

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

**Regular Commission Meeting
November 15, 2018**

Call to Order

The Regular Commission meeting of the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission was called to order on Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 10:32 a.m. at the Harrisburg Area Community College Public Safety Center & Law Enforcement Complex, Harrisburg, PA. Chairman Adams presided.

Members Present

Chief Adams, Chief Benson, Executive Director Blackburn, Captain Crone, Chief William Daly, Richard Hammon, Director Hart, Chief Hiester, Chief Kelly, Frank Lavery, Chief Lesko, Chief MacPherson, Chief Moravec, Chief Murphy, Chief Ogden, Chief Rudzinski, Ron Stern, Andrea Sullivan and Chief Swartz.

Chief Cox, Chief Joseph Daly, Captain Jennings, Chief Jolley, Chief King, Officer Madrak, Chief Van Loan and Chief Walker were absent.

Also present, from the West Whiteland Township Police Department were Chief of Police Joseph Catov, Lieutenant Matthew Herkner, Sergeant Mathew Deceder, Township Manager Mimi Gleason, Township Supervisor Theresa Santalucia and Former Township Supervisor George Turner. From the Swatara Township Police were Chief of Police Darrell Reider, Sergeant Brandon Pokrop and Christine Stoltz.

Chairman Adams welcomed all to the meeting and introduced the new Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, Joseph Blackburn. He asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Commission members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Ron Stern made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 19, 2018 regular Commission meeting. Chief Swartz seconded the motion. All agreed.

Assessment Reports for Consent Agenda

The following agencies have been put on the Consent Agenda for approval: Hampden Township; Philadelphia City; Duquesne University; Solebury Township; Hatfield Township; Swatara Township; Cheltenham Township and Lower Providence Township. A motion was made by Chief Kelly to accept the recommendation for the re-accreditation of these agencies. Chief Hiester seconded the motion. All agreed. Chief Adams, Chief Benson, Chief Cox, Director Hart, Chief Ogden and Chief Rudzinski abstained.

Chairman Adams congratulated all re-accredited agencies.

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Assessment Reports

West Whiteland Township Review – Captain Crone reported that the West Whiteland Township Police Department is a robust agency with practices, facilities and equipment that would be the envy of many. Their organizational philosophies and practices show their continuing commitment to providing superior quality law enforcement services to their community. Their agency is well disciplined, well trained, well organized and well directed. The large number of returned files is not a reflection of what the agency is doing. The team is convinced that, while the files did not initially provide firm indication of this, the agency is doing the things they are to be doing and has embraced the level of professionalism that is required of accreditation. It is the recommendation of the assessment team that the West Whiteland Township Police Department be considered for approval of accreditation by the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. Chief Murphy made the motion to accept the accreditation of the West Whiteland Township Police Department. Ron Stern seconded the motion. All agreed. Captain Crone abstained.

Chief Catov thanked the Commission and said they have worked for this for a long time. He thanked Sergeant Deceder for all of his hard work. They were often short staffed so it was difficult. He then thanked his elected officials. Sergeant Deceder thanked the Commission and the Pennsylvania Chief of Police Association. He said it was a positive experience and he learned a great deal. Township Supervisor Gleason said she has had a positive relationship with the Police Department. Former Supervisor Turner said this had to be done and Sergeant Deceder worked very hard. Chief Catov thanked the assessors for their dedication and hard work. Chief MacPherson thanked the assessment team, as well.

Chairman Adams congratulated them on their accomplishment.

Swatara Township Review – Chief Reider thanked the assessors. He said shortly after their on-site, insurance auditors came in and were impressed with their files and for the Department being accredited. He thanked Sergeant Pokrop and Christine Stoltz for their hard work. Sergeant Pokrop echoed what Chief Reider said. He thanked Chief Benson, the assessment team and Christine Stoltz.

Chairman Adams congratulated them on their accomplishment.

Committee Reports

Assessor Committee – Chief W. Daly reported that the Commission must consider some things for the next meeting. He believes that mocks should be mandatory. He also thinks mocks should be done by PPAC or PLEAC assessors. Also, he would like to know what

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kind of oversight is being provided. Chairman Adams said all points brought up by Chief W. Daly are viable points. He put it back onto the Assessor Committee to deal with and report back. Chief Rudzinski said that mocks are taking more than one day for PowerDMS on-sites and this may be posing a problem.

Standards Committee – With the absence of Chief King, Captain Crone reviewed the minutes from the Standards Committee meetings which were held on August 28, 2018 and September 13, 2018 and the proposed standards changes. Dick Hammon reported that changes to standards are only made on April 1st of each year. Chief Rudzinski made a motion to accept the standards changes; Chief Kelly seconded the motion. All agreed with the exception of Chief W. Daly.

Administrative Committee – Chief Murphy said there is nothing new to report.

Strategic Planning Committee – Chief Kelly reported that there is nothing new to report. Chairman Adams brought up the long term sustainability of the accreditation program to the Strategic Planning Committee. He said a plan should be in place. He would also like the Committee to take a look at growth in the program and for ideas on how to grow the program.

Coordinator's Report

Dick Hammon reported that currently there are four agencies who have requested a six-month extension: Dublin Borough; Sandy Township; Susquehanna Township and Upper Saucon Township. A motion was made by Chief Murphy to accept the extension requests; seconded by Chief Ogden. All agreed.

Dick Hammon reported that the Adams County Sheriff's Office has withdrawn from the program.

He also reported that the number of officers working for accredited agencies has been reported to PCCD. (Attached)

He said the PLEAC Conference will be held on March 25 – 27, 2019 at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel. Amongst other things, there will be a two-hour presentation on Wednesday afternoon regarding evidence issues and how it can happen to you. A motion was made by Chief Murphy to accept the Coordinator's Report; seconded by Chief Lesko. All agreed.

Old Business

Dick Hammon reported that there is no old business.

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New Business

Chairman Adams reported that the Commission has made appointments/re-appointments as follows: appointment by the Northeast Chiefs of Police Association of Douglas J. Higgins, Chief of Police, Dallas Township Police to replace Robert G. Jolley, Chief of Police, Dallas Township Police; appointment by the Northeast Chiefs of Police Association of Donald Bergmann, Chief of Police, University of Scranton Police to replace Roger F. Van Loan, Chief of Police, Bloomsburg Police; re-appointment by the Southeast Chiefs of Police Association of Joseph J. Daly, Chief of Police, Springfield Township Police; re-appointment by the Central Chiefs of Police Association of George J. Swartz, Chief of Police, Spring Garden Township Police; and re-appointment by the President of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, Chief Scott Bohn, of Captain Sean P. Jennings (PA State Police Representative); Accreditation Manager David E. Madrak (Accreditation Manager) and Captain Leon G. Crone, Jr. (President of PPAC). A motion was made by Chief Murphy to accept the nominations to the Commission; seconded by Chief Ogden. All agreed.

Dick Hammon explained the Bucks County Sheriff's Office situation. A motion was made by Chief W. Daly to revoke the accredited status of the Bucks County Sheriff's Office; seconded by Chief Murphy. All agreed. Executive Director Blackburn said that they signed a number of annual reports that indicated they were and have been in compliance. A letter will be sent to the Bucks County Sheriff's Office to inform them to remove all accreditation decals from their cars, etc.

Chief Murphy stated that the Falls Township Police Department has not removed accreditation decals from their cars. Frank Lavery suggested sending a cease and desist letter to the Falls Township Police Department after Dick Hammon makes one more phone call to them.

For the Good of the Order

Dick Hammon said a Doodle Poll will be sent out to Commission members regarding selecting the date of the next meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be March 14, 2019. Location to be determined.

Adjournment

At 12:08 p.m. a motion was made by Chief Benson to adjourn; seconded by Chief W. Daly. All agreed.


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Respectfully submitted,

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To: Kathy Clarke
PCCD Law Enforcement & Technology Unit Supervisor

From: Dick Hammon 
PLEAC Program Coordinator

Date: September 25, 2018

Re: Officers working for accredited agencies

In July 2002, we accredited our first law enforcement agency. Since that time until the end of the 2014 fiscal year, there were 9,883 officers working in accredited agencies.

During the 14/15 fiscal year there were 10,325.

During the 15/16 fiscal year there were 17,037.

During the 16/17 fiscal year there were 17,177.

During the 17/18 fiscal year there were 17,310.

Estimate for 18/19 fiscal year is 17,349.

Over the entire length of the program, we have had agencies who could not meet the standards and were required to leave the program. The number of officers working for those agencies total 830.

According to our records, current totals, that include the 18/19 fiscal year estimates, minus the officers that worked for agencies that dropped out of the program, leave 16,519 officers currently working for an accredited agency.

These numbers are all taken from department profiles that each agency fills out at the time of their accreditation. Each profile is then updated every 3 years at the time of re-accreditation.

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