

CONN PAC MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 3, 2017, 10am

Location: CT Department of Public Safety HQ, Middletown CT

Attendees: Avon, Bloomfield, Capitol Police, Coventry, Darien, East Haven, Enfield, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby, Greenwich, Groton City, Guilford, Judicial Marshals, Madison, Norwalk, UCONN.

Meeting called to order by President Chief Thomas Kulhawik at 10:15 AM.

The Secretary was not present for this meeting. Minutes of the June 2017 meeting were presented by Pres. Kulhawik. Motion to accept the minutes made by Farmington and seconded by Coventry. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$1,499.96 with no bills currently pending. At this time approx. 1/3 of the member agencies have paid their annual dues. Motion to accept made by Coventry and seconded by Madison. Motion carried.

Introductions:

New Members : Off. Kershen Bissette, New AM – East Haven PD, Lt. David Nemecek, New AM – Greenwich PD, Lt. Doug Smith AM – Trumbull PD., and Chief Mike Spellman, New Chief of Police, Groton City PD.

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Old Business:

Accreditation/Reaccreditation:.

Mocks Requested:

Trumbull.....September 6-----State Tier 1

UConn.....September 12-----CALEA.

Norwalk.....September (to be determined)-----CALEA

Farmington.....October 27-----CALEA

Norwalk, Bloomfield, & Coventry provided information and discussed their impressions of the CALEA Conference held July 26 – 29 in Providence RI:

- There were not many CT agencies at the conference and attendance in general appeared low.
- Much of the training was typical of a CALEA conference with only the Use of Force Data Training standing out.
- In both the PAC President's meeting and the SRIC, most of the discussion centered over a disagreement regarding Appendix G, which was issued with the 6th edition standards, and the question of compliance with Appendix G. by agencies who are still working under the 5th edition. Commissioners and administrative staff contend that it was never a practice that years of compliance be staggered in bulleted standards, while Program Managers, Assessors, and agency Accreditation Managers point out that the staggering of years was outlined in CALEA's own program manual and was taught in classes and assessor training. The matter was finally tabled.
- CIMRS appears to be working well for agencies who have already started using it in their annual compliance review and it will eventually replace the annual status report.

POST Update: Provided by Chief Kulhawik

- Power DMS may be required for the state program beginning next year. It may prove to be more efficient as it can keep the assessors who are provided by their agencies in most cases from having to travel across the state as frequently, and provide a better assessment as they will not be under quite as much of a time restraint as on a one day on-site;
- The cost for Power DMS for state accreditation is \$850.00. CALEA agencies receive a \$250.00 discount
- POST may require agencies seeking state accreditation to prepare for their initial on-site within a certain amount of time. There have been some cases where an agency has begun the process and in 8-10 years has not had their initial on-site.
- POST will now have the option to grant accreditation with conditions. This has not been done in the past and it is anticipated that the 1st accreditation with conditions imposed will be granted in the near future.
- Bill Tanner is still working by himself doing accreditation, compliance audits, and certifications.
- Agencies are still requesting an Accreditation Manager class. Chief Kulhawik will bring the issue up with Bill Tanner to try and get a class scheduled.

New Business:

Farmington will be hosting a training session at their agency on August 8, 2017 given by the State's Attorney and dealing with FOI laws. This may be especially helpful with a new public act

regarding information on juveniles taking effect on Oct. 1. There is a 75 person capacity in their training room and there are still some seats left.

The December holiday breakfast is scheduled for December 7th. Same as last year, Sheraton Four Points in Meriden beginning at 9AM with breakfast after a short meeting. At this point it is anticipated that the PAC will be able to cover the cost for all attending agencies.

Accreditation documentation for the State Lab has been placed on the PAC website for agencies to download as a proof.

POST Academy accreditation has expired with CALEA and they have not yet scheduled a re-accreditation.

Chief Kulhawik reiterated that there is a charge of \$100.00 for agencies requesting a mock when those agencies have not participated in at least one PAC activity during the previous year.

Farmington announced that they are adopting the "National Defense Service Ribbon" as a new award for employees who serve in the military while employed with the agency.

Motion to adjourn made by Coventry, seconded by Madison, and carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Off. Thomas Pyrcz
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