



CONNECTICUT POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING



DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL – ACCREDITATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 30, 2025

9:00 A.M.

Zoom Meeting

<https://ctdespp.zoom.us/j/82986139633>

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present: Chief Paul Melanson, Officer Florencio Cotto, Jonathan Slifka

Committee Members Not Present: Chief Roberto Rosado (called to report unable to attend);
David Koschuk

Other Attendees: Chief Thomas Wydra, Jessica Gouveia, Jessica Blank, Jennie Rivera, Brian
Budd, Lois Pisani

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Melanson at 9:02 A.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Tier I

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| 1. Oxford Police Department | Tier I |
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B. Tier II (1-3)

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| 1. Burlington Police Department | Tier II |
| 2. Somers Police Department | Tier II |
| 3. Stafford Police Department | Tier II |

C. Tier III (1- 11)

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| 1. Brookfield Police Department | Tier III |
| 2. East Hartford Police Department (CALEA ADV) | Tier III |
| 3. East Haven Police Department (CALEA LE-1) | Tiers II and III |
| 4. Enfield Police Department (CALEA ADV) | Tier III |
| 5. Farmington Police Department (CALEA ADV) | Tier III |
| 6. Groton Town Police Department (CALEA ADV) | Tier III |
| 7. Redding Police Department | Tier III |
| 8. Ridgefield Police Department | Tier III |
| 9. Stonington Police Department | Tiers II and III |
| 10. West Haven Police Department | Tier III |
| 11. Yale Police Department | Tier III |

Motion to move items A1 through C11 forward to full Council by Officer Florencio Cotto; seconded by Jonathan Slifka; no abstentions; no discussion.

D. Announcement regarding the members of the working subgroup for the 7th edition accreditation standards manual

Jessica Blank identified individuals to participate in a sub-group that will be convened to evaluate the 7th edition of the Accreditation Standards Manual. Officer Cotto suggests the addition of Captain Michael Fumiatti from the New Haven PD to the sub-group.

Chief Melanson mentioned that he met recently with the CONN-PAC (CT Police Accreditation Coalition) to discuss accreditation standards and the proofing process within the guidance issued by the POST Academy. He added that he received comments about how POST staff have been great with assistance provided with accreditation assessments.

OLD BUSINESS

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Exploring Digital Accreditation Management Systems

Jessica Blank spoke about PowerAccred for assessment management, which would work with PowerDMS at local agencies to streamline the process.

Jennie Rivera is aware of 3 agencies that do not utilize PowerDMS. Jennie to provide Chief Melanson with list of agencies that do not have PowerDMS, so that he can reach out to see where they are at with getting PowerDMS.

Brian Budd indicated that about 85% of resident trooper offices have PowerDMS, but shared that he knows of at least one agency -- Barkhamstead -- using a different digital platform called Badge 6, which is about ½ the price of PowerDMS.

B. Discussion on the Accreditation Process for 2026

Director Blank proposed a four-year cycle to start in 2026. Agencies would be required to proof a specified number of standards per tier (for e.g., 50 standards for Tier 1; 30 standards for Tier 2, 20 standards for Tier 1). POST staff would conduct a random audit of 25% of the proofed standards.

Every agency would get a set audit date. The audits would be remote, except for a single in person visit on year 4.

Director Blank has confidence that agencies will be able to meet compliance in the 4 years cycle and indicated that POST would work with agencies and any standard issues in years 1-3 would be followed up on in year 4.

This process aims to alleviate the administrative burden on POST and agency accreditation managers, streamlining overall operations.

The process will be rolled out with the 7th edition of the manual.

C. Social Justice Advisory Committee recommendations that POSTC referred to accreditation subcommittee

Chief Melanson added this item to the agenda.

The subcommittee discussed the recommendations by the Social Justice Advisory Committee to add the following to state accreditation: (1) require law enforcement units to post census annually; and (2) require law enforcement units to publish selected policies on website.

Chief Melanson will report to Post Council that subcommittee agrees with above recommendations.

Chief Melanson will contact Chief Riddick to discuss which policies the Social Justice Advisory Committee is seeking to have posted on law enforcement units' websites.

ADJOURNMENT

Chief Melanson adjourned meeting.