

MINUTES

BLEOST MEETING
January 21, 2021

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Chair Lori Travis. This meeting was held by conference call.

Roll Call:

The Chair called the roll, and a quorum was established. Board members present were:

Officer Brad Carter
Chief Don Gammage
Sheriff Jim Johnson
Dr. Steve Mallory
Constable Glenn McKay
Chief Vance Rice
Captain Lori Travis

Hon. Candace Rucker, Board Counsel

Board members not present were:

Hon. Kassie Coleman
Sheriff Greg Pollan
Mayor Gary Rhoads
Hon. Ed Snyder
Mr. Windy Swetman
One Vacancy-Police Chief

Introduction of Guests, Introductory

Remarks:

The guests introduced themselves and they were welcomed.

Speakers/Guests present were:

Director Jacqueline Moreno, SRPSI
Director Chris Russell, Hancock Reserve Academy
Chief John Neal, Ridgeland P.D.
Director Dean Bearden, North MS Law Enforcement Training Center
Lt. Paula Henges, Harrison Co. Law Enforcement Training Academy

Staff Members Present were:

Certification Officer Bebea Boney

Bureau Director Robert Davis
Division Director Bob Morgan
Training Director, Michael Nash
Certification Officer Donna Rogers

Approval of Minutes:

A copy of the minutes from the November meeting was emailed to each member. Sheriff Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Chief Gammage seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

OLD BUSINESS

Virtual Training Proposal from Lafayette County Training Academy:

The Board reviewed the part-time curriculum and reviewed the proposed courses that Lafayette County requested to be taught virtually.

The Board heard the negative comments on why certain courses should not be taught virtually because the goals and objectives called for demonstrations, participation, role play and mock/practical exercises.

The Board heard that certain courses used words such as identify, define, explain, and recognize, which would fit the virtual training option.

After further discussion, it was determined that 19 courses that totaled 60 hours of training could be taught virtually in the part-time academy. Sheriff Johnson made a motion to approve the 19 courses for virtual training. Officer Carter seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

Part-time academies that chose to teach all or part of the approved courses virtually will need to provide the link to connect to their classes so the staff and/or Board could connect and monitor the courses. If students want to attend in person, they may do so.

A live instructor would be teaching at the academy and another person would be monitoring the students. The students must be able to ask questions and respond to the instructor. The tests for these courses would be in person at the academy at a later time.

The courses approved to be taught virtually are listed in the below Part-Time Academy Curriculum. The approved courses are marked with an asterisk and underlined.

PART-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CURRICULUM

adopted – 09/1998; rev – 11/2001, 11/2015, 01/2018, 07/2019, 1/21/21.

	<u>HOURS</u>
1. <u>ORIENTATION</u>	
1. Orientation to Basic Training	<u>2</u>
2. <u>INTRODUCTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT</u>	
2. <u>History and Principles of Law Enforcement*</u>	<u>1</u>
3. <u>The Criminal Justice System*</u>	<u>1</u>
4. Police Ethics and Moral Issues	<u>4</u>
5. <u>Police Power, Authority and Discretion*</u>	<u>2</u>
6. <u>Police and the Public*</u>	<u>1</u>
7. Stress Management	<u>2</u>
8. <u>Civil Liability*</u>	<u>4</u>
3. <u>MISSISSIPPI VEHICLE LAW AND ENFORCEMENT</u>	
9. Traffic Crash Investigation	<u>8</u>
10. Mississippi Motor Vehicle Law and Enforcement	<u>8</u>
11. Traffic Direction and Control	<u>1</u>
12. Hazardous Materials	<u>4</u>
13. DUI Law, Detection and Field Sobriety	<u>10</u>
4. <u>POLICE DEFENSIVE TACTICS</u>	
14. Physical Fitness	<u>4</u>
15. Officer Safety - Mechanics of Arrest, Restraint and Control	<u>40</u>
16. Use of Force	<u>16</u>

5.	<u>HUMAN RELATIONS</u>	
	17. Human Behavior/Interpersonal Communications	<u>4</u>
	18. Law Enforcement and Citizens with Special Needs	<u>4</u>
	19. Older Adults, Dementia, Elder Abuse and Silver Alert	<u>4</u>
	20. Conflict Management	<u>4</u>
6.	<u>FIREARMS</u>	
	21. Firearms Training	<u>34</u>
7.	<u>INVESTIGATIVE PRACTICES</u>	
	22. Crime Scene Processing	<u>4</u>
	23. Fingerprinting	<u>2</u>
	24. Photography	<u>1</u>
8.	<u>EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATION</u>	
	25. Emergency Vehicle Driver Training	<u>16</u>
9.	<u>ORGANIZED CRIME/DRUGS</u>	
	26. <u>Identification and Handling Drugs*</u>	<u>4</u>
	27. <u>Organized Crime*</u>	<u>1</u>
10.	<u>CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURES</u>	
	28. <u>Constitutional Law; Search and Seizure; Laws of Arrest*</u>	<u>8</u>
	29. <u>Mississippi Criminal Law*</u>	<u>16</u>
	30. <u>Mississippi Juvenile Law - Dealing with Juveniles*</u>	<u>4</u>
	31. <u>Courtroom Procedures and Rules of Evidence*</u>	<u>2</u>
	32. Courtroom Testimony, Demeanor and Mock Trial	<u>4</u>

11.	<u>CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION</u>	
	33. Principles of Criminal Investigation	<u>8</u>
	34. Interviewing Techniques and Skills	<u>4</u>
	35. <u>Motor Vehicle Thefts*</u>	<u>1</u>
	36. Domestic Violence Response	<u>8</u>
12.	<u>REPORT WRITING</u>	
	37. Report Writing, Note Taking and Case Preparation	<u>8</u>
13.	<u>PATROL OPERATIONS</u>	
	38. Patrol Concept, Preparation and Techniques; Calls for Service; Crimes in Progress	<u>20</u>
	39. Active Shooter	<u>16</u>
	40. <u>Handling Animals*</u>	<u>2</u>
	41. <u>Civil Complaints and Service Calls*</u>	<u>2</u>
	42. <u>Gang Enforcement*</u>	<u>2</u>
	43. <u>Extremist/Hate Groups*</u>	<u>2</u>
	44. <u>Bias Based Profiling*</u>	<u>4</u>
14.	<u>HOMELAND SECURITY</u>	
	45. <u>Introduction of Homeland Security and ICS*</u>	<u>1</u>
	46. <u>Human Trafficking*</u>	<u>2</u>
15.	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>	<u>7</u>
	Total	307

***Virtual Training Allowed**

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss/Approve Goals and Objectives to Explain the Special License Plate and Windshield Decals Indicating Impaired or Limited Ability to Communicate with Law Enforcement; MS Code Ann. § 63-21-70:

On January 1, 2021, a new law went into effect that states that for legal residents of the State of Mississippi with a health condition or disability which limits or impairs the ability to effectively communicate with law enforcement, the Department of Revenue shall prepare and issue through the county tax collectors a special decal that is to be placed on license plates and on front left windshield corners bearing that indication for any vehicles that are registered in the applicant's name or otherwise authorized to be applied for by the applicant.

The Department of Revenue provided examples of the decals to use in the training of law enforcement officers on this new law.

It is recommended that the goals and objectives of the following 3 courses be amended to include the wording, "explain the special license plate and windshield decals indicating impaired or limited ability to communicate with law enforcement. MS Code Ann. § 63-21-70". The courses are MS Motor Vehicle Law and Enforcement; Older Adults, Dementia, Elder Abuse and Silver Alert; and Law Enforcement and Citizens with Special Needs.

Officer Carter made a motion to include this language into the goals and objectives of the three courses. Chief Rice seconded the motion and it passed without opposition. All academies will be notified to begin this training as these classes are taught. The law and the decal will be sent to the academies.

Election of Officers:

The term for the Chair and Vice-Chair has expired. The Chair stated that it was an honor serving as the Chair for the last year, but with her new job and duties, she would decline serving another term. She was thanked for her service as Chair.

Mr. McKay nominated Mr. Snyder for Chair, Chief Gammage seconded the nomination. Officer Carter made a motion to close nominations, Sheriff Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed without opposition. Mr. Snyder was chosen as the new Chair.

Chief Gammage nominated Officer Carter for Vice-Chair, Sheriff Johnson seconded the nomination. Mr. McKay made a motion to close nominations, Chief Rice seconded the motion, and it passed without opposition. Officer Carter was chosen as the new Vice-Chair.

Certification of Officers:

Director Davis presented 5 F/T Basic classes, 33 F/T equivalency candidates, 2 P/T Basic classes, and 11 P/T equivalency candidates for certification pending completion of all requirements. Sheriff Johnson made a motion to approve the basic classes for certification

subject to meeting all requirements and Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition. Chief Rice made a motion to approve the equivalency candidates for certification pending completion of all requirements. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Director's Report:

The New Chief's Training was completed last week in Ridgeland with 26 new chiefs attending. The Chief's Association held their Winter Training in Ridgeland as well.

After about a week of training, MELOTA had to close due to Covid, plans are to begin again in June. MELOTA will release any student who wants to attend another academy before they start back up.

The state now recognizes 3 forms of high school equivalency. They are the GED, TASC, and HISETT.

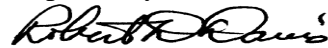
Next Scheduled Meeting:

The next meeting will be scheduled for March 11, 2021.

Concluding Remarks; Adjournment:

Chief Rice made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. There was no opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Director, Board on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Training