

**Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association
Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission**

**Regular Commission Meeting
November 12, 2014**

Call to Order

The Regular Commission meeting of the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission was called to order on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 10:43 a.m. at the Lower Paxton Township Police Department, Harrisburg, PA. Chairman Gross presided.

Members Present

Chief Adams, Joe Blackburn, Lieutenant Crone, Chief William Daly, Chief Dorney, Chief Gross, Director Hart, Director Johnson, Chief Kelly, Chief King, Chief Lesko, Ron Stern, Andrea Sullivan, Chief Van Loan, Chief Walker and Chief Inspector Williams.

Chief Cox, Chief Joseph Daly, Chief Jolley, Frank Lavery, Chief Murphy, Chief Ogden, Accreditation Manager O'Hara, Lieutenant Wendt and Chief Zydonik were absent.

Also present, from Bensalem Township Police Department, were Director of Public Safety Frederick Harran, Deputy Director of Public Safety Pat Ponticelli, Lieutenant Robert Lynady, Lieutenant Edward Kisselback, III, Corporal George Price, Janet Schwartz, Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo, Township Manager William Cmorey, Councilman Edward Kisselback, Councilman Tony Belfield, Joe Schwartz, Kerry Lynady and Jessica Price.

Chairman Gross welcomed all to the meeting. Commission members introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Ron Stern made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2014 Regular Commission meeting. Chief Adams seconded the motion. All agreed.

Assessment Reports for Consent Agenda

The following agencies have been put on the Consent Agenda for approval: Allentown City; Northampton County Sheriff's and Forks Township. A motion was made by Chief Adams to accept the recommendation for the re-accreditation for these agencies. Chief Lesko seconded the motion. All agreed. Chief Dorney and Chief King abstained from voting.

Chairman Gross congratulated all re-accredited agencies.

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Assessment Reports

Bensalem Township Review – Lieutenant Crone reported that the Bensalem Township Police Department was well prepared for their assessment. They are a progressive agency and they embrace a philosophy of being on the cutting edge of the profession with the services they provide. The agency has a local DNA database with more than 9,000 profiles recorded. The department also houses a central booking center and was the first to provide Phlebotomy services to increase efficiency of DUI processing. In addition to the aforementioned programs and services, the Bensalem Township Police Department provides a variety of specialized units and services to the community. This assessment was the first in the program to use PowerDMS as the assessment platform. Both the program and the agency distinguished themselves by affording an easy to navigate, well presented assessment. It is without reservation that the assessment team recommends the Bensalem Township Police Department be considered for accredited status.

Chief King made a motion to accept the accreditation of the Bensalem Township Police Department. Ron Stern seconded the motion. All agreed.

Director Harran said he appreciates the opportunity to go through the accreditation process. He has incredible people working with him. Also, he said the police department has the support of the Council. He is in the best position any Chief could be in and proud to be a part of the accreditation process, which he felt went very smoothly. Mayor DiGirolamo thanked the Commission for consideration and adoption. He's very proud and said the cost is minimal for the accreditation program. He publically thanked Lieutenant Lynady for his great service. He reported that Money Magazine listed Bensalem Township as the 46th greatest place to live in the country. They work as a team, as we all should, to be successful. Lieutenant Lynady said it was difficult but a pleasure working through the accreditation process. It feels good to have accomplished this. He is very happy and proud. Joe Blackburn said what they've done with PowerDMS blazes a trail for what is to come. He thanked them for sharing their information and applauded them for being the first to use PowerDMS in the accreditation process.

Chairman Gross congratulated them on their accomplishment.

Assessor Committee – Director Johnson indicated there was nothing to report.

Standards Committee – Chief King reported that the Standards Committee met on September 29, 2014 and is continuing to work on updating/adding necessary standards, such as eye witness identification, elderly abuse and automated red light camera, as well as much discussion regarding standard 3.6.1 (e). Lieutenant Crone explained the

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PLEAC/CALEA crosswalk document. Chief Inspector Williams made a motion to accept the Standards Committee report. Chief Adams seconded the motion. All agreed.

Administrative Committee – With the absence of Chief Murphy, Joe Blackburn indicated there was nothing to report.

Strategic Planning Committee – Chief Gross indicated there was nothing to report.

Coordinator's Report

Joe Blackburn reported that he wants to plan an Assessor Committee meeting regarding training assessors for PowerDMS and include the training in the 2015 Accreditation Conference. He also wants to plan a Strategic Planning Committee meeting. His intention is to keep both types of assessments (paper file assessments and PowerDMS assessments) in place. Director Johnson made a motion to accept the Coordinator's Report. Chief William Daly seconded the motion. All agreed.

New Business

Chief Gross indicated that the following nominations have been made: re-appointment by the Western Chiefs of Police Association of Thomas M. Hart, Director of Public Safety, Duquesne University; re-Appointment by the Northeast Chiefs of Police Association of Robert G. Jolley, Chief of Police, Dallas Township Police; re-appointment by the Southeast Chiefs of Police Association of Joseph J. Daly, Chief of Police, Springfield Township Police; re-appointment by the Central Chiefs of Police Association of Thomas C. Gross, Chief of Police, York Area Regional Police; re-appointment by the President of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, Chief William Kelly of Chief of Police Raymond F. Zydonik (Chief of an Accredited Department); Lieutenant Gerhard W. Wendt (PA State Police Representative); Accreditation Manager Regina M. O'Hara (Accreditation Manager) and Lieutenant Leon G. Crone, Jr. (President of PPAC); re-appointment of additional members of the Commission: Frank J. Lavery, Jr. Esquire (Lavery, Faherty, Young & Patterson, PC); Ron Stern, Local Government Policy Specialist (Department of Community & Economic Development); and Grayling G. Williams, Chief Inspector (Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General). Chief Zydonik wanted it noted in the minutes that he was not able to attend the meeting because he was participating in the Harrisburg City Police Department's on-site. A motion was made by Chief Lesko to accept the nominations. Chief William Daly seconded the motion. All agreed.

Joe Blackburn also reported that the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Security approached him a few months ago and expressed an interest in becoming accredited. Joe explained their responsibilities to the Commission and said they have arrest powers. He said just as many standards apply to them as to the Sheriff's. Most of their officers are

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Act 120 trained and they are a State agency. Joe will ask them to come before the Commission at the next meeting to present their case.

For the Good of the Order

Chief Kelly reported that the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus came to the Pennsylvania Chief of Police Association about doing something to prohibit choke holds. They said maybe their entity should be encouraging accreditation and its potential benefits. Chief Kelly said there is an aspect about this program that we may have not realized.

Chief Gross announced the scheduled on-sites for new agencies.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. and will be held at the Harrisburg East Holiday Inn, Harrisburg, PA.

Adjournment

At 12:20 p.m., a motion was made by Chief Dorney to adjourn; seconded by Lieutenant Crone. All agreed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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