



Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council

**Minutes of the 119th Meeting held on June 6, 2019
Alfred E. Smith Office Building, Room 118
80 South Swan Street, Albany, NY 12210**

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Division of Criminal Justice Services Executive Deputy Commissioner Michael Green called the 119th meeting of the council to order at 10:02 a.m. on June 6, 2019. 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:

Chief Gregory Austin - Rye Brook Village Police Department

Sergeant Louis Dini – Suffolk County Police Department, PCNY

Chief Mark Henderson – Brighton Town Police Department

Sheriff Robert Maciol – Oneida County Sheriff's Office

Mayor Robert Palmieri - City of Utica

Supervisor Edmond Theobald – Town of Manlius

Sheriff Barry Virts – Wayne County Sheriff's Office

Mr. Richard Wells – Police Conference New York

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Superintendent Keith Corlett – New York State Police

Commissioner James O'Neill - New York City Police Department

Chief (Retired) Charles Koenig – Retired, Ballston Spa Village Police Department

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

OTHER MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

Colonel Patrick Regan – New York State Police (*Voting for Superintendent Corlett*)

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-Locklear – Office of Legal Services

Jill Spadaro – DCJS Press Office

Todd Murray - Supervisor of Public Safety Programs – OPS
Hilary McGrath, Program Manager - OPS Accreditation Unit
Ashley Onorati - OPS Accreditation Unit
Danielle Brendese - OPS Accreditation Unit
Kevin Fairchild – OPS Accreditation Unit
Daniel Beaulac – OPS Media Specialist

OTHER GUESTS

Officer James Condo – East Greenbush Police Department (Assessor)

REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPLICANT AGENCIES

Buffalo City Police Department

Commissioner Byron Lockwood
Deputy Commissioner Barbra Lark
Deputy Commissioner Joe Gramaglia
Chief Dennis Richards
Inspector Ronald Jentz
Captain Jeff Rinaldo
Lieutenant Joseph Fahey*
Lieutenant James Stabler*

Cheektowaga Town Police Department

Unable to Attend

East Rochester Village Police Department

Chief Steven Clancy
Sergeant John Vicaretti*

Harrison Town Police Department

Lieutenant John Vasta
Officer Kevin Kraus*

Hudson City Police Department

Chief Edward Moore
Lieutenant David C. Miller Jr.*

Quogue Police Department

Sergeant Daniel Bennett*
Officer Robert Hammel

Ramapo Town Police Department

Chief Brad Weidel
Lieutenant Anthony Giardina*

Shelter Island Police Department

Chief James Read
Sergeant Terrence LeGrady*

Woodbury Town Police Department

Unable to attend

*Denotes Agency Program Manager in Attendance

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approval of March 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 7th, 2019 council meeting. Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

5. Approval of Applications for Initial Accreditation

Buffalo City Police Department

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

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

Commissioner Byron Lockwood accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Lieutenant Joseph Fahey and Lieutenant James Stabler as the program managers.

6. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation

Cheektowaga Town Police Department

Mr. Wells made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Chief Austin seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

East Rochester Village Police Department

Chief Henderson made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sheriff Virts seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

Harrison Town Police Department

Chief Austin made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Mayor Palmieri seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

Hudson City Police Department

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sheriff Virts seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

Quogue Village Police Department

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

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

Ramapo Town Police Department

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Chief Henderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

Shelter Island Town Police Department

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

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

Woodbury Town Police Department

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Chief Henderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

7. Presentation of Certificates

Buffalo City Police Department

The Buffalo City Police Department certificate presentation took place immediately after the council voted to approve their initial accreditation.

Cheektowaga Town Police Department

The Cheektowaga Town Police Department was unable to send representatives to the meeting – their certificates will be delivered to them.

East Rochester Village Police Department

Chief Steven Clancy accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Sergeant John Vicaretti as the agency program manager.

Harrison Town Police Department

Lieutenant John Vasta accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Officer Kevin Kraus as the agency program manager.

Hudson City Police Department

Chief Edward Moore accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Lieutenant David C. Miller, Jr. as the agency program manager.

Quogue Village Police Department

Sergeant Daniel Bennett accepted the Certificate of Accreditation and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement as the agency program manager.

Ramapo Town Police Department

Chief Brad Weidel accepted the Certificate of Accreditation and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Lieutenant Anthony Giardina as the agency program manager.

Shelter Island Town Police Department

Chief James Read accepted the Certificate of Accreditation and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Sergeant Terrence LeGrady as the agency program manager.

Woodbury Town Police Department

The Woodbury Town Police Department was unable to send representatives to the meeting – their certificates will be presented to them at the September meeting as requested.

At 10:35 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

Amherst Town Police Department; Binghamton City Police Department; Cicero Town Police Department; Clarkstown Town Police Department; DeWitt Town Police Department; Dutchess County Sheriff's Office; East Hampton Town Police Department; Eastchester Town Police Department; Erie County Sheriff's Office; Geneseo Village Police Department; Haverstraw Town Police Department; Huntington Bay Village Police Department; Liverpool Village Police Department; Monroe Village Police Department; New Rochelle City Police Department; New Windsor Town Police Department; North Syracuse Police Department; Old Westbury Village Police Department; Ontario County Sheriff's Office; Rensselaer City Police Department; Riverhead Town Police Department; Rye Brook Village Police Department; Stony Point 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; Tioga County Sheriff's Office; Ulster Town Police Department

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

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

8. Approval of New Assessor

An application was received from Lieutenant Eric Petersen of the SUNY Police Cobleskill to be a program assessor for the first time.

Hilary McGrath noted that all applications for assessors are vetted to ensure they meet the qualifications as outlined in the Assessor Request for Applications prior to be presented to the Council. If an applicant is not eligible, their name is not put before the Council.

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept Lieutenant Petersen as a new assessor. Mayor Palmieri seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Program Updates

Accreditation Unit Staff

Hilary McGrath introduced two new staff members within the Accreditation Unit and provided the council with basic details on their previous experience. She indicated that the unit is back to being fully staffed.

Council Members

Hilary McGrath reported that DCJS is continuing to work to ensure nominations are received for all vacant council seats. She again indicated that the County Executive seat had been difficult to fill and asked council members to make her aware of any county executive that expresses an interest in serving.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Henderson introduced David Bloodgood, who is a Senior Risk Control Specialist with the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR), which is a not-for-profit, licensed and regulated insurer owned by the policyholders, which include over 300 law enforcement agencies in the state. They are reviewing causes of insurance losses for law enforcement agencies. If they can determine that law enforcement agencies with fewer insurance claims and losses is linked to accreditation, they will work with the NYS Insurance Department to explore giving policy discounts to accredited law enforcement agencies.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no other business, Sergeant Dini made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wells seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.

The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on September 5, 2019 at 10:00 am in Room 118 of the Alfred E. Smith Office building.

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