

CONN PAC MEETING

MINUTES

Date: October 2, 2014

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Department of Public Safety, Middletown, CT

Attendees: Avon, Bethel, Berlin, Bloomfield, Coventry, Darien, East Hampton, East Hartford, Enfield, Glastonbury, Groton City, Guilford, Judicial, Manchester, Meriden, Monroe, Norwalk, Simsbury, State Capitol.

Meeting called to order by President Thomas Kulhawik

Secretary's Report: Motion made by East Hartford and seconded by Monroe to accept minutes of August 7, 2014 meeting as presented. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Balance \$5,222.16. Motion made by East Hartford and seconded by Judicial Marshals to accept report as presented. Motion carries.

Introductions:

New Members and Guests: Lt. Tom Cossette from Meriden.

Announcements:

New Regional representative for PowerDMS is Brad Simmons. /He was previously a Captain with a Sheriff's Department. He is striving to make the system more law enforcement friendly. Enfield will contact to arrange for him to come to a meeting.

Correspondence:

Thank you from Wounded Warrior Project for donation in memory of Steve Mitchell.

Old Business:

Dues Assessments: Canton, Danbury, East Hampton, Judicial Marshals, Meriden and South Windsor still outstanding.

PowerDMS contracts:

Discussion over whether PowerDMS contract is in compliance with CALEA standard. Evidence.com also may not be in compliance. Chief Kulhawik will check directly with CALEA.

Accreditation/Reaccreditation:

Completed:

Manchester Reaccred: August 24-27th: Went well

Guilford Reaccred: Received award

Milford State Tier III reaccred: onsite complete but pending

Scheduled:

Capitol Police: November 9-12th. Public Notice handed out. Assessors are Chief Brian Childress from Valdosta, Ga. and Capt. James Parker from Greenville, Md.

Norwalk: December 7-10th Assessors are Chief David Belmonte from Lake Bluff, Il and Sergeant Richard Bens from Lebanon, Oh.

Mocks Scheduled: Norwalk: October 10th
UCONN: unknown
Farmington: November 3rd

New Business:

PowerPoint Training has been posted on the CONNPAC website for:

- Preparing for an Onsite
- Mock Assessor training

CONNPAC officer nominations will be requested at the December meeting and elections will take place at the February meeting. Anyone interested in an officer position please notify Chief Kulhawik.

December meeting is our holiday meeting. Discussion over having a breakfast meeting as last year. Meriden will check on availability of the same place.

PREA: Chief Palmer and Dennis Harrell will put together formal presentation on assessment. The Federal law took effect August 2012 and encompasses lockups that hold prisoners overnight. No sanctions for local but State must comply within 3 years or will get 5% reduction in Department of Justice funding. Approximately 40 standards

(280 bullets). Not seeking a compliance assessment could play into lawsuit if a sexual assault should occur in lockup. The standards can be requested in PowerDMS with no additional fee. Physical Audit is through private contractors and will take 1-4 days. CALEA is a partner in trying to promote compliance with standards but will not be incorporating the PREA standards. Department of Corrections is looking to have their first facility assessed in November or December. PREA online Investigator certificate is a 3hour online course with a test. Only a handful of the standards require written directives. Most are related to training, practices and facilities.

Motion to adjourn made by Monroe and seconded by East Hartford. Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting December 5, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Chief Susan Zecca
Norwalk Police Department
CONN PAC Secretary