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OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013

HELD AT THE

OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY

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RICHFIELD, OHIO 44286

MINUTES

I. OPENING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Vernon Stanforth called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
Ms. Linda O'Connor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Ms. Donna Long called the Roll.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth
Sergeant Troy Mineard
Ms. Linda O'Connor
Chief Paul Denton
Colonel John Born
Sheriff Michael Heldman
Mr. Stephen Schumaker

B. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Mr. Jeff Clark

Attorney General's Office

GUESTS AND STAFF

Mr. Thomas Quinlan
Mr. Stephen Merrifield

Columbus Police Academy
Cleveland Police Academy

Mr. Brandon Kutz	Cleveland Police Academy
Ms. Kathleen Barch	COTC
Mr. Rodney Armstrong	Security/OPISS Commission
Mr. Tim Sansbury	Columbus Police
Mr. Lloyd Bratz	DARE America
Mr. William McGee	Kent State University
Ms. Catherine Kieley	Kent State University
Mr. Perry Tabak	Kent State University/CFPD
Mr. Eric Landversicht	Ohio Department of Education
Mr. Robert Fiatal	OPOTC Executive Director
Ms. Donna Long	OPOTC Secretary
Ms. Jessica Didion	OPOTA Deputy Director
Ms. Alice Robinson-Bond	OPOTC Deputy Director
Mr. Justin Hykes	OPOTC Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Lori Rinehart	OPOTC Staff
Ms. Brittany Thompson	OPOTC Staff
Mr. Roger Le	OPOTC Staff
Ms. Toni DiSalvo	OPOTC Staff

II. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Approval of Minutes

Colonel John Born motioned that the minutes of the March 21, 2013 meeting be approved, Chief Paul Denton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed favorably.

Chairperson Stanforth gave thanks to the OPOTA Staff for their work and dedication to the 2013 Ohio Peace Officer Memorial Ceremony. He has received many compliments on the ceremony.

III. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Chief Paul Denton
Committee Chairperson

Chairperson Denton had nothing to report. That concluded the Curriculum Committee Report.

IV. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Sergeant Troy Mineard
Committee Chairperson

Sgt. Troy Mineard stated that the academy staff is tracking 30 bills that have been introduced. He asked Mr. Schumaker if he had any reports on the Internet Cafes. Mr. Schumaker stated that a great deal of activity has been going in the legislature. Once a decision is made we will know which direction to go in.

That concluded the Legislative Committee Report.

V. HOUSE COMMITTEE

Colonel John Born
Committee Chairperson

Colonel John Born stated there was nothing to report. That concluded the House Committee Report.

VI. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COMMITTEE

Committee Chairperson

Chairperson Stanforth named Sheriff Michael Heldman as Committee Chairperson for the Continuing Professional Training Committee.

Mr. Fiatal stated that the statute requires an announcement made for Mandatory CPT for 2014 by October 15, 2013.

That concluded the Continuing Professional Training Committee Report.

STAFF REPORT

VII. COMMISSION AND ACADEMY UPDATES

Executive Director Robert Fiatal

Mr. Fiatal addressed the Police Rifle/Carbine Standard Qualification Course which was presented to the OPOTC during the March 21, 2013 meeting. Mr. Fiatal had asked the OPOTC to accept the course with a voluntary requalification course of fire beginning January 2014 and becoming a mandatory course of fire in January 2015. This procedure worked well with the implementation of the Semi-Auto Pistol Course in the past.

MOTION

Chief Denton made the motion to approve the adoption of the new Police Rifle/Carbine Qualification course with a transition implementation beginning January 2014 as voluntary and mandatory in January 2015. The motion was seconded by Sgt. Mineard. After the discussion a vote was taken and passed favorably.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Schumaker asked for Mr. Fiatal to summarize the changes. Mr. Fiatal stated that the biggest change is realizing the application of a police rifle. This is not a scope rifle used by operational tactical teams, this is a police rifle used in various incidents by our patrol. It is the long gun weapon of choice for some agencies. Colonel Born confirmed that Ohio State Highway Patrol is in the process of having one weapon in each vehicle.

This course will make the requalification course more realistic, with time to practice and train in marksmanship and accuracy. Colonel Born agreed with the transition period and implementation. Chief Denton stated that there was a reduction in the rounds; Mr. Fiatal agreed the rounds were reduced to 25 rounds. This is a requalification course and it will be emphasized that training is still essential.

Mr. Fiatal stated that through E-OPOTA we are about to deploy a Constitutional Application of Deadly Force Course. We would like to do a lesson plan and distribute to all certified requalification firearms instructors as well as the heads of agencies with the recommendation that they use it to brief their officers at their annual requalification's and other training opportunities.

Mr. Fiatal stated that at the March OPOTC meeting Chief Ferrell asked for a report on the course equivalency protocol, better known as the Trainer of Trainer. This was done in response to Colonel Born's request for further consideration for universal applicant course equivalency approval by OPOTC as purposed to making future TOT course equivalency agency pacific. An electronic copy will be sent to OPOTC members for review.

The last item under the Commission and Academy Updates is Mr. Fiatal's current position. Mr. Fiatal stated that he has been asked to take on a full time position with "The Safe Neighbor Initiative" in Akron, Ohio. Therefore, beginning Monday, May 20, 2013 Mary Davis will be the Acting Executive Director until the position can be filled.

Mr. Schumaker stated Mr. Fiatal worked hard, he was tireless, and believes in the mission for OPOTA. Mr. Schumaker thanked Mr. Fiatal for his service to OPOTA, OPOTC, as well as the Attorney General's Office, and looks forward to seeing Mr. Fiatal take that same ambition with this new position. Mr. Schumaker stressed that the progress at OPOTA will continue.

Mr. Fiatal received a standing ovation and best wishes from the OPOTC, staff and guest.

That concluded the staff report.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth

Ms. Linda O'Connor extended thank you to Mr. Fiatal and OPOTC for their participation with The Skills USA Competition. EHOVE won the Gold Award and will be moving to the Nationals in Kansas in June.

Also, she thanked Mr. Fiatal and OPOTA for the work over the past year on the standards, their courses and assessment's. These will be available in June as a pilot and implemented in 2015.

That concluded the old business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth

Colonel Born complimented Mr. Fiatal and the OPOTA Staff for the flawless work that went into the Memorial Ceremony. It was very impressive.

Chairperson Stanforth asked if there was any further new business. That concluded the new business.

X. GUEST FORUM

Chairperson Vernon P. Stanforth

Chairperson Stanforth opened the meeting to the public for comments and/or concerns.

- Kathleen Barch expressed her appreciation to Mr. Fiatal for his time and service to the State of Ohio as well as to the Federal Government. She looks forward to seeing the results of his new journey.
- Rodney Armstrong thanked Mr. Fiatal for all his work. Mr. Armstrong addressed the OPOTC regarding the Ohio Private Investigator and Security Services Commission Legislative Committee meeting on April 25, 2013.

We appreciate the partnership with OPOTA and are trying to move in line with law enforcement. They are in the process of rewriting Revised Code 4749 Section. They are requesting a change to policy for the OPOTA/Requalification Firearms for Private Security Course. Currently, they take the course every year and wait for 21 days for certification. Part of this requires a law change. They want requalification to be accepted without delay and without the 21 day wait as long as it is an OPOTA Certification.

Mr. Clark asked what Mr. Armstrong wanted accepted without delay. Mr. Armstrong responded that the requalifications. Mr. Clark asked as in new standards or processing time for any standards or new standards? Mr. Armstrong stated for the new standards.

Mr. Fiatal asked Mr. Armstrong to define what he was seeking. Mr. Armstrong gave documentation to Mr. Fiatal for review. Mr. Fiatal stated that the document would be forwarded to OPOTC electronically.

Mr. Fiatal stated that changes would require statutory change or provision changes. Mr. Justin Hykes stated that he did receive some of the information, but his understanding was that the sheriffs were going to play a major role. There needs to be more statutory work done with the sheriff's statute and your statute before we can move forward. Mr. Armstrong stated that he agreed; he wanted to put it on the table. The discussion was tabled until more details could be worked out.

- Moving on with guest forum, Chief Denton asked for an update with the Chief Craig hearing. Mr. Clark responded that currently things are stalled. There was a motion of protection order filed against discovery, most recent extension for that is May 28, 2013. However, recent news is that Chief Craig has accepted the Chief position in Detroit Michigan. We are expecting to hear from the City of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Police Department. We will update the OPOTC as information is made available.
- Kathleen Barch encouraged the OPOTC as well as the reviewers of the curriculum to expose the changes as quickly as possible.

Mr. Fiatal replied that the curriculum changes are all available through OHLEG.

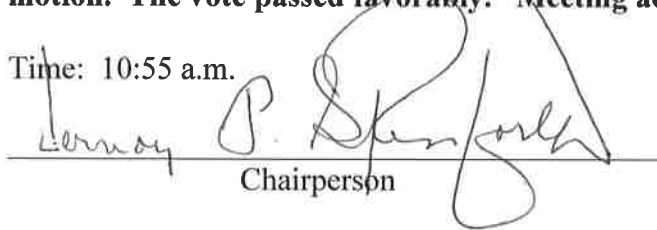
- Dare American representative, Lloyd Bratz, Duke Energy Center invited people to join them in Cincinnati on July 16-18, 2013. He also, congratulated Mr. Fiatal on his new position.

There was nothing further to discuss. That concluded the guest forum.

XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Sgt. Troy Mineard motioned to adjourn the meeting. Colonel John Born seconded the motion. The vote passed favorably. Meeting adjourned.

Time: 10:55 a.m.


Chairperson

These transcripts are not verbatim. Audio recordings are available upon request.