

**Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association
Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission**

**Regular Commission Meeting
April 28, 2009**

Call to Order

The Regular Commission meeting of the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission was called to order on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 10:33 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg West, Mechanicsburg, PA. Chairman Robert Ruxton presided.

Members Present

Chief Bair, Chief Burton, Chief Dorney, Chief Gross, Dick Hammon, Chief Howatt, Accreditation Manager Jarsocrak, Chief Jolley, Chief King, Frank Lavery, Chief Mastroianni, Chief Miller, Chief Murphy, Chief Polnar, Chief Ruxton, Chief Seefeld, Chief Sokoloski, Major Stein, Ron Stern, Andrea Sullivan and Donald Way

Chief Garipoli, Assistant Chief Holl, Chief Kelly, Chief Ogden and Representative Shapiro were absent.

Also present were guests Chief of Police Barry L. Templin, Jr. and Accreditation Manager Michael Croom from Douglass Township Police Department. From Murrysville Police Department was Captain Rob Liermann. From Derry Township Police Department were Chief of Police William Smith and Administrative Assistant Leslie Fuller. From Spring Garden Township Police Department were Chief of Police George J. Swartz and Accreditation Manager/Sergeant David Jay.

Chairman Ruxton welcomed all to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Chief Burton made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 17, 2009 Regular Commission meeting. Ron Stern seconded the motion. All agreed.

Assessment Reports

Douglass Township Review – Chief Cox reported that the Douglass Township Police Department is a well organized, trained and professional police department that has benefited from their previous accreditation and has worked diligently towards becoming accredited again. He noted that it was a pleasure to assess a department that is working towards a decade of PLEAC accreditation. Chief Cox and the assessment team are pleased to recommend that the Commission grant full re-accreditation to the Douglass Township Police Department. Chief Polnar made a motion to accept the recommendation for the re-accreditation of the Douglass Township Police Department. Chief Burton seconded the motion. All agreed.

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Chief Templin thanked Dick Hammon and all who helped the department get through this process. Accreditation Manager Croom said the process was easy seeing that he has retired from this department.

Chairman Ruxton congratulated them on their accomplishment.

Murrysville Review – Chief King reported that the Murrysville Police Department is a dedicated, professional agency with outstanding leadership and has completed their re-accreditation successfully. He commended the department for having all staff members involved in the process. The team highly recommends the Murrysville Police Department for re-accreditation. Retired Chief Mastroianni made a motion to accept the recommendation for the re-accreditation of the Murrysville Police Department. Chief Polnar seconded the motion. All agreed. Chief King and Chief Seefeld abstained from voting.

Chief Seefeld thanked Chief King and the Commission. He said it is a very rewarding process and is truly a team effort. Captain Liermann thanked the mock team and the Commission for making sure the program exists.

Chairman Ruxton congratulated them on their accomplishment.

Derry Township Review – Chief Dorney reported that the Derry Township Police Department is a dedicated, progressive and well-managed law enforcement agency and has completed their re-accreditation successfully. The assessment team recommends them for re-accreditation. Chief Bair made a motion to accept the recommendation for the re-accreditation of the Derry Township Police Department. Chief King seconded the motion. All agreed. Chief Dorney abstained from voting.

Chief Smith indicated that he would be retired by the next time the department must be assessed. He commented that in his opinion the biggest enhancement since MPOETC in 1974 is PLEAC. He thanked the Commission, Assistant Chief Holl and Leslie Fuller for all of their hard work. Leslie Fuller thanked Chief Dorney and Jerry Jarsocrak. She also thanked the Commission for synchronizing the PLEAC assessment with the CALEA assessment.

Chairman Ruxton congratulated and thanked them.

Lower Allen Township Review – Sergeant Rudzinski reported that the Lower Allen Township Police Department is well disciplined, well trained, well organized and well directed and has completed their re-accreditation successfully. The assessment team recommends them for re-accreditation. Chief Burton made a motion to accept the

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recommendation for the re-accreditation of the Lower Allen Township Police Department. Jerry Jarsocrak seconded the motion. All agreed.

Chairman Ruxton congratulated and thanked them.

Spring Garden Township Review – Retired Chief Mastroianni reported that the Spring Garden Township Police Department is a well organized department and the assessment team was impressed with the department's ability to make the most of their cramped quarters. The assessment team is pleased to recommend the Spring Garden Township Police Department for accreditation. Chief Gross made a motion to accept the recommendation for the accreditation of the Spring Garden Township Police Department. Chief King seconded the motion. All agreed. Retired Chief Mastroianni and Major Stein abstained from voting.

Chief Swartz thanked the Commission and Dick Hammon for their help. Sergeant Jay also thanked everyone.

Chairman Ruxton congratulated and thanked them.

Assessor Committee – Chief Gross reported the Assessment Committee met prior to the Regular Commission meeting at 10:00 am and there are 16 applications for new assessors. The applicants are: Tim Amrhein from Jackson Township Police; Carol O. Battistini from Warminster Township Police; Michael Beaty from Whitemarsh Township Police; Jennifer Beidle from Pittsburgh Bureau of Police; Harry K. Clay, Jr. from Hampden Township Police; Christian D. Fishel from State College Borough Police; Michael C. Fritts from Upper Saucon Township Police; Lisa A. Layden from Southwestern Regional Police; Steven D. Lutz from Newberry Township Police; Richard McGarr from Lehigh University Police; James P. McMenemy, Jr., from Lower Merion Township Police; Regina O'Hara from the Pennsylvania State Police; Joseph Shivers from Spring Township Police; Jay P. Smith from Newberry Township Police; Ritchey Troutman from Spring Township Police and Dennis H. Walters from Franklin & Marshall College Campus Police. Chief Gross indicated that all of the applicants should be approved for assessor training. Chief Murphy made a motion to have the applicants accepted for training. Chief Polnar seconded the motion. All agreed.

Standards Committee – Accreditation Manager Jarsocrak indicated there was nothing new to report.

Administrative Committee – Chief Burton indicated there was nothing new to report.

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Strategic Planning Committee – With the absence of Assistant Chief Holl, Dick Hammon informed the Commission there was nothing new to report.

Coordinator's Report

Dick Hammon reported on the number of individuals who attended the accreditation conference. There was a tremendous response with 184 attendees representing 102 departments. CalU, PaPAC and IDS were sponsors for the conference.

Dick suggested that when a change is made in the Standards Manual, each change should be dated; not just noted at the bottom of the page. Jerry Jarsocrak made a motion to date each change. Chief Dorney seconded the motion. All agreed.

Dick reported that HB 1262 has been introduced. This is actually an re-introduction of HB 2548 which was introduced last year by Representative Taylor to amend PCCD's enabling act that would make the funding of accreditation mandatory. The Bill is currently in the House Judiciary Committee for review.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the time restraints during the Wednesday night dinner at the Annual Conference for those being recognized for accreditation and re-accreditation. Chief Gross made a motion to continue this year as we have done in the past. Chief King seconded the motion. All agreed.

He also reported that Chief Kelly had missed the last three meetings and a letter was send to the President of the Southeast regarding this matter as noted in the bylaws. Chief Kelly was unable to attend today's meeting because of being hospitalized.

New Business

Old Business

For the Good of the Order

Chairman Ruxton thanked Dick and Andrea for all of their hard work at the Accreditation Conference.

He also noted that the Commission members should be dressed appropriately at the next scheduled meeting during the PCPA Annual Conference.

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lancaster Host Resort, Lancaster, PA.

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Date of Future Meetings

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. with the location to be determined. The following meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 10:30 am with the location to be determined.

Adjournment

At 11:45 a.m., a motion was made by Chief Burton to adjourn; seconded by Chief Howatt. All agreed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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