



Law Enforcement Agency
Accreditation Council

2021 Annual Report

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St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office

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Niagara County Sheriff's Office

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Oneida County Sheriff's Office

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New York City Police Department

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President, Police Conference of New York

Program Overview

The New York State Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program aims to provide law enforcement executives of eligible police departments and sheriffs' offices formal recognition of their compliance with 110 professional standards that focus on administration (51), operations (47), and training (12). To obtain accreditation, an agency must develop and implement policies and procedures that comply with all 110 standards.

The program standards, developed by New York State law enforcement professionals and approved by the Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council, are designed to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency and professionalism of an agency, promote training and foster public confidence in law enforcement. Accreditation demonstrates that the agency performs in a consistently professional manner, has formalized policies in place to govern its operational practices and procedures, and that its employees contribute to the agency's mission and know what is expected of them.

Participation in the Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program, established by the state in 1989, is voluntary. Executives who want their agencies to participate must submit an application and a participation agreement to the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). Once an agency has applied, policies and procedures that are aligned with the program standards must be developed. This process typically takes between six months to two years, depending on the staff time devoted to the project and the number of policies that must be revised and/or developed to meet the program standards.

When an agency's executive is confident that the agency can adequately demonstrate compliance with every standard, an assessment is conducted. Assessments occur on-site at the agency and are performed by three assessors who spend three days reviewing the agency's written directives and accompanying documentation, conducting interviews and making observations within the agency. If the assessors determine that the agency has demonstrated compliance with all program standards, they submit a written report detailing the specifics of the assessment to the Council, along with a recommendation that the agency be awarded accreditation.

Agencies are accredited for five years and during that time they must maintain compliance with all program standards. Maintaining compliance is determined, in part, by site visits conducted by accreditation program staff from DCJS and the agency's submission of an Annual Compliance Survey, which is a progress report intended to ensure that any lapses in compliance are immediately identified and remedied. The process occurs every five years for agencies seeking to remain accredited; the Council grants reaccreditation after agencies demonstrate that they have maintained compliance with the program standards.

The Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council

The Council is the governing body for the program as established through New York State Executive Law §846-h. The Council develops and approves program standards and adopts policies that determine how the program is administered. It also has the sole authority to award accreditation to an agency. The Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council meets quarterly; meeting minutes from 2021 meetings are in Appendix C.

The Professional Policing Act of 2021 amended Executive Law §846-h and the Council's composition. The law requires the Council to have 19 members appointed by the Governor with the exception of two ex-officio members: the New York State Police superintendent and the New York Police Department commissioner.

The following organizations must nominate members for gubernatorial consideration: the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police (two); New York State Sheriffs' Association (two); the New York State Deputies Association (one); police labor organizations (two); New York State Association of Towns (one); New York State Conference of Mayors (one); New York State Association of Counties (one); the New York State Senate and Assembly (one each); and the academic community (one). The council also must have an incumbent police chief or police commissioner from a police department consisting of more than 100 officers (one); incumbent sheriff from an agency with more than 100 deputy sheriffs (one); a representative of victims of crime (one); and a representative from a community with high numbers of police and community interactions (one).

DCJS Office of Public Safety

DCJS is the agency responsible for administering the Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program under Title 9 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, Part 6035. Members of the Accreditation Unit within the agency's Office of Public Safety administer the day-to-day activities of the program in accordance with statute and the policies set forth by the Council. They also provide a significant amount of assistance to program staff of accredited and applicant agencies.

Council Support

Accreditation Unit staff members provide all professional and administrative support to the Council. They coordinate the Council's quarterly meetings: preparing agendas, compiling information related to matters up for a vote and informing the Council about updates or potential issues with the program. Accreditation Unit staff members also review Council policies for accuracy and relevance; revise those policies when necessary; and draft new policies based on program needs.

The unit ensures that Council meetings follow the state's open meetings laws, including arranging for the video recording of meetings so they are available to the public, and preparing and distributing meeting minutes in a timely manner.

Agency Support

Accreditation Unit staff members offer technical assistance and support to agencies pursuing or maintaining accreditation by explaining the standards; aiding in program development; providing feedback on agency policies; and offering guidance on how to best demonstrate compliance with the standards. They also assist agencies in overcoming obstacles to become accredited and work with accredited agencies to help ensure ongoing compliance with program standards.

Unit staff members work with agency program staff to determine an agency's readiness for assessment; select assessors for each assignment; handle all logistics to ensure the agency and the assessors are prepared for the assessment; and monitor the progress of the on-site

assessment. Accreditation Unit staff strive to assist every agency in being successfully accredited and in maintaining that designation.

Accreditation Unit staff members visit every accredited agency at least once during the period of accreditation. These site visits are designed to ensure agencies are maintaining compliance with the program and identify agencies that are facing challenges with compliance. When necessary, unit staff require corrective action plans for agencies that are struggling to maintain compliance and staff will provide enhanced technical assistance so agencies can return to compliance. Staff members conducted 58 site visits in 2021.

Finally, in addition to regular technical assistance, accreditation unit staff develop, coordinate and deliver trainings for agency program managers, command staff and program assessors.

Assessors

Individuals interested in becoming assessors must apply for those positions through a request for applications issued by DCJS about every five years, and each assessor must be vetted by unit staff and approved by the Council. Applicants must demonstrate that they have the necessary experience, either through the direct management of their agency's accreditation program, or through direct supervision of individuals who manage the program. Once approved by the Council, DCJS contracts with individuals, who must attend a day-long training session prior to being considered for assignment to an assessment team. Individuals selected as assessors also receive additional training by being partnered with the program's most experienced assessors during their first few assignments.

DCJS added three assessors in 2021, bringing the number of active assessors to 109.

Program Participation

As noted, the Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program is voluntary. At the end of 2021, 161 agencies were accredited, about 29 percent of the 540 law enforcement agencies in the state eligible to participate. Accredited agencies in the state employ nearly two-thirds of all police officers and sheriffs' deputies who work outside of New York City. The number of accredited agencies has increased annually since 2008 (see page 6 for more details).

Accredited Agency Activity in 2021

At its March meeting, the Council awarded accreditation for the first time to two agencies. The Council reaccredited a total of 31 agencies at its quarterly meetings in March, June, September and December. Please see Appendix A for a list of accredited agencies and Appendix C for meeting minutes.

Applicant Agencies

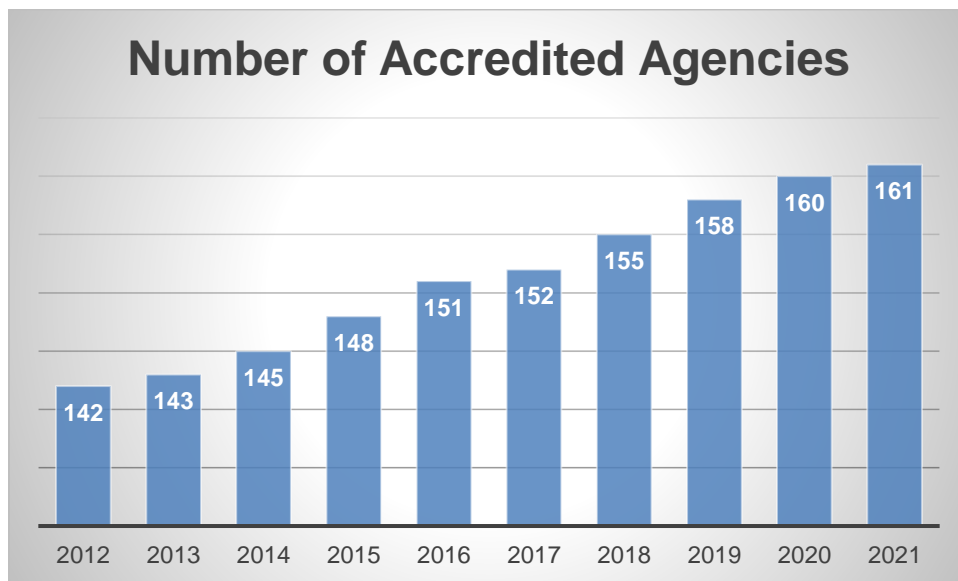
At the end of 2021, 46 agencies were working toward accreditation, with four of them scheduled to undergo their initial assessment in 2022. Applications for accreditation have increased by more than 140 percent following Executive Order 203 (New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative) and the Professional Policing Act of 2021. Please see Appendix B for a list of applicant agencies.

In 2021, 207 agencies were either accredited or actively working toward accreditation; this is 17 more than at the end of 2020.

Withdrawn or Expired Agencies

The SUNY Oswego Police Department voluntarily forfeited their accredited status in 2021 because of difficulty in maintaining the administrative requirements of the program.

NUMBER OF ACCREDITED AGENCIES: 2012 – 2021



2021 Program Updates

Implementation of Versions 8.6 and 8.7 of the Standards and Compliance Verification Manual

The Council approved two updates to the program's Standards and Compliance Verification Manual.

Version 8.6 implemented revisions to three existing standards: Standard 25.1 (Internal Affairs – Critical Standard), Standard 32.1 (Basic Course for Police Officers – Critical Standard) and Standard 42.3 (Seat Belts). This version was subsequently superseded by Version 8.7, which:

- Added two new standards – Standard 4.1 (Officer Wellness), and Standard 9.1 (Reporting Requirements – Critical Standard);
- Revised existing Standard 12.1 (Hiring Standards – Critical Standard); and
- Removed Standard 12.7. Standards 9.1 and 12.1.

These changes will help agencies comply with the Professional Policing Act of 2021.

Accreditation Unit staff notified all accredited agencies that they were required to comply with Version 8.7 of the manual by April 1, 2022. To help ensure agencies had sufficient information to meet the new requirements by the deadline, staff compiled and distributed detailed, step-by-step guidance on the policies necessary to meet new standards and amended to meet revised standards. Staff also provided guidance on the restructuring of program files to account for standards that had been consolidated into others.

Accreditation Unit staff conducted site visits to verify that agencies had successfully converted to the new standards and provided technical assistance to agencies needing help to meet the new requirements. Staff also added a section to the Annual Compliance Survey that addressed compliance with the new standards. Verification of compliance with Version 8.7 continues.

Development of the Mandatory Certification Process

The Council and Accreditation Unit staff began developing a mandatory certification process to ensure that all police agencies are conforming to hiring standards prescribed by the New York State Municipal Police Training Council as required by the Professional Policing Act of 2021. That law also requires village, town, city and county police agencies to comply with reporting requirements to the Central State Registry of Police and Peace Officers, which is administered by DCJS, and to report police officer misconduct.

The mandatory certification process will allow the state to oversee compliance with all required hiring and reporting standards. The law gives the Council the sole authority to certify, revoke or withhold certification, which police agencies covered by the law must obtain by October 16, 2023. An agency's failure to achieve and maintain compliance with these standards may result the Council withholding or revoking certification, which affects the agency's ability to employ police officers under state Criminal Procedure Law Section 1.20 (34).

Training

The Accreditation Unit offered two virtual and one in-person program manager trainings attended by 185 program managers, chief law enforcement officials, command staff and other agency staff, and two virtual and one in-person assessor trainings attended by 62 assessors and individuals seeking to become assessors.

Plans for 2022

- Staff will coordinate assessments for 27 agencies with accreditation due to expire in 2022 and four agencies scheduled to be assessed for their first accreditation.
- Accreditation Unit staff will offer a minimum of two program manager trainings and two assessor trainings during the year.
- Accreditation Unit staff will continue its work to expand participation in the program by promoting the benefits of accreditation while ensuring agencies receive the technical assistance and support necessary to achieve and maintain accredited status.
- Staff will work with the Accreditation Council to: implement the mandatory certification process; begin conducting assessments; and provide technical assistance and support

to agencies required to achieve and maintain certification under the Professional Policing Act of 2021.

Conclusion

The New York State Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program continues to be a source of great pride for the more than 20,000 law enforcement professionals employed by accredited law enforcement agencies. The Council and the Accreditation Unit are committed to the integrity and longevity of the program through continuous evaluation and enhancement to ensure that it meets the ever-changing needs of law enforcement professionals throughout New York State.

Appendix A

List of Accredited Agencies

Appendix A

Accredited Agencies Through 12/31/2021

AGENCY NAME	SWORN MEMBERS	DATE ACCREDITED	DATE REACCREDITED	EXPIRATION YEAR
Albany City Police Department	334	12/9/1999	12/5/2019	2024
Albany County Sheriff's Office	110	3/4/2003	4/2/2018	2023
Amherst Town Police Department	154	3/12/1992	6/2/2022	2022
Beacon City Police Department	34	9/2/2010	9/3/2020	2025
Bedford Town Police Department	39	9/15/1999	9/5/2019	2024
Bethlehem Town Police Department	39	9/20/1990	12/3/2020	2025
Binghamton City Police Department	138	6/3/1993	6/7/2018	2023
Blooming Grove Town Police Department	18	9/2/2021		2026
Brighton Town Police Department	40	9/5/1991	9/2/2021	2026
Brockport Village Police Department	15	12/2/2004	12/5/2019	2024
Broome County Sheriff's Office	53	10/23/2001	9/2/2021	2026
Buffalo City Police Department	804	6/6/2019		2024
Camillus Town Police Department	22	3/12/1998	4/2/2018	2023
Canandaigua City Police Department	24	3/4/2010	3/5/2020	2025
Canton Village Police Department	8	12/16/1993	12/5/2019	2024
Catskill Village Police Department	15	3/5/2009	3/7/2019	2024
Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office	58	12/4/2008	12/13/2018	2023
Centre Island Village Police Department	7	9/8/2016	9/2/2021	2026
Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office	74	9/12/2002	9/7/2017	2022
Cheektowaga Town Police Department	129	6/2/1994	6/6/2019	2024
Chemung County Sheriff's Office	116	3/4/2010	3/5/2020	2025
Chenango County Sheriff's Office	23	12/9/1999	12/5/2019	2024
Cicero Town Police Department	15	6/5/2003	9/6/2018	2023
Clarkstown Town Police Department	150	6/4/1998	6/7/2018	2023
Colonie Town Police Department	107	12/8/1994	12/5/2019	2024
Columbia County Sheriff's Office	48	9/13/2007	9/7/2017	2022
Cornwall Town Police Department	9	9/8/2005	9/3/2020	2025
Cortland City Police Department	43	12/8/2016	3/10/2022	2026
Delaware County Sheriff's Office	16	3/4/2010	3/5/2020	2025
DeWitt Town Police Department	44	6/4/1998	6/7/2018	2023
Dobbs Ferry Village Police Department	25	3/24/1994	3/7/2019	2024
Dutchess County Sheriff's Office	102	12/4/1997	6/7/2018	2023
East Fishkill Town Police Department	29	9/18/1992	3/10/2022	2022
East Greenbush Town Police Department	25	12/7/2017		2022
East Hampton Town Police Department	66	3/12/1992	6/2/2022	2022
East Hampton Village Police Department	21	3/5/2009	3/7/2019	2024
East Rochester Village Police Department	8	6/10/2004	6/6/2019	2024
Eastchester Town Police Department	49	6/18/2015	9/3/2020	2025
Elmira City Police Department	70	12/6/2001	12/2/2021	2026
Endicott Village Police Department	26	12/6/1990	12/3/2020	2025
Erie County Sheriff's Office	129	6/13/2013	6/7/2018	2023
Evans Town Police Department	24	12/5/1991	12/2/2021	2026
Fairport Village Police Department	10	12/5/1996	12/2/2021	2026
Gates Town Police Department	30	3/12/1992	3/10/2022	2022
Geddes Town Police Department	15	9/12/2001	12/2/2021	2026
Genesee County Sheriff's Office	52	12/7/2000	12/3/2020	2025
Geneseo Village Police Department	7	6/2/2016	6/3/2021	2026
Geneva City Police Department	36	3/9/2006	3/4/2021	2026
Glens Falls City Police Department	28	3/3/2016	3/4/2021	2026
Gloversville City Police Department	33	12/7/2017		2022
Greece Town Police Department	97	3/24/1994	3/7/2019	2024

Greenburgh Town Police Department	115	3/4/2003	4/2/2018	2023
Greene County Sheriff's Office	33	3/4/2021		2026
Guilderland Town Police Department	36	9/3/2009	9/5/2019	2024
Harriman Village Police Department	7	12/13/2012	12/7/2017	2022
Harrison Town Police Department	59	6/11/2009	6/6/2019	2024
Haverstraw Town Police Department	66	6/18/2015	12/3/2020	2025
Hudson City Police Department	25	6/10/1999	6/6/2019	2024
Hudson Falls Village Police Department	14	3/24/1994	3/7/2019	2024
Huntington Bay Village Police Department	4	6/5/2008	6/7/2018	2023
Irondequoit Town Police Department	49	12/5/1991	12/2/2021	2026
Johnson City Village Police Department	37	9/12/1996	9/2/2021	2026
Kingston City Police Department	72	12/8/1990	12/3/2020	2025
Lancaster Town Police Department	49	9/7/2017		2022
Liverpool Village Police Department	4	6/14/2001	6/3/2021	2026
Livingston County Sheriff's Office	104	12/4/1997	12/7/2017	2022
Madison County Sheriff's Office	35	9/5/2019		2024
Manlius Town Police Department	36	9/12/1996	9/2/2021	2026
Middletown City Police Department	68	12/13/2007	12/7/2017	2022
Monroe County Sheriff's Office	263	3/12/1992	3/10/2022	2022
Monroe Village Police Department	18	6/13/2001	6/3/2021	2026
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	26	12/13/2018		2023
Mount Pleasant Town Police Department	41	9/24/1998	9/6/2018	2023
Mount Vernon City Police Department	200	3/9/1995	3/7/2019	2024
MTA Police Department	768	3/3/2016	3/4/2021	2026
New Castle Town Police Department	37	3/15/2005	3/5/2020	2025
New Paltz Town Police Department	21	4/2/2018		2023
New Rochelle City Police Department	157	6/3/1993	6/7/2018	2023
New Windsor Town Police Department	39	6/12/1996	6/3/2021	2026
New York State Police	4982	2/21/1990	3/5/2020	2025
Niagara County Sheriff's Office	109	3/8/2001	3/4/2021	2026
Niagara Falls City Police Department	157	9/4/2003	9/6/2018	2023
North Castle Town Police Department	32	12/7/2000	12/3/2020	2025
North Greenbush Town Police Department	18	12/13/2007	12/7/2017	2022
North Syracuse Police Department	10	6/18/2015	9/3/2020	2025
Ogden Town Police Department	11	9/5/1991	9/2/2021	2026
Old Westbury Village Police Department	26	6/18/2015	12/3/2020	2025
Oneida County Sheriff's Office	88	12/14/2006	12/2/2021	2026
Oneonta City Police Department	24	12/18/2014	12/5/2019	2024
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office	210	9/24/1998	9/6/2018	2023
Ontario County Sheriff's Office	66	6/3/1993	6/7/2018	2023
Orange County Sheriff's Office	97	12/8/2005	12/3/2020	2025
Orangetown Town Police Department	81	3/13/2007	3/10/2022	2022
Ossining Village Police Department	57	9/2/2004	9/5/2019	2024
Oswego City Police Department	46	9/4/2003	9/6/2018	2023
Oswego County Sheriff's Office	68	9/18/2014	9/5/2019	2024
Peekskill City Police Department	55	9/3/2009	9/5/2019	2024
Poughkeepsie Town Police Department	80	3/1/2011	3/4/2021	2026
Quogue Village Police Department	13	6/11/2009	6/6/2019	2024
Ramapo Town Police Department	101	6/10/2004	6/6/2019	2024
Rensselaer City Police Department	28	6/3/1993	6/7/2018	2023
Riverhead Town Police Department	85	6/7/2011	6/3/2021	2026
Rochester City Police Department	725	2/21/1990	3/5/2020	2025
Rockland County Sheriff's Office	70	3/6/2008	4/2/2018	2023
Rockville Centre Village Police Department	54	3/12/1998	4/2/2018	2023
Rome City Police Department	76	12/4/2003	12/13/2018	2023

Rotterdam Town Police Department	41	12/6/2001	12/2/2021	2026
Rye Brook Village Police Department	26	6/18/2015	12/3/2020	2025
Rye City Police Department	32	9/24/1998	9/6/2018	2023
Saratoga County Sheriff's Office	112	12/13/1993	12/13/2018	2023
Saugerties Town Police Department	23	12/5/2013	12/13/2018	2023
Scarsdale Village Police Department	45	9/20/1990	9/3/2020	2025
Schenectady City Police Department	154	9/3/2020		2025
Seneca County Sheriff's Office	18	3/2/2011	3/4/2021	2026
Seneca Falls Town Police Department	17	9/18/2014	9/5/2019	2024
Shelter Island Town Police Department	9	6/11/2009	6/6/2019	2024
Solvay Village Police Department	13	3/4/2003	4/2/2018	2023
Southampton Town Police Department	96	9/24/1998	9/6/2018	2023
Southampton Village Police Department	30	9/9/1993	9/6/2018	2023
St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office	32	9/3/2020		2025
Stony Point Town Police Department	25	6/5/2003	6/7/2018	2023
Suffern Village Police Department	22	12/3/2009	12/5/2019	2024
Suffolk County Police Department	2513	6/2/2005	12/3/2020	2025
Suffolk County Sheriff's Office	255	9/13/2012	9/7/2017	2022
SUNY Police Albany	40	6/7/2011	6/3/2021	2026
SUNY Police Alfred	10	6/14/2012	6/2/2022	2022
SUNY Police Binghamton	32	12/5/2019		2024
SUNY Police Brockport	16	12/13/2018		2023
SUNY Police Buffalo	58	12/13/2007	12/7/2017	2022
SUNY Police Buffalo State College	33	6/14/2012	6/2/2022	2022
SUNY Police Cobleskill	10	6/2/2016	6/3/2021	2026
SUNY Police Cortland	19	3/2/2011	3/3/2016	2026
SUNY Police Fredonia	13	3/20/2014	3/7/2019	2024
SUNY Police Geneseo	14	3/19/2015	3/5/2020	2025
SUNY Police New Paltz	16	4/2/2018		2023
SUNY Police Oneonta	17	6/14/2012	6/2/2022	2022
SUNY Police Potsdam	11	6/2/2016	6/3/2021	2026
SUNY Police Stony Brook	64	12/2/2010	12/3/2020	2025
Syracuse City Police Department	407	9/17/1992	12/7/2017	2022
Tioga County Sheriff's Office	35	6/4/1998	6/7/2018	2023
Tonawanda City Police Department	28	12/5/1991	12/2/2021	2026
Tonawanda Town Police Department	99	9/9/1993	9/6/2018	2023
Troy City Police Department	130	12/7/2000	12/3/2020	2025
Tuckahoe Village Police Department	23	9/12/2002	9/7/2017	2022
Ulster County Sheriff's Office	75	12/10/1992	12/7/2017	2022
Ulster Town Police Department	24	6/6/2002	6/2/2022	2022
Utica Police Department	164	9/2/2010	9/3/2020	2025
Vestal Town Police Department	36	3/12/1992	12/2/2021	2026
Warren County Sheriff's Office	67	9/20/1990	9/3/2020	2025
Washington County Sheriff's Office	40	3/8/2007	3/10/2022	2022
Waterford Town & Village Police Department	13	9/2/2010	9/3/2020	2025
Watertown City Police Department	65	12/10/1998	12/13/2018	2023
Wayne County Sheriff's Office	67	12/7/2017		2022
Webster Town Police Department	29	3/11/1999	3/7/2019	2024
West Seneca Town Police Department	65	9/9/1993	9/6/2018	2023
Westchester County Dept. of Public Safety	282	12/10/1992	12/7/2017	2022
White Plains Dept. of Public Safety	195	2/21/1990	3/5/2020	2025
Woodbury Town Police Department	17	6/2/1994	6/6/2019	2024
Yates County Sheriff's Office	24	12/8/2005	12/3/2020	2025
Yonkers City Police Department	610	9/4/2003	9/6/2018	2023
Yorktown Town Police Department	55	9/5/1991	9/2/2021	2026

Appendix B

List of Applicant Agencies

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Applicant Agencies Through 12/31/2021

AGENCY NAME	SWORN MEMBERS	APPLICATION DATE
Amityville Village Police Department	21	10/21/2020
Ardsley Village PD	19	3/13/2019
Batavia City Police Department	32	6/10/2020
Clinton County Sheriff's Office	29	5/10/2021
Cohoes City Police Department	32	1/15/2020
Cuba Town Police Department	13	3/21/2018
Dryden Village Police Department	13	1/18/2018
Fishkill Town Police Department	47	7/24/2020
Floral Park Village Police Department	34	7/29/2021
Fulton City Police Department	35	3/12/2021
Hastings-on-Hudson Village Police Department	21	1/1/2020
Irvington Village Police Department	23	7/23/2021
Jamestown City Police Department	60	1/4/2021
Johnstown City Police Department	24	9/7/2018
Kenmore Village Police Department	25	6/5/2021
Lockport City Police Department	49	4/5/2021
Macedon Town Police Department	10	1/16/2017
Mamaroneck Village Police Department	51	1/26/2021
Millerton Village Police Department	8	3/12/2021
Montgomery Village Police Department	18	7/1/2021
Nassau County Police Department	2435	9/30/2020
Newburgh Town Police Department	56	6/11/2018
Ocean Beach Village Police Department	37	3/15/2019
Oneida City Police Department	28	7/27/2021
Pleasantville Police Department	22	4/7/2022
Poughkeepsie City Police Department	92	10/12/2021
Putnam County Sheriff's Office	88	6/1/2018
Saratoga Springs Police Department	75	10/5/2020
Schenectady County Sheriff's Office	16	8/13/2019
Southold Town Police Department	53	10/3/2018
SUNY HSC Syracuse	19	1/4/2017
SUNY Police Farmingdale	19	7/28/2021
SUNY Police Old Westbury	20	4/30/2018
SUNY Police Oswego	19	1/7/2022
SUNY Police Plattsburgh	15	8/16/2021
SUNY Police Purchase	26	10/17/2019
Tarrytown Village Police Department	33	11/27/2017
Tompkins County Sheriff's Office	43	3/11/2019
Town of Walkkill Police Department	62	2/1/2022
Tuxedo Town Police Department	10	4/9/2018
Walden Village Police Department	24	2/24/2021
Waterloo Village Police Department	15	3/25/2021
Watervliet City Police Department	25	8/1/2019
Rosendale Town Police Department	13	6/23/2021
Warwick Town Police Department	46	10/15/2021
Woodstock Town Police Department	23	12/1/2021

Appendix C

2021 Minutes of the
Law Enforcement Accreditation Council



Minutes of the 126th Meeting held on March 4, 2021

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gregory Austin called the 126th meeting of the council to order at 10:00 a.m. on March 4, 2021. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Austin asked for a moment of silence to honor the members of law enforcement and the armed services who have died in the line of duty.

2. Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman, Chief Gregory Austin - Rye Brook Village Police Department
Sergeant Louis Dini – Suffolk County Police Department, PCNY
Sheriff Robert Maciol – Oneida County Sheriff's Office
Supervisor Edmond Theobald – Town of Manlius
Sheriff Barry Virts – Wayne County Sheriff's Office
Robert E. Worden, Ph.D. – University at Albany
Mr. Richard Wells – Police Conference New York
Sheriff Todd Baxter – Monroe County Sheriff's Office
Chief Joseph Sinagra – Saugerties Town Police Department
Sergeant Leighton Filiatrault – St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office
Mayor Robert Palmieri – City of Utica

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Detective (ret.) Michelle Randall Williams – New York City Police Department
Chief Marvin Flatley – Southold Town Police Department
Acting Superintendent Kevin Bruen- New York State Police
Chief Kenneth Corey – New York City Police Department

3. Introductions

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Mr. Brian Garvey, Esq., Office of Legal Services

REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPLICANT AGENCIES:

Geneva City Police Department

Chief Michael J. Passalacqua
*Sergeant Nicholas Bielowicz
Lieutenant Matthew Valenti

Glens Falls Police Department

Chief Joseph Boisclair
*Sergeant Gerald Willette (tentative)
Assistant Chief Jarred Smith
Detective Lt. Seth French
Detective Sgt. Miguel Chico

Greene County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Peter Kusminsky
*Sergeant Shawn Marriott

MTA Police Department

Chief Joseph McGrann
*Deputy Chief Joseph Martelli
Sergeant Thomas Farney

Niagara County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Michael J. Filicetti
*Captain Robert Richards

Poughkeepsie Town Police Department

Chief Kevin Faber
*Lieutenant Ralph Cropley

Seneca County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff W. Timothy Luce
*Deputy James Picchi

SUNY Police Cortland

Chief Mark DePaull
*Lieutenant Francis Cullen

*Denotes Agency Program Manager in Attendance

ACTION ITEMS

4. Ratify September 2020 Meeting Action Items

- a. Approval of Annual Compliance Survey
 - i. Manlius Town Police Department

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept the annual compliance survey and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 10 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstain

5. Ratify December 2020 Meeting Action Items

- b. Approval of Application for Reaccreditation
 - i. Kingston City Police Department

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to accredit the agency and Mayor Palmieri seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 10 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstain

- ii. Rye Brook Village Police Department

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to accredit the agency and Chief Sinagra seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 10 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstain

- iii. Suffolk County Police Department

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accredit the agency and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay, 2 abstain

- iv. Troy City Police Department

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to accredit the agency and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 10 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstain

6. Approval of December 2020 Meeting Minutes

Sheriff Virts made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

7. Approval of Applications for Initial Accreditation

Greene County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Virts made a motion to accredit the agency and Sheriff Maciol seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

8. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation

Geneva City Police Department

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to accredit the agency and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

Glens Fall City Police Department

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to accredit the agency and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

MTA Police Department

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to accredit the agency and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

Niagara County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accredit the agency and Sheriff Virts seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

Poughkeepsie Town Police Department

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to accredit the agency and Chief Sinagra seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

Seneca County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Virts made a motion to accredit the agency and Sheriff Maciol seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

SUNY Police Cortland

Mr. Wells made a motion to accredit the agency and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

At 10:40 am, Chairman Austin 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 10:45 am.

9. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys

Albany County Sheriff's Office, Camillus Town Police Department, Canandaigua City Police Department, Catskill Village Police Department, Chemung County Sheriff's Office, Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Dobbs Ferry Village Police Department, East Fishkill Town Police Department, East Hampton Village Police Department, Gates Town Police Department, Greece Town Police Department, Greenburgh Town Police Department, Hudson Falls Village Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Mount Vernon City Police Department, New Castle Town Police Department, New Paltz Town Police Department New York State Police, Orangetown Town Police Department, Rochester City Police Department, Rockland County Sheriff's Office, Rockville Centre Village Police Department, Solvay Village Police Department, SUNY Police Fredonia, SUNY Police Geneseo, SUNY Police New Paltz, Washington County Sheriff's Office, Webster Town Police Department, White Plains Dept. of Public Safety

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 10 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstain

10. Approval of New Assessors

1. Assistant Chief (ret.) Daniel P. Flanagan Jr. – Nassau County Police Department
2. Chief (ret.) Marvin J. Fisher – SUNY Farmingdale University Police Department

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to approve the assess applications received, and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 10 ayes, 0 nay

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. Program Updates

Article VII Legislation:

Commissioner Green updated the council on the article 7 proposals in the new budget plan proposed by Governor Cuomo. The first relevant proposal is in regard to uniform hiring and training standards. This proposal requires the MPTC to establish mandatory minimum hiring standards. These mandatory items would include criminal history, background checks, medical checks, and physical and mental health exams. This would also require the LEAP council to issue certificates of compliance certifying that the agencies are in compliance with hiring requirements and reporting requirements to the DCJS police/peace registry. If an agency does not obtain a certification their officers would no longer qualify as police officers and will not have police powers.

An additional proposal would be to require agencies to give a conduct-based reason for decertification of an officer which will be noted on their records to prevent officer from obtaining a new certificate under a different agency.

A restructure to the seating members of the MPTC and the LEAP council was also proposed. It would include that the superintendent of the State Police being included as a required member on the MPTC and a chief of an agency of over 100 officers, a sheriff from an agency with over 100 sheriff's deputies, a representative for crime victims, and a representative for a community voice would be included on both MPTC and LEAP councils.

Council Members Appointments:

Mr. Marruso updated the council of 5 new members, 2 reappointments and the appointment of Chief Austin to Chairman of the council. The new members are Chief Joseph Sinagara, Chief Marvin Flatley, Sheriff Todd Baxter, Sergeant Leighton Filiatrault, and Detective (ret) Michelle Randall Williams. Sheriff Virts and Sheriff Maciol were both reappointed to their position.

Remote Delivery of Program Manager and Assessor Trainings:

Mr. Marruso informed the council that the accreditation unit has conducted another program manager and assessor training. Due to the number of registrants for the program manager training the accreditation unit has created 2 additional program manager trainings in March.

Agency Withdrawal – SUNY Oswego University Police Department:

Mr. Marruso informed the council that SUNY Oswego has withdrawn from the program. They stated that due to budgetary issues they were unable to stay in compliance with the program. They have shown extreme interest in becoming accredited again at a later date.

Removal of Reference to Civil Rights Law § 50-a in Standard 25.1:

Mr. Marruso informed the council that civil rights law 50-a will not be instated and reference to it will be removed from standard 25.1.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no other business, Mayor Palmieri made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheriff Maciol 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 June 3, 2021 at 10:00 am.



Minutes of the 127th Meeting held on June 3, 2021

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gregory Austin called the 127th meeting of the council to order at 10:03 a.m. on June 3, 2021. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Austin asked for a moment of silence to honor the members of law enforcement and the armed services who have died in the line of duty.

2. Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman, Chief Gregory Austin - Rye Brook Village Police Department
Sergeant Louis Dini – Suffolk County Police Department, PCNY
Sheriff Robert Maciol – Oneida County Sheriff's Office
Supervisor Edmond Theobald – Town of Manlius
Sheriff Barry Virts – Wayne County Sheriff's Office
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REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPLICANT AGENCIES:

Geneseo Village Police Department

Chief Eric Osganian

*Officer Christopher Matteson

Officer Gary Miller

Liverpool Village Police Department

Chief Gerald Unger

*Sergeant David Sturtz

Monroe Village Police Department

Chief Darwin M. Guzman

*Sergeant Douglas M. Krauss

New Windsor Town Police Department

Chief Robert L. Doss

*Lieutenant Daniel J. Valeri

Riverhead Town Police Department

Chief David Hegermiller

SUNY Police Albany

Interim Chief Paul Burlingame

Interim Deputy Chief Jeremy Clapper

*Inspector Jennifer Baldwin

Inspector John McGuire

Lieutenant Steven Grassmann

Alyce Dariano

SUNY Police Cobleskill

VP of Student Development, Anne Hopkins Gross

Chief Richard Bialkowski

*Officer Emily Croneiser

SUNY Police Potsdam

Chief Timothy Ashley

*Denotes Agency Program Manager in Attendance

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approval of March 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Chief Sinagra seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 15 ayes, 0 nay

5. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation

Geneseo Village Police Department, Liverpool Village Police Department, Monroe Village Police Department, New Windsor Town Police Department, Riverhead Town Police Department, SUNY Police Albany, SUNY Police Cobleskill, and SUNY Police Potsdam.

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 14 ayes, 0 nay. 1 abstain

At 10:23 am, Chairman Austin 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 10:30 am.

6. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys

Amherst Town Police Department, Binghamton City Police Department, Buffalo City Police Department, Cheektowaga Town Police Department, Cicero Town Police Department, Clarkstown Town Police Department, DeWitt Town Police Department, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, East Hampton Town Police Department, East Rochester Village Police Department, Eastchester Town Police Department, Erie County Sheriff's Office, Harrison Town Police Department, Haverstraw Town Police Department, Hudson City Police Department, Huntington Bay Village Police Department, New Rochelle City Police Department, North Syracuse Police Department, Old Westbury Village Police Department, Ontario County Sheriff's Office, Quogue Village Police Department, Ramapo Town Police Department, Rensselaer City Police Department, Rye Brook Village Police Department, Shelter Island Town Police Department, Stony Point Town Police Department, Suffolk County Police Department, SUNY Police Alfred, SUNY Police Buffalo State College, SUNY Police Oneonta, Tioga County Sheriff's Office, Ulster Town Police Department, Woodbury Town Police Department.

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 14 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstain

7. Approval of Standard 25.1 revision

Chief Sinagra made a motion to accept the revision to standard 25.1 and Chief Flatley seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 15 ayes, 0 nay

8. Approval of Standard 32.1 revision

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to accept the revision to standard 32.1 and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 15 ayes, 0 nay

9. Approval of Standard 42.3 revision

Chief Flatley made a motion to accept the revision to standard 42.3 and Chief Sinagra seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 15 ayes, 0 nay

10. Approval of New Assessors

1. Sergeant Joel Thomas – North Castle Town Police Department

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to approve the assessor application received, and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 15 ayes, 0 nay

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. Program Updates

- a. Article VII Legislation

Commissioner Green updated the council on the new budget plan which will be in effect 180 days after the law is signed. The first section is in regard to uniform hiring and training standards. This requires the MPTC to establish mandatory minimum hiring standards. These mandatory items would include criminal history, background checks, medical checks, and physical and mental health exams. This would also require the LEAP council to issue certificates of compliance certifying that the agencies are in compliance with hiring requirements and reporting requirements to the DCJS police/peace registry. If an agency does not obtain a certification their officers would no longer qualify as police officers and will not have police powers.

Additionally, this law requires agencies to give a conduct-based reason for decertification of an officer which will be noted on their records to prevent officer from obtaining a new certificate under a different agency.

A restructure to the seating members of the MPTC and the LEAP council will also occur. It will include that the superintendent of the State Police being included as a required member on the MPTC and a chief of an agency of over 100 officers, a sheriff from an agency with over 100 sheriff's deputies, a representative for crime victims, and a representative for a community voice would be included on both MPTC and LEAP councils.

- b. On-site assessments, field visits and in person training

Gabe Marruso informed the Council that due to the Effective May 19th, New York State adopted the CDC's "Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People" for most business and public settings. The CDC's recommendations allow for fully vaccinated individuals to refrain from wearing masks or practicing social distancing. In lieu of the progress New York State has experienced with regards to COVID-19, DCJS, the Office of Public and the Accreditation Unit seek to resume more traditional on-site activities, including assessments, field-visits and in-person training. In an effort to gain perspective from our partners in the field, we have surveyed all NYS assessors and are soliciting feedback from our accredited agencies to determine which aspects of our remote activities proved advantageous and which, if any proved challenging. Our goal is to begin compiling responses in the coming weeks to ensure we take advantage of technology and maximize our efforts to improve efficiency and efficacy while simultaneously reinforcing the core values of the law enforcement accreditation program.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Theobald informed the council of an email he received regarding a proposal that is currently in the committee assembly and senate regarding change to use of force standards. In addition to the change there are 3 new laws stating an officer can be criminally charged for using excessive force.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no other business, Sheriff Virts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on September 2, 2021 at 10:00 am.



Minutes of the 128th Meeting held on September 2, 2021

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Commissioner Michael Green called the 128th meeting of the council to order at 10:07 a.m. on September 2, 2021. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Green asked for a moment of silence to honor the members of law enforcement and the armed services who have died in the line of duty.

2. Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sergeant Louis Dini – Suffolk County Police Department, PCNY

Sheriff Robert Maciol – Oneida County Sheriff's Office

Supervisor Edmond Theobald – Town of Manlius

Sheriff Barry Virts – Wayne County Sheriff's Office

Robert E. Worden, Ph.D. – University at Albany

Mr. Richard Wells – Police Conference New York

Chief Joseph Sinagra – Saugerties Town Police Department

Sergeant Leighton Filiatrault – St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office

Mayor Robert Palmieri – City of Utica

Chief Marvin Flatley – Southold Town Police Department

Chief Kenneth Corey – New York City Police Department

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Todd Murray, OPS

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Ashley Onorati - OPS Accreditation Unit

Kevin Fairchild – OPS Accreditation Unit

Kea Cheever– OPS Accreditation Unit

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPLICANT AGENCIES:

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Bloomington Grove Town Police Department

Town Supervisor Robert Jeroloman
Lieutenant Kevin Wakeham*
Sergeant Peter D'Errico

Brighton Town Police Department

Chief David Catholdi
*Captain Michael DeSain

Broome County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff David Harder
Captain Kate Newcomb*
Sergeant Kevin Mauser

Johnson City Village Police Department

Chief Brent Dodge
Captain Edward O'Hara*
Captain George Hayes (Ret.)

Manlius Town Police Department

Chief Michael Crowell
Captain Kevin Schafer
*Maureen Buckland

Ogden Town Police Department

Chief Christopher Mears
Sergeant Travis Gray*

Yorktown Town Police Department

Chief Robert Noble
Lieutenant John Delulio*

*Denotes Agency Program Manager in Attendance

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approval of June 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.
Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

5. Approval of Applications for Accreditation

Blooming Grove Town Police Department

Chief Sinagra made a motion to accredit the agency and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

6. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation

Brighton Town Police Department

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to approve the reaccreditation and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

Broome County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Virts made a motion to approve the reaccreditation and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

Centre Island Village Police Department

Chief Flatley made a motion to approve the reaccreditation and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

Johnson City Village Police Department

Chief Corey made a motion to approve the reaccreditation and Chief Sinagra seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

Manlius Town Police Department

Chief Sinagra made a motion to approve the reaccreditation and Mayor Palmieri seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

Ogden Town Police Department

Sergeant Filiatrault made a motion to approve the reaccreditation and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

Yorktown Town Police Department

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to approve the reaccreditation and Chief Corey seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

7. Presentation of Certificates

Blooming Grove Town Police Department

Town Supervisor Robert Jeroloman accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Sergeant Peter D'Errico as the program manager.

Brighton Town Police Department

Chief David Catholdi accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Captain Michael DeSain as the program manager.

Broome County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff David Harder accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Captain Kate Newcomb as the program manager.

Centre Island Village Police Department

Agency was not in attendance.

Johnson City Village Police Department

Chief Brent Dodge accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Captain Edward O'Hara as the program manager.

Manlius Town Police Department

Chief Michael Crowell accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Maureen Buckland as the program manager.

Ogden Town Police Department

Chief Christopher Mears accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Sergeant Travis Gray as the program manager.

Yorktown Town Police Department

Chief Robert Noble accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Lieutenant John Delulio as the program manager.

At 10:37 am, Commissioner Green 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 10:45 am.

8. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys

Beacon City Police Department, Bedford Town Police Department, Bethlehem Town Police Department, Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Cornwall Town Police Department, Guilderland Town Police Department, Lancaster Town Police Department, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Mount Pleasant Town Police Department, Niagara Falls City Police Department, Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, Ossining Village Police Department, Oswego City Police Department, Oswego County Sheriff's Office, Peekskill City Police Department, Rye City Police Department, Scarsdale Village Police Department, Schenectady City Police Department, Seneca Falls Town Police Department, Southampton Town Police Department, Southampton Village Police Department, St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office, Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, Tonawanda Town Police Department, Tuckahoe Village Police Department, Utica Police Department, Warren County Sheriff's Office, Waterford Town & Village Police Department, West Seneca Town Police Department, Yonkers City Police Department.

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 9 ayes, 0 nay, 2 abstain

9. Approval of Extension Request

Gabriele Marruso informed the council that Chief Paul Sandy requested an extension of their accreditation reassessment. Chief Sandy stated that with the recent retirement of Chief Catalano in March 2021 and the furlough of staff due to the pandemic as well as working to satisfy the requirements of Executive Order 203, they are requesting a 3-month extension to properly prepare their agency for reaccreditation.

Chief Sinagra made a motion to approve the extension request and Chief Flatley seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

10. Approval of New Assessor

1. Lieutenant Daniel Valeri – New Windsor Town Police Department

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to approve the assessor application received, and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 11 ayes, 0 nay

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. Program Updates

a. Professional Policing Act of 2021

Commissioner Green informed the council that the Professional Policing Act (PPA) requires all police departments in NYS to adopt and comply with hiring standards set by the MPTC. The MPTC did adopt proposed standards and currently the standards are awaiting approval from chamber to then be posted for public comment. Across the board the police departments and Sheriffs Offices agreed that logistically the polygraph portion makes sense however it may be difficult for some departments. Due to this, the section was amended to make it voluntary as opposed to mandatory. The act fully takes effect in October of 2023 in which all agencies must be in compliance with the accreditation hiring standards.

Gabe Marruso also informed the council that the accreditation unit must have all the agencies certified by October 2023. The accreditation council will have the authority to revoke or suspend certification or accreditation status if an agency is not in compliance. The accreditation unit is working internally to create timelines for certifications and will send out notifications in advance of any expiring certificates. The unit will be working hard to do everything they can to assist and ensure that agencies are in compliance with PPA and accreditation hiring standards. The unit will be modeling the current accreditation format for assessments. The December council meeting is when the unit will be looking to implement the hiring standards. Verification will be made through proofs of compliance during site visits made by unit staff. Annual certification for agencies is critical to remain in compliance.

b. Officer Wellness

The Accreditation unit is looking to implement a standard on officer wellness. Scott Neff from the Training unit provided an overview of the officer wellness curriculum that was added to the Basic Course for Police Officers.

The main points of the standard will include:

- a. Access to Resources
- b. Best Practices (Sleep, therapy, stress management, etc.)
- c. Prevention and Intervention
- d. Peer Involvement and Support
- e. Critical Incidents

c. Program Manager and Assessor Training

The accreditation unit held a program manager and assessor training at the Monroe County Public Safety Training Center on August 24th, and 25th. The program manager had 24 individuals in attendance and 9 attended the assessor training. In total in 2021, the accreditation unit hosted 4 program manager trainings

and 2 assessor trainings.

d. On-site assessments, field visits, and in person training

Currently we are transitioning back to previous procedures with in-person assessments, site visits and trainings. So far everything has been going well and the unit will continue to work to explore different opportunities that include remote components to our on-site assessments and site visits going forward.

e. 2022 Meeting Dates

March 3rd
June 2nd
September 8th
December 8th

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no new business, Sheriff Virts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on December 2, 2021 at 10:00 am.



Minutes of the 129th Meeting held on December 2, 2021

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gregory Austin called the 129th meeting of the council to order at 10:05 a.m. on December 2, 2021. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Austin asked for a moment of silence to honor the members of law enforcement and the armed services who have died in the line of duty.

During introductions, Acting Commissioner Rosado introduced herself while delivering brief opening remarks to the council.

2. Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Chief Gregory Austin** - Rye Brook Village Police Department
- Sergeant Louis Dini** – Suffolk County Police Department, PCNY
- Sheriff Robert Maciol** – Oneida County Sheriff's Office
- Supervisor Edmond Theobald** – Town of Manlius
- Sheriff Michael Filicetti** – Niagara County Sheriff's Office
- Robert E. Worden, Ph.D.** – University at Albany
- Mr. Richard Wells** – Police Conference New York
- Sergeant Leighton Filiatrault** – St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office
- Mayor Robert Palmieri** – City of Utica
- Chief Marvin Flatley** – Southold Town Police Department
- Chief Kenneth Corey** – New York City Police Department
- Detective (ret.) Michelle Randall-Williams** – New York City Police Department
- Sheriff Todd Baxter** – Monroe County Sheriff's Office
- Colonel, Deputy Superintendent Dominick Chiumento** – New York State Police

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DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES STAFF

- Rossana Rosado, Acting Commissioner, DCJS
- Joseph Popcun, Executive Deputy Commissioner, DCJS
- Johanna Sullivan, Director, OPS
- Todd Murray, OPS
- Gabriele Marruso – OPS Accreditation Unit
- Ashley Onorati - OPS Accreditation Unit
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- Kea Cheever– OPS Accreditation Unit

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPLICANT AGENCIES:

Elmira City Police Department

*Sergeant Christopher Zelko
Officer Hughson
Officer Rightmire
Officer Pugh

Evans Town Police Department

Chief Gregory Szarowicz
*Lieutenant Thomas Crupe
Detective Bruce Green
Patrolman Kenneth Kloss

Fairport Village Police Department

N/A

Geddes Town Police Department

Chief John Fall
*Officer Chris Cushman

Irondequoit Town Police Department

N/A

Oneida County Sheriff's Office

Undersheriff Joseph Lisi
*Captain Christine Reilly
Officer Curtis Morgan

Rotterdam Town Police Department

Chief Michael Brown
*Lieutenant Jeffrey Collins
Patrolman Kristin Brogan
Patrolman Andrew D'Aurizio
Patrolman Stephen Dixon

Tonawanda City Police Department

Chief William Strassburg
Captain Fredric Foels
*Captain Jamin Butcher
Detective Thomas Harmon

Vestal Town Police Department

*Lieutenant Christopher Streno

*Denotes Agency Program Manager in Attendance

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approval of September 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.
Motion carried - 14 ayes, 0 nay

5. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation

Elmira City Police Department, Evans Town Police Department, Fairport Village Police Department, Geddes Town Police Department, Irondequoit Town Police Department, Rotterdam Town Police Department, Tonawanda City Police Department, Vestal Town Police Department.

Chief Corey made a motion to approve the reaccreditations and Mayor Palmieri seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 14 ayes, 0 nay

Oneida County Sheriff's Office

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to approve the reaccreditation and Colonel Chiumento seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 13 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstention

6. Presentation of Certificates

Elmira City Police Department

Sergeant Christopher Zelko accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement as the program manager.

Evans Town Police Department

Chief Gregory Szarowicz accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Lieutenant Thomas Crupe as the program manager.

Fairport Village Police Department

Agency was not in attendance

Geddes Town Police Department

Chief John Fall accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Officer Chris Cushman as the program manager.

Irondequoit Town Police Department

Agency was not in attendance

Oneida County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Robert Maciol accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Captain Christine Reilly as the program manager.

Rotterdam Town Police Department

Chief Michael Brown accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Lieutenant Jeffrey Collins as the program manager.

Tonawanda City Police Department

Chief William Strassburg accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Captain Jamin Butcher as the program manager.

Vestal Town Police Department

Lieutenant Christopher Streno accepted the Certificate of Accreditation and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement as the program manager.

At 10:33 am, Chairman Austin 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 11:00 am.

7. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys

Albany City Police Department, Brockport Village Police Department, Canton Village Police Department, Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office, Chenango County Sheriff's Office, Colonie Town Police Department, East Greenbush Town Police Department, Endicott Village Police Department, Genesee County Sheriff's Office, Gloversville City Police Department, Harriman Village Police Department, Kingston City Police Department, Livingston County Sheriff's Office, Middletown City Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, North Castle Town Police Department, North Greenbush Town Police Department, Oneonta City Police Department, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Rome City Police Department, Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, Saugerties Town Police Department, Suffern Village Police Department, SUNY Police Binghamton, SUNY Police Brockport, SUNY Police Buffalo, SUNY Police Stony Brook, Syracuse City Police Department, Troy City Police Department, Ulster County Sheriff's Office, Watertown City Police Department, Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Westchester County Dept. of Public Safety, Yates County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 14 ayes, 0 nay

8. Approval of New Standard, Standard 4.1

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept the new standard, and Mayor Palmieri seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 14 ayes, 0 nay

9. Approval of New Standard, Standard 9.1

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to accept the new standard, and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 14 ayes, 0 nay

10. Approval of Standard 12.1 revision

Chief Corey made a motion to accept the revision, and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 14 ayes, 0 nay

11. Approval to remove Standard 12.7

Colonel Chiumento made a motion to remove the standard, and Mayor Palmieri seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 14 ayes, 0 nay

12. Acceptance of 2022 Meeting Dates

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept the 2022 meeting dates, and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 14 ayes, 0 nay

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. Program Updates

a. Mandatory Certification Process – Professional Policing Act of 2021

The mandatory Certification Process was created in response to the Professional Policing Act of 2021. Please see the attached documentation for additional details.

b. Program Manager and Assessor Training

Program Manager and Assessor Trainings will be held at the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Training Academy in March 2022.

c. Council Member Appointments

The council will have a total of 19 members moving forward. We welcome Sheriff Michael Filicetti and look forward to the great work that is ahead and thank Sheriff Barry Virts, Supervisor Edmond Theobald and Chief Joseph Sinagra for their dedication and service to the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no new business, Supervisor Theobald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sergeant Dini seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on March 10, 2022 at 10:00 am.