

LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE

**PDC Building
123 Academy Drive
Dunbar, WV 25064**

August 27, 2026

MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Lieutenant Adam Crawford Representing the WV FOP
Exec Director, Ms. Tia Welch Representing
the WV Human Rights Commission
Mayor Randy Barrett Representing the
WV Municipal League
Retired Cpl. David Gentry Representing the
WV Deputy Sheriffs Association
Sheriff Mike Coffman Representing the
WV Association of Counties
Rob Matheny (Co-Chair) Representing the Public-at-
Large
Sergeant Matt Jarvis Representing the WV Trooper's
Association

MEMBERS REPRESENTED:

Colonel David W Trader, WV DNR Represented, by
Captain Warren Goodson
Sherriff Rick Woodyard, WV Sheriff's Association
Represented by Sheriff Bobby Eggleston
Chief Shawn Schwerfeger WV Chiefs of Police
Represented by Chief Eric Johnson (Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Colonel James Mitchell WVSP Represented by
Capt. Aaron Wood

STAFF:

Ret. Capt. Jess Gundy, Director LEPS
Ms. Paula Dickens, Executive Secretary
Tina Desmond, Director DAS

GUESTS:

Matthew Dayhaw, DAS Accounting
Chelsie Crider, DAS Admin
Lieutenant Ryan Stinson

The August 27, 2026, meeting of the Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairman Eric Johnson. There were Ten (10) members either present or represented, which represents a quorum of the Subcommittee membership, at the start of the meeting.

1. Agenda Item 1 – July 30, 2026, LEPS minutes were presented for approval. Motion made; Sheriff Bobby Eggleton seconded: Sheriff Mike Coffman to approve minutes with no noted changes. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
2. Agenda Item 2 - LEPS Fund Report was provided and discussed. Motion made; Sheriff Mike Coffman seconded: LT Adam Crawford to approve the fund report. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
3. Agenda Item 3 - Consideration of applications for in-service training programs A) Annual In-Service Courses, and B) Combination in-service. Motion made; Sheriff Bobby Eggleton seconded: Mayor Randy Barrett to approve all categories and courses. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
4. Agenda Item 4 - Consideration of applications for Instructor certifications. Motion made; Mayor Rob Matheny seconded: SGT Matt Jarvis to approve the instructor certifications. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
5. Agenda Item 5 LEPS Annual Report Motion made; Mayor Randy Barrett seconded: Sheriff Mike Coffman to approve the LEPS Annual Report The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
6. Agenda Item 6 Tab 2 WVSP Academy Salary Grant changes. Motion made; Sheriff Mike Coffman seconded: Capt. Warren Goodson to approve changes to the WVSP Salary Grant The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast

The Subcommittee went into Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. Motion made; Mayor Randy Barrett seconded: Capt. Warren Goodson to go into executive session. The motion was approved unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. The Subcommittee came out of Executive Session at 10:55 am. Motion made; Capt. Warren Goodson Seconded: Mayor Randy Barrett. The motion was approved unanimously without discussion or questions and no negative votes cast. No action had been taken during the executive session on any of the items discussed.

7. Agenda Item 7 (A) Tab 3 Equivalency Request - Ethan J Jones. Motion made; Sheriff Mike Coffman seconded; Mayor Randy Barrett to continue employment with the Morgantown Police Dept. and attend the (2) week Equivalency/Recertification Training. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

Agenda Item 7 (B) Tab 4 Equivalency Request - Chase Askounes. Motion made; Retired Corporal David Gentry seconded; LT Adam Crawford to continue employment with the Chester Police Department and attend the (2) week Equivalency/Recertification Training. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

8. Agenda Item 8 (A) Tab 5 Appeal of former Basic Officer Modesitt dismissal from the academy. Motion made; Mayor Randy Barrett seconded: Sheriff Bobby Eggleton The motion to abide by WV 30-29-5 where a person may not be conditionally employed as a law-enforcement officer for a period of two years from the date of voluntary separation from the academy. The motion was approved with (1) member abstaining without any discussion and no negative votes cast
9. Agenda Item 9 (A) Tab 6 Officer Out of Compliance at the end of the last training period. - Charles S Hartman- Motion Made; Sheriff Bobby Eggleton seconded: Mayor Randy Barrett to continue employment with no restrictions. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast
10. Agenda Item 10 (A)Tab 7 –Criminal Arrest Review of Basic Class Applicant Zachary P Walke– Motion made; Sheriff Mike Coffin seconded: LT Adam Crawford to continue training with the 204th Basic Academy. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

Agenda Item 10 (B) Tab 8 –Criminal Arrest Review of Basic Class Applicant Brent J Deboard– Did not attend meeting due to being called out on National Guard Duty

11. Agenda Item 11 Tab 9– Personnel Change in Status Report – Motion made; Sheriff Mike Coffman seconded: Ms. Tia Welch to approve the personnel change in status report. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

- 12 Adjournment. There being no further agenda items set for discussion; motion made; Lt Adam Crawford seconded: Ms.Tia Welch meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting 09/24/2026