

LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE
PDC Building
123 Academy Drive
Dunbar, WV 25064

June 26, 2025

MEMBERS' PRESENT: Mayor Rob Matheny, Acting Chairman Representing
Public at Large Member
Exec Director, Ms. Tia Welch Representing
WV Human Rights Commission
Sheriff Mike Coffman Representing
WV Association of Counties
Sergeant Kevin Williams Representing
WV Troopers Association
Mayor Randy Barrett Representing
WV Municipal League
Sheriff Rick Woodyard, Representing
WV Sheriff's Association

MEMBERS REPRESENTED: Colonel Bobby Cales WV DNR Represented by
Captain Warren Goodson
Chief Shawn Schwerfeger WV COP Represented by
Chief Eric Johnson
Colonel James Mitchell WVSP Represented by
Capt. Aaron Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chief Daren McNeil FOP Represented by
Retired Chief Steve Walker, Chairman
Retired Cpl. David Gentry Representing
WV Deputy Sheriff's Association

STAFF: Ms. Tina Desmond, Director DAS
Mr. Bradley Bailey, Assistant Director JCS
Ret. Capt. Jess Gundy, Director LEPS
Mrs. Jaucelyn Egnor, Admin Secretary

GUESTS: Ms. Jodi Tyler WV Attorney General's Office

The June 26, 2025, meeting of the Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Acting Chairman Matheny. There were nine (9) members either present or represented, which represents a quorum of the Subcommittee membership, at the start of the meeting.

1. Agenda Item 1 – May 29, 2025, LEPS minutes were presented for approval. Motion made; Ms. Welch seconded Sheriff Woodyard 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 by Staff. Motion made, Mayor Barrett seconded Capt. Goodson. 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, B) Combined In-Service Courses, motion made, Chief Johnson seconded, Sheriff Coffman to approve both categories and courses. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
4. Agenda Item 4 – Consideration for Instructor Applications. Motion made, Sheriff Coffman seconded Sheriff Woodyard. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
5. Agenda Item 5 Tab 1 - Consideration for the PDC 2025 Fall Training Schedule July - December. Motion made; Sheriff Woodyard seconded Sgt. Williams. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
6. Agenda Item 6 Tab 2 – Consideration of the WV House Bill 2164 that becomes law on July 11, 2025. This Bill allows all schools in WV to employ security personnel and requires the WV Division of Protective Services (Division) to establish minimum recommendations for training for these employees. WV School Safety Officers Basic Academy Training Curriculum pursuant to WV Legislative Rule 149-2-18, Officer Smith and Chief Foreman spoke to the Subcommittee on the proposed training courses. These Officer's will have to have at least 10 years' service in a law enforcement agency or political subdivision and have left the agency in good standing. The curriculum will be 2-days 16 hours of in-service for the School Safety Officer's. The training curricula will be submitted in writing and will be approved by the Law Enforcement Professional Standards Subcommittee of the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction for each fiscal training year. Motion made, Sheriff Coffman seconded, Mayor Barrett to approve the curriculum. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

The Subcommittee went into executive session at 9:27 a.m. Motion made, Sgt. Williams seconded; Chief Johnson approved unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. Motion made, Ms. Welch seconded, Sgt. Williams, to come out of executive session, approved unanimously without discussion or questions and no negative votes cast. The Subcommittee came out of the executive session at 11:35 a.m. no action having been taken during the executive session on any of the items discussed.

7. Agenda Item 7A – Tab 3 - Consideration of Officer One's out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia and admitted into the Equivalency Class. Motion made, Chief Johnson, seconded, Mayor Barrett. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
8. Agenda Item 7B – Tab 4 – Consideration of Officer Two's out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia and admitted into the Equivalency Class. Motion made, Chief Johnson, seconded, Capt. Goodson to approve Officer Two's request pending the polygraph, background, psychological and medical. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
9. Agenda Item 7C – Tab 5 – Consideration of Officer Three's out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia and admitted into the Equivalency Class. Motion made, Sgt. Williams, seconded Ms. Welch. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast
10. Agenda Item 7D Tab 6 – Consideration of Officer Four's out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia and admitted into the Equivalency Class. Motion made, Sgt. Williams, seconded Capt. Wood. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast
11. Agenda Item 8A Tab 7 – Consideration of Officer One's request to be allowed to reactivate Officer One's West Virginia Law Enforcement Certification. This Officer was tabled from the May meeting to provide training documents to the Subcommittee. Motion made, Sheriff Woodyard, seconded Capt. Goodson to allow Officer One to apply for the Equivalency Course. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
12. Agenda Item 8B Tab 8 – Consideration of Officer Two's request to be allowed to reactivate Officer Two's West Virginia Law Enforcement Certification. Motion made, Sheriff Coffman seconded Sgt. Williams. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

13. Agenda Item 9 Tab 9 –Consideration for Personnel Change in Status Report. Motion made, Sgt. Williams seconded Capt. Goodson to approve without additions or corrections. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

Sgt. Williams brought up a non-agenda item about officers out of compliance at the end of the training period and what should be done with their certifications if they were found to be out of compliance. Motion was made, by Sgt. Williams to issue a stop work order to all officers out of compliance as of June 30, 2025. The motion also included the option for LEPS Staff to lift the order if officers had their training during the training period but had not turned it in yet. Seconded Sheriff Coffman. The motion was approved unanimously with without any further discussion and no negative votes cast.

There being no further agenda items set for discussion; a motion was made by Mayor Barrett, seconded Sgt. Williams to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.