



Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council

128th Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council Meeting

September 2, 2021

New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services
80 South Swan Street, Albany, New York 12210

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Meeting 128
September 2, 2021
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

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| 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance | <i>Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman</i> |
| 2. Roll Call | <i>Accreditation Unit Staff</i> |
| 3. Introductions | <i>Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman</i> |
| 4. Introductory Remarks | <i>Executive Deputy Commissioner Michael Green</i> |

ACTION ITEMS

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| 5. Approval of June 2021 Meeting Minutes | <i>Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman</i> |
| 6. Approval of Applications for Accreditation | <i>Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman</i> |
| 1. Blooming Grove Town Police Department | |
| 7. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation | <i>Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman</i> |
| 1. Brighton Town Police Department | |
| 2. Broome County Sheriff's Office | |
| 3. Centre Island Village Police Department | |
| 4. Johnson City Village Police Department | |
| 5. Manlius Town Police Department | |
| 6. Ogden Town Police Department | |
| 7. Yorktown Town Police Department | |

8. Presentation of Certificates

*Executive Deputy Commissioner Michael Green
Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman*

1. Blooming Grove Town Police Department
2. Brighton Town Police Department
3. Broome County Sheriff's Office
4. Centre Island Village Police Department
5. Johnson City Village Police Department
6. Manlius Town Police Department
7. Ogden Town Police Department
8. Yorktown Town Police Department

9. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys

Accreditation Unit Staff

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.

10. Approval of Extension Request

Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman

1. Cortland City Police Department

11. Approval of New Assessor

Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman

1. Lieutenant Daniel Valeri – New Windsor Town Police Department

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

12. Program Updates

Commissioner Green/DCJS Staff

1. Professional Policing Act of 2021
2. Officer Wellness - *Associate Training Technician Scott Neff*
3. Program Manager and Assessor Training
4. On-site assessments, field visits and in person training

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Chief Gregory Austin, Chairman

The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on December 2, 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
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
Chief Marvin Flatley – Southold Town Police Department
Chief Kenneth Corey – New York City Police Department
Acting Superintendent Kevin Bruen- New York State Police
Detective (ret.) Michelle Randall Williams – New York City Police Department

3. Introductions

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES STAFF

Executive Deputy Commissioner Michael Green
Michael Wood, Deputy Commissioner - Office of Public Safety (OPS)
Johanna Sullivan, Director, OPS
Todd Murray, OPS
Gabriele Marruso – OPS Accreditation Unit
Ashley Onorati - OPS Accreditation Unit
Kevin Fairchild – OPS Accreditation Unit
Kea Cheever– OPS Accreditation Unit
Natasha Harvin-Locklear – Office of Legal Services

Mr. Michael Flaherty, Esq., Office of Legal Services

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

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.

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