## LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE

PDC Building 123 Academy Drive Dunbar, WV 25064

March 27, 2025

MEMBERS' PRESENT: Sheriff Mike Coffman Representing

WV Association of Counties Mayor Randy Barrett Representing

WV Municipal League

Retired Cpl. David Gentry Representing WV Deputy Sheriff's Association

Sheriff Rob Matheny Representing

Public at Large Member (Acting Chairman)

Sergeant Kevin Williams Representing

WV Troopers Association
Chief Daren McNeil Representing
Fraternal Order of Police
Sheriff Rick Woodyard Representing

WV Sheriff's Association

MEMBERS REPRESENTED: Colonel Bobby Cales WV DNR Represented by

Captain Warren Goodson

Exec Director, Ms. Tia Welch WV Human Rights Commission Represented by Joe Saunders Chief Shawn Schwerfeger WV COP Represented by

Chief Eric Johnson

Colonel James Mitchell WVSP Represented by

Captain Aaron Wood

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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. Kaitlyn Powers, Esq. WV Department Homeland

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The March 27, 2025, meeting of the Law Enforcement Professional Standards (LEPS) Subcommittee was called to order by Acting Chairman Matheny, at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Walker was not in attendance. There were eleven (11) members either present or represented, which represents a quorum of the Subcommittee membership, at the start of the meeting.

- Agenda Item 1 February 27, 2025, LEPS minutes were presented for approval. Motion made; Chief Johnson seconded Sgt. Williams 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, Sgt. Williams seconded, Mayor Barrett. 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, motion made, Mayor Barrett, seconded, Sgt. Williams. B) Supervisory In-Service Courses, motion made, Mayor Barrett, seconded, Capt. Goodson. C) Combined In-Service Courses, motion made, Mayor Barrett seconded, Chief McNeil. The motions were 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 WVSP Academy Ammo Request Application. Motion made, Mayor Barrett, seconded, Capt. Goodson. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 6. Agenda Item 6 Tab 2 Consideration for the Position Statement concerning Eric Judd. Motion made, Sgt. Williams, seconded, Mayor Barrett motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

The Subcommittee went into executive session at 9:08 a.m. Motion made, Sgt. Williams seconded; Chief Johnson approved unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. Motion made, Mayor Barrett 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 11:48 a.m., no action having been taken during the executive session on any of the items discussed.

- 7. Agenda Item 7A Tab 3 Consideration Level II Instructor. Motion made, Sgt. Williams, seconded Ret. Cpl. Gentry. The motion was approved by majority vote with one member abstaining.
- 8. Agenda Item 8 Tab 4 Consideration of Officer One's out of state certification to be transferred to West Virginia and admitted into the Equivalency Class. Motion made, Capt. Goodson, seconded, Capt. Wood. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 9. Agenda Item 9A Tab 5 Consideration of Officer One's request to be allowed to enter the Academy's 200<sup>th</sup> Basic Class. Motion made, Capt. Goodson, seconded Chief McNeil to allow Officer One's request. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 10. Agenda Item 9B Tab 6 Consideration of Officer Two's request to be allowed to enter the Academy's 200<sup>th</sup> Basic Class. Motion made, Chief Johnson, seconded Sheriff Woodyard to allow Officer Two's request. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 11. Agenda Item 9C Tab 7 Consideration of Officer Three's request to be allowed to enter the Academy's 200<sup>th</sup> Basic Class. Motion made, Chief Johnson, seconded Mayor Barrett to allow Officer Three's request. The motion was approved by majority vote with one member abstaining.
- 12. Agenda Item 10A Tab 8 Consideration of Officer One's request to reactivate Officer One's West Virginia Law Enforcement Certification. Motion made Sgt. Williams seconded Mayor Barrett to revoke Officer One's West Virginia Law Enforcement Certification. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 13. Agenda Item 10B Tab 9 Consideration of Officer Two's request to be reactivated and admitted to the Recertification Class. Motion made, Mayor Barrett, seconded Mr. Joe Saunders to approve Officer Two's request. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.
- 14. Agenda Item 11 Tab 10 Consideration for Personnel Change in Status Report. Motion made Sgt. Williams seconded Mayor Barrett to approve without additions or corrections. The motion was approved unanimously without any discussion and no negative votes cast.

There being no further agenda items set for discussion; a motion was made by Sgt. Williams, seconded Mayor Barrett to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously without discussion and no negative votes cast. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.