

COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 11, 2012

ARKANSAS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chairman Bob Harrison. Commission members present:

Chairman Bob Harrison
Vice Chair Butch Morris
Lt. Bobby Walraven
Mr. Cecil Greene
Ms. Jami Cook
Mr. Alonza Jiles
Chief Percy Wilburn
Dr. James Golden
Sheriff Danny Russell
Mr. Barney Reeves
Director Ken Jones

Others present:

Asst. Atty. Gen Meredith Rebsamen
Deputy Dir. Brian Marshall
Stds. Specialist Brad King
Deputy Dir. Fred Weatherspoon
Larry Robinson, Governor's Office
Sue Albritton, Commission Secretary
J. P. French, AG's Office
Steve Shutlz, BRTC-LETA
Wade Hodge, Hearing Officer
Mike Wallace, ASP
Ronnie Poole, ALETA
Jim Hammer, Chief Hughes PD
Maleyki Ross, Hughes PD
David Donham, AR Health Center PD
Christopher Gregory, AR Health Center
Chris Riffe, AR Health Center PD
Deborah Green, Ft. Smith
Bernie Mosley, ALETA

A motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting was made by Commissioner Walraven and seconded by Commissioner Russell. Director Jones presented a very in depth look at the future needs and requirements of the Academy and Commission. He discussed the need for Continuing Education for law enforcement officers and offered thoughts and suggestions for the Commission to consider. Also included in his discussion was the completion time requirement for new law enforcement officers and the need for training as soon as possible. The committee on Firearms Minimum Standards appointed by the Director gave a presentation on Firearms Minimum Standards and will present a final draft at the January meeting for approval. The Director appointed a Continuing Education Committee consisting of Commissioner Cook, Commissioner Golden, and Commissioner Morris, Chief Gary of the Conway PD and Sheriff Montgomery of Baxter County. Commissioner Cook is to be chair of this committee.

Item One: The meeting dates for the upcoming year, 2013, were accepted as January 10, April 11, July 11 and October 10 with a motion by Commissioner Russell and seconded by Commissioner Walraven. Motion passed.

Item Two: Item two was in regard to former Trooper David A. Davenport of the ASP. Commissioner Morris made a motion to go forward with a decertification hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Reeves with Commissioner Cook recusing. Motion passed.

Item Three: Item three was in regard to former Officer Samuel Malone of the West Memphis Police Department. Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to go forward with a decertification hearing. Commissioner Russell seconded. Motion passed.

Item Four: Item four was in regard to former Officer Phillip Frazier of the West Memphis Police Department. Commissioner Morris moved to go forward with decertification and Commissioner Reeves seconded. Motion passed.

Item Five: Item five was pulled from the agenda.

Item Six: Item six was in regard to former Trooper Royce Denny of the ASP. Commissioner Morris made a motion to go forward with a decertification hearing and Commissioner Russell seconded with Commissioner Cook recusing. Motion passed.

Item Seven: Item seven was in regard to Mayflower Chief Billy Paul Baker. Commissioner Walraven made a motion to go forward with a decertification hearing and seconded by Commissioner Wilburn. Motion passed.

Item Eight: Chief David Donham of the AR Health Center Police Department was requesting the Commission to consider recertification of former Officer Christopher Gregory. After reviewing the records and minutes of the hearing, Commissioner Morris made a motion to deny the request. Commissioner Reeves seconded. Motion passed.

Item Nine: Chief Jim Hammer of the Hughes Police Department made a request to the Commission to grant an extension of the probation period for student Maleyki Ross who had failed firearms training at the BRTC-LETA. After discussion Commissioner Wilburn made a motion to deny the request. Commissioner Reeves seconded. And the motion was passed unanimously.

Chief Harrison asked if a special meeting could be held to get caught up on some of the decertification cases that are pending. A date of November 27, 2012 was set for these hearings.

Meredith Rebsamen of the Attorney General's Office presented the consent agreement of former Officer Melodie Cannada for consideration. A motion by Commissioner Russell and a second by Commissioner Jiles with a unanimous vote approved and accepted the Consent Agreement by Ms. Cannada revoking her law enforcement certification.