



**PEACE OFFICERS STANDARD AND TRAINING  
COMMISSION COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19, 2021  
AGENDA**

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**I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. ADMINISTRATION MATTERS**

**III. ROLL CALL**

- COMMISSIONER KIM BIRCHFIELD**
- COMMISSIONER BRENT CHERRY**
- COMMISSIONER MARK DUNBAR**
- COMMISSIONER RAY FARRIS**
- COMMISSIONER DEBORAH FAULKNER - Vice Chair**
- COMMISSIONER WILLIAM FORRESTER III**
- COMMISSIONER BUD HULSEY**
- COMMISSIONER ED JACKSON**
- COMMISSIONER CHAD PARTIN - Chair**
- COMMISSIONER LOWELL RUSSELL**
- COMMISSIONER TOM SPANGLER**
- COMMISSIONER BOBBY WAGGONER**
- COMMISSIONER BRIAN WRIGHT**

**DISCLAIMER – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BRIAN GRISHAM**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 29, 2021 COMMISSION MEETING:**

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Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

**V. DECERTIFICATION HEARING HELD THIS MONTH**

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Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. APPEARING BEFORE THE COMMISSION/WAIVERS FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS – 1110-02-.03 + 1110-9-.04**

NONE TO REPORT

**VII. WAIVER TO ATTEND ANOTHER ACADEMY – P.O.S.T. Rule 1110-02-.03(3)**

NONE TO REPORT

**VIII. WAIVER OF BASIC TRAINING/SPECIALIZED SUBSTITUTIONS FOR IN SERVICE TRAINING – 1110-02-.03 + 1110-9-.02**

**The following requests for Waiver/Substitution of Basic Training have been reviewed and appear to meet P.O.S.T. requirements:**

P.O.S.T. Assistant Director reviewed and administratively approved **8** P.O.S.T. Transition School Waivers and all corresponding supporting documents. The reported documents appear to be in order and meet or exceed the minimum standards set forth by the Peace Officers Standards and Training requirements.

In addition, P.O.S.T. Assistant Director reviewed and administratively approved **4** solo waiver requests based on the recently expired Governor's orders. Due to the recent expiration of the orders, the P.O.S.T. Commission has approved for solo waiver requests to be administratively approved until the virtual P.O.S.T. Transition School is completed.

**IX. ADMINISTRATIVE WAIVERS**

**WAIVER OF IN-SERVICE – RULE 1110-09-.05**

**Request for a waiver have been received for the following officers so that they as well as their departments will remain in compliance with P.O.S.T. guidelines. They are not eligible for a Salary Supplement.**

NONE TO REPORT

**WAIVERS OF SIX (6) MONTH RULE:**

THE TENNESSEE P.O.S.T. COMMISSION HAS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED 0 SIX-MONTH WAIVER WHICH FALL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OUTLINED IN THE GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 15.30.

“The provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 38-8-107 and 38-8-111, requiring completion of basic training and in-service credits are suspended to the extent necessary to give the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission discretion to reasonably extend the deadline for meeting such requirements as necessary to respond to the effects of COVID-19.”

**THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS ARE REQUESTING A WAIVER OF THE SIX (6) MONTH RULE TO KEEP THEIR OFFICER(S) AND THE DEPARTMENT IN COMPLIANCE.**

**Murfreesboro Police Department** – Request six (6) month waiver for **Mario Alberto Ramirez (PSID# 3938-3376)** hired August 16, 2021. On October 4, 2021, Mr. Ramirez was scheduled to attend the P.O.S.T. Transition School but was unable to attend due to medical reasons. Mr. Ramirez is scheduled to attend the P.O.S.T. Transition Course in March of 2022.

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**WAIVERS OF EIGHT (8) MONTH RULE:**

**The following officer(s) are requesting a waiver of the eight-month rule. They will receive the 2020 Salary Supplement payment if they completed 2020 In-Service requirements.**

NONE TO REPORT

**WAIVER FOR MEDICAL – RULE 1110-09-.06**

**The following departments are requesting a waiver for medical reasons for the 2020 calendar year, so the departments will also remain in compliance. Officers did not complete in-service training and are not eligible for Salary Supplement:**

NONE TO REPORT

**WAIVERS FOR MILITARY LEAVE – RULE 1110-09-.06(5)**

**The following departments are requesting a waiver for military service for the 2020 calendar year. Military orders are included along with change of status. These officers will be eligible to receive salary supplements, and the departments will remain in compliance.**

P.O.S.T. Assistant Director has reviewed and administratively approved **0** Military Waivers and corresponding supporting documents. All the reported documents appear to be in order and meet or exceed minimum standards set forth by the Peace Officers Standards and Training requirements.

**X. APPLICATIONS FOR TRAINING OFFICER – 1110-04-.03**

P.O.S.T. Investigators have reviewed and approved **1** application(s) for Training Officer, and they appear to meet criteria for approval.

The officer(s) listed below **if any** will be informed, they have one year to complete the Instructor Development course or approved substitute.

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**XI. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR – 1110-03-.04**

P.O.S.T. Investigators have reviewed and approved **20** application(s) for Certified Instructor, and they appear to be in order and meet minimum standards, and they have completed the minimum hours in attendance of required courses.

- The instructors listed below **if any** will be notified, they have **one year to complete Instructor Development or approved substitute:**
- The officers listed below **if any** request a waiver of **the one-year training officer requirement:**

<b>Lynn Mark Lewis</b>	<b>PSID# 1347-6869</b>	<b>Dunlap Police Department</b>
<b>Justin Tyler Edwards</b>	<b>PSID# 3151-1544</b>	<b>Harriman Police Department</b>
<b>Daniel Joseph Smith</b>	<b>PSID# 1992-0588</b>	<b>Greenfield Police Department</b>
<b>Ronnie Edward Blankenship</b>	<b>PSID# 6431-7053</b>	<b>Shelbyville Police Department</b>

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**XII. CURRICULUM AND TESTS – 1110-04 and SPECIALIZED TRAINING CURRICULUM – 1110-04-.09**

P.O.S.T. Investigators have reviewed and approved 68 in-service and specialized training classes this month as they appear to be in order and meet or exceed minimum standards set forth by the Peace Officers Standards and Training requirements. They have made note if these training offerings meet the P.O.S.T. requirements for Firearms, EVOC, Mental Illness and CSA.

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Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

**XIII. OLD BUSINESS**

NONE TO REPORT

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Jellico Police Department** – Request the P.O.S.T. Commission’s approval to reinstate **Adam Thomas Hopper (PSID# 5348-8487)** P.O.S.T. Certification. On July 20, 2018, Mr. Hopper signed an agreed order to surrender his P.O.S.T. Certification for the purpose of avoiding further administrative actions.

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**Sumner County Sheriff’s Office** – Request the P.O.S.T. Commission’s approval to waive the requirement to attend Transition School for **William David Dodds (PSID# 2508-2398)**. On September 1, 2017, Mr. Dodds retired as a full-time officer and began working part-time with our agency, without a break in service. Additionally, each year Mr. Dodds has completed the annual forty-hours of in-service training with our agency.

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**Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy** – Request approval of their 2021 Annual Report.

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Authorization Number 335472

**Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy** – Request a waiver of the Rule 1110-07.03(1b) requirement that Basic Law Enforcement Schools be limited to 75 persons. TLETA requests that it be permitted to hold four Basic Law Enforcement Schools of up to 135 persons each during the 2022 calendar year.

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