

DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
POLICE TRAINING COMMISSION

Police Training Commission Meeting #332

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

AGENDA

Location: Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 4th Floor Conference Center

- Call to Order
- Salute to the Flag
- Announcement Concerning the "Open Public Meetings Law"
- Correspondence from Deputy Chief Jason Love regarding new Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute Director

SECTION 1

Consideration of the **Minutes** of the Commission Meeting of October 2, 2019

Report by the Chairperson of the Appeals and Legislative Committee

SECTION 2 Appeals Received by the Police Training Commission

2A Appeals Received by the Police Training Commission – Instructor Certification Revocations

IMO Revocation of the PTC Certification of Sidney Terrell

Sidney Terrell, who was serving as the Director of the Police Academy for the Atlantic County Department of Public Safety, appeals the revocation of his PTC Instructor Certification. His certification was revoked after he allegedly kicked a recruit in the calf muscle.

2B Appeals Received by the Police Training Commission – Recruit Dismissals

Michael A. Romero v. Essex County Police Academy

Recruit appeals from his dismissal from the Essex County Police Academy ("the Academy") for a rule violation, specifically for being charged with shoplifting.

Jason Martin v. Mercer County Police Academy

Recruit appeals from his dismissal from the Mercer County Police Academy ("the Academy") for a rule violation, specifically being found in possession of an allegedly open bottle of alcohol in his vehicle, as well as fake money, during a credential check of the recruits.

Chantell Diaz v. John H. Stamler Police Academy

Recruit appeals from her dismissal from the John H. Stamler Police Academy ("the Academy") for multiple violations of Academy Rules and Regulations.

Celia Vaughn v. Passaic County Police Academy

Recruit appeals from her dismissal from the Passaic County Police Academy ("the Academy") for failure to successfully complete the push-ups component of the physical fitness standards.

Renee T. Wilson v. Passaic County Police Department

Recruit appeals from her dismissal from the Passaic County Police Academy ("the Academy") for failure to successfully complete the push-ups component of the physical fitness standards.

2C Appeals Referred to the Office of Administrative Law

Norberto Batista, Jr. v. Bergen County Police Academy

Recruit appeals from his dismissal from the Bergen County Police Academy ("Academy") due to him not performing the number of requisite sit-ups. Among his claims is that the Academy "failed to provide the appropriate amount of required mandated remedial training relating to the 'sit-up' component of the Physical Assessment test.

2D Appeals Closed

Michael Neves v. John H. Stamler Police Academy

Recruit appeals from his dismissal from the John H. Stamler Police Academy ("Academy") due to him failing the use of force exam. A letter had been sent to the recruit on September 4, 2019, giving him thirty (30) days to provide additional information raising a factual or legal dispute. His subsequent letter, received September 27, 2019, did not create a legal or factual dispute. Therefore, his case was closed.

2E **Initial Decisions Received from the Office of Administrative Law**

Kevin J. Baxter, Jr. v. Cape May County Police Academy

The ALJ approved the settlement agreement reached by the parties. Under the settlement agreement, the recruit shall immediately submit an irrevocable letter of voluntary withdrawal from the Cape May County Police ("Academy"), which shall have an effective date of May 30, 2017. The Academy will rescind the dismissal notice. The recruit will not seek admission to the Academy or employment in the Sea Isle City Police Department in the future.

Ryan Andrick v. Cape May County Police Academy

The ALJ approved the settlement agreement reached by the parties. Under the settlement agreement, the recruit shall immediately submit an irrevocable letter of voluntary withdrawal from the Cape May County Police ("Academy"), which shall have an effective date of May 30, 2017. The Academy will rescind the dismissal notice. The recruit will not seek admission to the Academy or employment in the Sea Isle City Police Department in the future.

SECTION 3 Proposed Legislation/Academy Certification/Re-Certification

- 3A Consideration of a Request from the Bergen County Law & Public Safety Institute for Academy Certification
- 3B Consideration of a Request from the Cape May County Public Safety Training Center Academy Certification
- 3C Consideration of a Request from the Gloucester County Police Academy for Academy Certification
- 3D Consideration of a Request from the Monmouth County Police Academy Re-Certification
- 3E Consideration of a Request from the Morris Police Academy for Academy Re-Certification
- 3F Consideration of a Request from the Passaic County Police Academy for Academy Re-Certification
- 3G Consideration of a Request from the John H. Stamler Police Academy for Academy Re-Certification

SECTION 4 Consideration of **Extensions of Training Time** for County Corrections Officers, Humane Law Enforcement Officers and Juvenile Detention Officers

- 4A Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for County Corrections Officer, Beth Rhodes (Salem County Correctional Facility).
- 4B Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Three Humane Law Enforcement Officers (Glen Rock Police Department)
- 4C Consideration of a Request for an Extension of Training Time for Juvenile Detention Officer, Richard J. Luthcke (Sussex County Juvenile Detention Center).

Conclusion of the Report of the Appeals and Legislative Committee

Report by the Chairperson of the Standards Committee

SECTION 5 Curriculum Issues

- 5A Consideration of Waiver Curriculum for Basic Course for County Correctional Police Officer (BCCCO) to Sheriff's Officer (BCPO)

SECTION 6 Academy Issues

- 6A Discussion concerning the Pre-Academy Physical Fitness Standard

SECTION 7 Instructor Issues

NONE

Conclusion of the Report of the Standards Committee

SECTION 8 Reports/LEOTEF

- 8A Status Report of the Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund (LEOTEF)

SECTION 9 Committees & Special Reports

9A PTC Computer System Update

SECTION 10 Miscellaneous

10A Good and Welfare

2020 Commission Meeting Dates

10B Public Comments

Next Commission Meeting is Monday, February 3, 2020