA/NYSDA Appointment - 1



Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council

**Minutes of the 115th Meeting held on June 7, 2018
Alfred E. Smith Office Building, Room 118
80 South Swan Street, Albany, NY 12210**

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Marvin Fischer called the 115th meeting of the council to order at 10:05 a.m. on June 7, 2018. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chief Fischer asked for a moment of silence to honor the members of law enforcement and the armed services who have died since the December meeting.

2. Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Marvin Fischer – SUNY Police Farmingdale
Chief Gregory Austin - Rye Brook Village Police Department
Sergeant Louis Dini – Suffolk County Police Department, PCNY
Chief Mark Henderson – Brighton Town Police Department
Chief (Retired) Charles Koenig – Retired, Ballston Spa Village Police Department
Sheriff Philip Povero - Ontario County Sheriff's Office
Mayor Robert Palmieri - City of Utica (*arrived at 10:40 am*)
Supervisor Edmond Theobald – Town of Manlius
Sheriff Barry Virts – Wayne County Sheriff's Office
Mr. Richard Wells – Police Conference New York
Robert E. Worden, Ph.D. – University at Albany

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Superintendent George P. Beach, II – New York State Police
Commissioner James O'Neill - New York City Police Department
Deputy Thomas Marano – Orleans County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Robert Maciol – Oneida County Sheriff's Office

OTHER MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

Colonel Stephen Smith – New York State Police (*Voting for Superintendent Beach*)
Chief James Secreto – New York City Police Department (*Voting for Commissioner O'Neill*)

3. Introductions

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES STAFF

Michael C. Green, Executive Deputy Commissioner – DCJS
Michael Wood, Deputy Commissioner - Office of Public Safety (OPS)

Johanna Sullivan, Director - OPS
Natasha Harvin, Esq., Counsel - Office of Legal Services
Todd Murray - Supervisor of Public Safety Programs – OPS
Hilary McGrath, Program Manager - OPS Accreditation Unit
Joyce Corsi – OPS Accreditation Unit
Michael McDonough - OPS Accreditation Unit
Ashley Onorati - OPS Accreditation Unit
Ogden Schultz – Audio/Visual, ITS

OTHER GUESTS

Mount Vernon City Police Department

Chief Ritchon Ziadie
Lieutenant Paul Nawrocki
Lieutenant Robert Scott
Lieutenant Anthony McEachin
Sergeant Gregory Addison
Officer Karen Buddenhagen

Sergeant Gary Lee, Guilderland Town Police Department (Assessor)

REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPLICANT AGENCIES

Binghamton City Police Department

Captain Larry Hendrickson*

Clarkstown Police Department

Town Supervisor George Hoehmann
Chief of Police Raymond McCullagh
Lieutenant Jeffrey Wanamaker
Sergeant JoAnne Fratianni*
Detective Robert McDonald
Detective Peter Walker
PO Frank Carbone
PO Aaron Gould

DeWitt Town Police Department

Captain John Anton
Ms. Maureen Buckland*

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Adrian Anderson
Undersheriff Kirk Imperati
Chief Deputy Jason Mark
Captain John Watterson
Captain Gerry Lennon
Deputy Sheriff Mike Rahilly*

Huntington Bay Village Police Department

Chief Christopher Jack
Officer James Newman*

New Rochelle City Police Department

Captain Cosmo Costa
Lieutenant Edward Hayes*

Ontario County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Philip Povero
Deputy William Gallagher*
Cindy Povero

Rensselaer City Police Department

Chief James Frankoski*

Stony Point Town Police Department

Town Supervisor James Monaghan
Chief Brian Moore
Lieutenant Daniel Hylas
Sergeant Gregory Becker*

Tioga County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Gary Howard

*Denotes Agency Program Manager in Attendance

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approval of the April 2018 Meeting Minutes

Sheriff Povero made a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 2nd, 2018 council meeting. Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion. *Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay*

5. Presentation of Certificates of Reaccreditation

Binghamton City Police Department – Chief Henderson made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion. Captain Larry Hendrickson accepted the Certificate of Accreditation on behalf of the agency and accepted the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement for his work as the program manager. *Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay*

Clarkstown Town Police Department – Sergeant Dini made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Chief (Retired) Koenig seconded the motion. Chief Raymond McCullagh accepted the Certificate of Accreditation for the agency and Sergeant JoAnne Fratianni accepted the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement as the program manager. *Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay*

DeWitt Town Police Department – Supervisor Theobald made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Mr. Wells seconded the motion. Captain John Anton accepted the Certificate of Accreditation for the agency and Maureen Buckland accepted the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement as the program manager. *Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay*

Dutchess County Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Povero made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sheriff Virts seconded the motion. Sheriff Adrian Anderson accepted the Certificate of Accreditation for the agency and Deputy Mike Rahilly was awarded the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement as the program manager. *Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay*

Erie County Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Povero made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sheriff Virts seconded the motion. The agency was unable to send representatives. *Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay*

Huntington Bay Village Police Department – Sergeant Dini made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Mr. Wells seconded the motion. Chief Christopher Jack accepted the Certificate of Accreditation for the agency and Officer James Newman was awarded the John Kimball O’Neil Certificate of Achievement as the program manager.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

New Rochelle City Police Department – Chief Austin made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Chief Henderson seconded the motion. Captain Cosmo Costa accepted the Certificate of Accreditation for the agency and Lieutenant Edward Hayes was awarded the John Kimball O’Neil Certificate of Achievement as the program manager.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

Ontario County Sheriff’s Office – Sheriff Virts made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Chief Henderson seconded the motion. Sheriff Philip Povero accepted the Certificate of Accreditation for the agency and Deputy William Gallagher was awarded the John Kimball O’Neil Certificate of Achievement as the program manager.
Motion carried – 11 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstention (Povero)

Rensselaer City Police Department – Mr. Wells made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Chief Henderson seconded the motion. Chief James Frankoski accepted the Certificate of Accreditation for the agency and was awarded the John Kimball O’Neil Certificate of Achievement as the program manager.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

Stony Point Town Police Department – Sergeant Dini made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion. Chief Brian Moore accepted the Certificate of Accreditation for the agency and Sergeant Gregory Baker was awarded the John Kimball O’Neil Certificate of Achievement as the program manager.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

Tioga County Sheriff’s Office – Sheriff Povero made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sheriff Virts seconded the motion. Sheriff Gary Howard accepted the Certificate of Accreditation for the agency and accepted the John Kimball O’Neil Certificate of Achievement for the program manager.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

At 10:40 am, Chief Fischer announced that there would be a break in the meeting so visitors would have an opportunity to excuse themselves if necessary.

The meeting reconvened at 10:50 pm. At this point, Mayor Robert Palmieri joined the meeting.

6. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys

The following reports were submitted for approval for the second quarter of 2018:

Amherst Town Police Department; Cheektowaga Town Police Department; East Hampton Town Police Department; East Rochester Village Police Department; Eastchester Town Police Department; Geneseo Village Police Department; Harrison Town Police Department; Haverstraw Town Police Department; Hudson City Police Department; Liverpool Village Police Department; Monroe Village Police Department; New Windsor Town Police Department; North Syracuse Police Department; Old Westbury Village Police Department; Quogue Village Police Department; Ramapo Town Police Department; Riverhead Town Police Department; Rye Brook Village Police Department; Shelter Island Town Police Department; Suffolk County Police Department; SUNY Police Albany; SUNY Police Alfred; SUNY Police Buffalo State College; SUNY Police Cobleskill; SUNY Police Oneonta; SUNY Police Potsdam; Ulster Town Police Department; Woodbury Town Police Department

Colonel Smith made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 13 ayes, 0 nay

7. Approval of New Assessors

Applications were received from four individuals applying to be program assessors for the first time:

Sergeant JoAnne Fratianni, Clarkstown Town Police Department

Sergeant (Retired) Clifford Weeks, Woodbury Town Police Department
Sergeant Michael Joyce, Southampton Town Police Department
Mark Fetting (Retired), DCJS and Fulton County Sheriff's Office

Mr. Wells made a motion to accept the individuals listed as new assessors. Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 13 ayes, 0 nay

8. Approval of Revision to Council Policy

Ms. McGrath recommended a revision to the council policy "Site Visits". She explained that the procedure for conducting site visits has become more robust since the practice first began in January 2015 and the proposed revisions would align the policy to the actual procedures used now by accreditation unit staff.

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to accept the revision to the council policy. Mr. Wells seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 13 ayes, 0 nay

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Mount Vernon Police Department Presentation

The Mount Vernon City Police Department presented to the council on the compliance issues that were uncovered during a September 2017 site visit and subsequent full self-assessment of the agency. The compliance issues were extensive and require council intervention if the agency was to be allowed to remain an accredited agency.

Chief Richton Ziadie and Officer Karen Buddenhagen, the agency program manager, outlined the various issues that they believe led to the agency's program falling into non-compliance. This included significant turnover in leadership and upper-management positions within the agency from 2015 through 2017. Since the discovery of the problems, the agency has committed itself to a full review of all policies, including revisions necessary to bring the agency into compliance with the standards. They submitted a corrective action plan to DCJS accreditation unit staff and have provided monthly status reports as to their progress. On May 30th, Accreditation Unit members Hilary McGrath and Mike McDonough spent an entire day on-site to review files, conduct interviews and make observations. The agency has made significant progress toward regaining full compliance with program standards.

The council agreed that the agency should be allowed to remain in the program and will draft a letter of their decision along with instruction to the assessment team who will conduct their next assessment (see "New Business" section of minutes). The agency's next assessment will be conducted as soon as reasonably possible to ensure that full compliance has been met.

10. Program Updates

Withdrawal of the Fulton City Police Department: Ms. McGrath informed the council that the Fulton City Police Department has opted to withdraw from the program due to maintenance issues within their program.

Assessor and Program Manager Training: Training has been held in Westchester County and Monroe Counties. So far, 40 people have attended the Assessor Training and 49 people have attended the Program Manager training. The unit plans to conduct two more program manager trainings in Oneonta and Albany and one more assessor training in Albany

Accrednet Meeting: Hilary and Ashley represented New York State at the annual Accrednet meeting May 16-18. Accrednet is a group of accreditation program administrators from 26 states and the International Association of College Law Enforcement Agencies. The group enhances our respective programs by sharing information about what each state is doing within their programs so that others may benefit from that information. Mrs. McGrath explained that there is no existing training for law enforcement accreditation program administrators – the Accrednet group is the only form of professional development for DCJS accreditation unit staff.

A sample of topics discussed at this year's meeting included medical marijuana (specifically if states have laws regarding police officers' use of medical marijuana if they are legitimately prescribed it); criteria for determining accrediting with conditions or enhanced monitoring; and program management. Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross addressed the group, as did Pennsylvania Attorney General Joshua Shapiro.

The group agreed at this year's meeting to become more formalized by adopting Bylaws, a Mission Statement and Vision Statement. A website will be developed. This is in the infancy stages; there are no dues and no commitment to be part of members of the group. It's simply a way to have more of a presence as an organized entity.

Accreditation Survey: Mrs. McGrath informed the Council that the unit is close to being able to release the accreditation survey that is being developed to obtain information that will provide guidance in the unit's efforts to further promote the program.

NEW BUSINESS

The Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council will issue a letter indicating it is fully aware of compliance issues during the current period of accreditation, the efforts that have been made to regain compliance, and direct that their decision to allow the Mount Vernon City Police Department to remain in the program be communicated to the future assessment team.

Mayor Palmieri made the motion to accept the proposed action, and Mr. Wells seconded it.

Motion carried – 13 ayes, 0 nay

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Mayor Palmieri made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on September 6, 2018 at 10:00 am in Room 118 of the Alfred E. Smith Office building.