

POST COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010, 2:00 P.M.
WLEA DOUGLAS, WY

A P.O.S.T. Commission meeting was held in Douglas, Wyoming on Thursday, April 15, 2010. Chairman Jerry Colson called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce Salzburg, Attorney General
Rich Adriaens, Chief Sheridan PD
Troy Lane, Chief UW PD
Mike Thompson, Lt. Casper PD
Cary Berry-Smith, At large member
Jerry Colson, Carbon County Sheriff

GUESTS

Len DeClercq, WHP
Brian Brooks, WLEA
Paul Smith, WLEA
Jim Marker, WLEA
Sgt. Cody Anderson, UWPD
Wayne Mower, WLEA
Byron Oedekoven, WASCOP

STAFF MEMBERS

Betty Haukap, P.O.S.T. Director
Trish Newberry, P.O.S.T. Exec. Assistant
Ken Nelson, Assistant Attorney General

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Lampert, Director WDOC

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Colson introduced Chief Troy Lane of the University of Wyoming P.D. as a new POST Commission member taking the place of Colonel Sam Powell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Colson indicated that corrections needed to be made to the January 26, 2010, POST Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Salzburg made a motion to approve the January 26, 2010, meeting minutes as corrected. Commissioner Berry-Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Adriaens made a motion to approve the minutes of the POST Commission teleconference call on February 24, 2010. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

WYOMING §9-1-711 Certification and hiring of currently certified peace officers, detention officers and dispatchers.

Director Haukap explained that Wyoming §9-1-711, became effective immediately after the governor signed the bill. Director Haukap explained that she interprets the statute to read, a Wyoming law enforcement agency may appoint a currently certified peace officer, detention officer and/or dispatcher to a respectively certified position without having to meet the hiring standards, provided the peace officer, detention officer, and/or dispatcher is currently working in

a respectively certified position at another law enforcement unit in Wyoming. She explained that her understanding of the statute is that the appointment date must overlap current employment in a respectively certified position.

Commissioner Adriaens made a motion to accept persons who are concurrently employed in a respectively certified position at another law enforcement unit in Wyoming as meeting the requirements of Wyoming §9-1-711, and to establish an administrative form to determine that. After making the motion, Commissioner Adriaens recused himself and withdrew his motion. Commissioner Lane carried the same motion forward. Commissioner Berry-Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

MEDICAL RETIREMENTS

Director Haukap explained that she and Assistant Attorney General Eric Easton have established a process to deal with revocation of certification of officers and/or dispatchers that retire, resign or are terminated for medical reasons.

CERTIFICATION EXPIRATION DATES

Director Haukap explained that during the revocation of certification process there are instances when a person's certification expires. Director Haukap asked the Commission how they would like those cases handled.

Commissioner Salzburg explained that once a certification expires, the case would have to be closed.

Commissioner Adriaens asked that a procedure be put in place to track actions taken against a person's certification(s) whether the certification(s) is revoked, suspended, or closed with no further action.

PROPOSED POST RULES

Director Haukap presented the Commission with proposed P.O.S.T. Rules and Regulation changes and explained the reason for the proposed changes to chapters 1 through 6 and chapters 8, 12 and 13.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to accept the proposed rules as presented with the revisions that were discussed. Commissioner Salzburg seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

2010 B&C PROPOSED BASIC COURSE CURRICULUMS

Peace officer basic – Brian Brooks presented the Commission with hand outs of proposed changes to the peace officer basic course curriculum for the 2010 B&C POBs and explained the reasons for the proposed changes that would increase the total hours of the current peace officer basic course from 523 to 529 hours.

Commissioner Adriaens made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the 2010 B&C peace officer basic course curriculum. Commissioner Lane seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Detention officer basic – Brian Brooks presented the Commission with hand outs of proposed changes to the detention officer basic course curriculum for the 1020 B&C DOBs and explained the reasons for the proposed changes that would increase the total hours of the current detention officer basic course from 292 to 294 hours.

Commissioner Thompson made a motion to accept the proposed changes to the 2010 B&C detention officer basic course curriculum. Commissioner Lane seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

Commissioner Salzburg made a motion to accept the settlement agreement and voluntary surrender of certification in the matter of Billie Jo Dilts, docket #09-007. Commissioner Berry-Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Salzburg made a motion to accept the settlement agreement and voluntary surrender of certification in the matter of Devan Henderson, docket #09-031. Commissioner Berry-Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF DECERTIFICATION

Commissioner Adriaens made a motion to ratify and confirm the Notice of Decertification of Jay A. Gruwell, docket #09-027. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Director Haukap reported that POST currently certifies **1,910** peace officers, **817** detention officers, **438** dispatchers, **131** coroners and deputy coroners, and **640** correctional officers for a total of **3,818** certifications. Of those, **452** are dual certified and **145** are with more than one agency.

In 2009, **64** individuals took a challenge exam; **53** peace officers, **4** detention officers, **1** dispatcher, and **6** correctional officers. So far in 2010, **26** individuals have taken a challenge exam; **20** peace officers, **4** detention officers, and **2** correctional officers.

A total of **376,488** hours of training were added to the training files in 2009 and **65,088** have been added through March, 2010. **2,069** in-service training courses were certified in 2009 and **537** have been certified so far in 2010. **426** instructors were certified in 2009 and **87** have been certified so far in 2010.

Director Haukap administered **45** promotional examinations in 2009 and **3** so far in 2010.

In 2009 **496** entry-level exams were administered (**320** passed; **176** failed; **64.52%** passage rate). So far in 2010, **75** entry-level exams have been administered (**53** passed; **22** failed; **70.67%** passage rate).

In 2009, **38** decertification cases were opened and of those **14** are still pending; **6** were decertified, **8** closed with no further action taken, **6** were voluntary surrender – Settlements, **4** were voluntary surrender – Medical. So far in 2010, **5** decertification cases have been opened; total of **19** cases pending. (So far in April, 2010 **3** decertification cases have been opened for a total of **22** pending cases).

In 2009, POST received **4** applications for retired peace officer identification cards. So far in 2010, **8** applications have been received.

OTHER

The next POST Commission meeting will be held September 16, 2010, 2:30 – 5:00 P.M., Cody, WY in conjunction with the Wyoming Peace Officer Association Conference.

Commissioner Salzburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Adriaens seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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