

POST COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008, 10:00 AM
LARAMIE, WY

A P.O.S.T. Commission meeting was held in Laramie, Wyoming on Thursday, September 18, 2008. Bruce Salzburg, Attorney General, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce Salzburg, Attorney General
Mike Dayton, At large member
John Love, Chief Green River P.D.
Jerry Colson, Carbon County Sheriff
Cary Berry-Smith, At large member
Sam Powell, Colonel WHP

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lori Emmert, Chief Douglas P.D.

STAFF MEMBERS

Betty Haukap, P.O.S.T. Director
Trish Newberry, P.O.S.T. Executive Assistant

GUESTS

Tony Young, US Attorney's Office
Bill Morse, WHP
Forrest Bright, DCI
Jim Marker, WLEA
Pete Norris, WDOC
Don Passanesi, WY State Parks
Bill Westerfield, WY State Parks
Sonja Erickson, WLEA
Dave Harris, WLEA
Brian Brooks, WLEA
Lanee Kupke, WLEA
Byron Oedekoven, WASCOP

INTRODUCTIONS

Attorney General Bruce Salzburg asked everyone to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Dayton made a motion to approve the April 10, 2008, P.O.S.T. Commission meeting minutes, and July 30, 2008, conference call P.O.S.T. Commission meeting minutes regarding the final disposition of three cases in the Executive Session. Commissioner Berry-Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

BASIC TRAINING ACADEMY APPLICATION

Chairman Salzburg advised that he had asked Director Haukap to prepare an application to be used by all agencies when applying for certification of a basic training academy. Completion and submission of the application and all required attachments will avoid inadequacies in the future, insure all required information is received to make initial comparisons, and to require proof that all statutory and regulatory requirements are met for POST certification of a basic training academy. This Commission has the authority to delegate to the Director of P.O.S.T., Betty Haukap, authority to make the comparisons and certify a particular course. The only time the P.O.S.T. Commission would see a basic academy request is if there is a significant conflict or disagreement with the agency's academy and previously P.O.S.T. approved academies, which is covered in Chapter 10, Section 1(e).

Director Haukap presented the basic training academy certification request form which follows statutes and rules for gathering information necessary to make comparisons between curriculum submitted and minimum curriculum accepted. Director Haukap reviewed the questions, suggestions and concerns that were brought up at the last P.O.S.T. Commission meeting and addressed them in the application form. Items addressed include, location of the training, required attachments such as curriculum and follow up questions regarding the attachments, specific questions regarding certification of peace officer, detention officer and dispatch basic training academies, which would also include academies for corrections. One of the questions posed to the agencies, in the application, allows the agency the option of scheduling a challenge exam if desired. The Academy coordinator and the agency administrator are required to sign the form ensuring that all required documentation and information is submitted to P.O.S.T., with the application, no less than 30 days prior to the requested start date, including details of the course, instructor information, course information and outlines.

Commissioner Mike Dayton, asked if 30 days was enough time for the P.O.S.T. director to approve and certify the academy. Director Haukap stated that 30 days was enough time to schedule time to visit a facility and review documentation sent by the agency applying for certification if the completed form, and all required documentation and information is received by POST at least 30 days prior to the requested start date.

After some discussion, wording on page 3 of the form, with regard to the challenge examination, was amended to read, "Does the agency desire to administer the POST challenge examination as part of their requirement to successfully complete this basic training academy?"

Commissioner Dayton moved to accept the Basic Training Academy Certification Request form with the amendment to page 3. Commissioner Love seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Brian Brooks of WLEA requested approval to extend the Haz Mat portion of the communication personnel basic training course by 1 hour making it a 3 hour class starting with the 2008B basic class. The recommendation came from the CTAB Board. He stated that the schedule would not be affected, but that the over all hours would be changed from 66 to 67 hours.

Commissioner Dayton moved to accept the change to the communication personnel basic training curriculum. Commissioner Berry-Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Betty Haukap reported that POST currently certifies 1858 peace officers, 848 detention officers, 421 dispatchers, 374 correctional officers, and 130 coroners and deputy coroners, for a total of 3,631 certification. Of those, 428 are dual certified, 145 are with more than one agency.

In 2008, 55 personnel took the challenge exam, consisting of, 39 peace officers, 7 detention officers, 1 dispatcher, and 8 correctional officers. One person took and failed the challenge exam 2 times and was required to go back to basic per the POST rules.

So far in 2008, there have been 196,300 hours of training added to the files, 1124 in-service training courses have been certified, and 245 instructors are currently certified. No promotional exams have been administered since the last meeting. In 2008, 244 entry level exams administered, 173 people passed and 67 failed. That is a 72.08% passage rate.

In 2007, there were 13 decertification files opened, of those, 1 is still pending, 6 were decertified and 6 were closed with no further action. In 2008, 13 decertification files have been opened, 3 have been decertified, 2 closed with no further action, and 8 cases are pending.

P.O.S.T. has received 9 applications for retired peace officer identification cards so far this year.

OTHER

No other business was addressed.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

Commissioner Berry-Smith made a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Dayton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Daton made a motion to come out of executive session. Commissioner Love seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Berry-Smith made a motion to accept the Settlement Agreement, Stipulation and Order in the matter of Starlett D. Guess, docket # 08-004. Commissioner Colson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Love made a motion to accept the Settlement Agreement, Stipulation and Order in the matter of Kyle C. Richards, docket #08-006. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Commissioner Berry-Smith made a motion to accept the Settlement Agreement, stipulation and order in the matter of Mark Ann Cameron, docket # 08-010. Commissioner Dayton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Newberry
POST Executive Assistant