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Peace Officer Standards and Training

POST BOARD MEETING

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS Friday, September 13, 2024 10 A.M. – 12 P.M.

The Peace Officer Standards and Training Board held its 426th Board meeting in person and virtually via Microsoft Teams

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

DONALD ADDY, Public Member

ASHLEY BECK, Public Member

CHIEF GREGORY DALY, Avon Police Department

COMMISSIONER LAURA DANIELS, Gunnison County

DEPUTY MARSHAL RACHEL DEFRANCESCO, Town of Ridgway Marshal's Office

CHIEF GEORGE DINGFELDER, Alamosa Police Department

SHARLETTA EVANS, Public Member

STAN HILKEY, Department of Public Safety, Executive Director

SHERIFF KC HUME, Moffat County Sheriff's Office

CHIEF DAVE KROUSE, City of Fruita Police Department

SCOTT LEVIN, Public Member

DEPUTY SHANNON LOFLAND, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office

SHERIFF DAVID LUCERO, Pueblo County Sheriff's Office

SERGEANT DEVON MEYERS, City of Lakewood

SAC MARK MICHALEK, FBI

SHERIFF AARON SHIPLETT, Baca County Sheriff's Office

JESSICA SHOUSE, Public Member

SHERIFF SEAN SMITH, La Plata County Sheriff's Office

CHIEF JEFFREY SWOBODA, Fort Collins Police Services

ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL WEISER, Colorado Department of Law

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

SHERIFF DAVID MARTIN, Morgan County Sheriff's Office SHERIFF JUSTIN PERRY, Ouray County Sheriff's Office CHIEF RON THOMAS, City of Denver

BOARD COUNSEL

TARA BUCHALTER, Sr. Asst. Attorney General

POST STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

ROBERT BAKER, Training Manager

ERIK BOURGERIE, Director

GWEN BURKE, Academy Curriculum Developer

CHRIS COOPER, Administrative Coordinator

KIMBERLY HERNANDEZ, Grants Manager

KISHAWN LEUTHAUSER, Grants Specialist

MARIO NORIEGA, Administrative Coordinator

DAN OSTRANDER, Training Specialist

JANELLE RASMUSSEN, Compliance Specialist

RON RYAN, Deputy Director

COURTNAY SCHWARTZ, Investigator

ERIC SIPES, Compliance Specialist

JARED TORSNEY, Training Specialist

MARY VEKASY, Compliance Manager

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

OFFICER SCOTT ACEY, Colorado Springs Police Department, SME Firearms committee UNDERSHERIFF QUINN ARCHIBEQUE, Delta County Sheriff's Office, SME Driving Committee

DETECTIVE ROMAN CASTRO, Pueblo Police Department, SME Arrest Control Committee CAPTAIN DAVID CLEMENTS, Pueblo Law Enforcement Academy, SME Driving Committee.

REPRESENTATIVE CHAD CLIFFORD, House of Representatives

CHRIS CROSBY, Senior Legislative Aide

INVESTIGATOR JOE CUMMINGS, Department of Revenue

OFFICER STU CURRY, SME Curriculum Committee Vice-Chair, New Castle Police Department

CORPORAL JEFF FURNEY, SME Firearms Committee, Pueblo Police Department

SERGEANT JON GASKINS, Georgetown Police Department

UNDERSHERIFF PAUL GREGORY, Adams County Sheriff's Office, SME Firearms Committee

ERIC A. GONZALES, Pueblo Police Department, SME Driving Committee

SERGEANT TODD HALLER, Snowmass Village Police Department, SME Firearms Committee

TROOPER LUCAS HERBERT, State Patrol, SME Arrest Control Committee

JOHN HOOD, SME Firearms Committee

CRAIG KLUKAS, SME Arrest Control Committee

JANET LARSON, SME Curriculum Committee Chair

OFFICER JASON MOORE, Denver Police Department

SERGEANT RHETT NEWBOLD, Broomfield Police Department, SME Driving Committee

TROOPER DANIEL O'BRIEN. Colorado State Patrol

MIKE PHIBBS, (VIRTUAL), Senior Director, Specialized Enforcement Group, DOR

MICHAEL QUINTANA, Appellant

JEFF RIESTER, Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Attorney General NICHOLAS RYLAND, Colorado Springs Police Department, SME Driving Committee ALLISON SHERRY, CPR News

COMMANDER KARL SMALLEY, Adams County Sheriff's Office, Driving SME Chair OFFICER RICHARD STENSGAARD, SME Arrest Control Committee

COMMANDER TED VALERIO, Montrose County Sheriff's Office, SME Firearms Committee CHRISTOPHER WHITEMAN, Appellant

1. Welcome Attorney General Phil Weiser

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Attorney General Phil Weiser

3. Introduction of Board Members, SME Members, Staff and Guests

4. Departing Board Member

Attorney General Phil Weiser

• Chief Terrence Gordon

5. New Board Members

- Jessica Shouse, Johnstown, Lay Member
- Sheriff Aaron Shiplett, Baca County
- Sheriff Justin Perry, Ouray County

6. Departing SMEs

Attorney General Phil Weiser

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- Stephen Marino Curriculum
- Jerry Gray Driving
- Stephen Larsen Driving

7. **Roll Call** Director Erik Bourgerie

8. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from June 7, 2024

Motion to approve -1^{st} Sheriff Hume, 2^{nd} Ms. Beck Approved unanimously.

9. Subject Matter Expert Committee Reports

a. Arrest Control Sergeant Ike Beers

Sergeant Beers reported that they have received many full-skills applications. The committee selected Craig Klukas, recently retired from Denver Police Department, for their new SME committee member. Approved two new full-skills applications. Also, had some discussion around injuries other than in an ACT program and where those should be reviewed. All are being reviewed.

b. Curriculum

Lieutenant Stu Curry Vice Chair

Lieutenant Stu Curry presented virtually with updates. The committee updated the Reserve Academy to make it more consistent with the Basic Academy curriculum, which they are asking for approval today. They plan to present proposed changes to the Basic Academy curriculum. The committee is also discussing doing inspections at academies for renewals and lesson plans.

Motion to approve the revised curriculum to the Reserve Academy 1st Sheriff Lucero, 2nd Mr. Levin Approved unanimously.

c. Driving

Commander Karl Smalley Chair

Commander Karl Salley reported that they welcomed Travis Moody of the Aurora Police Department to the SME committee. He thanked the two members departing from the committee for their service. Three new full skills instructors were approved. Two inspections have been scheduled for October. They are making progress on their POST driving instructor program. They have assigned members to sub-committees so they can move forward on this project. Three members have volunteered to look at their overall driving program. One member will be attending the pilot program for the new instructional methodology program

d. Firearms

Undersheriff Paul Gregory Chair

Undersheriff Paul Gregory presented virtually. They approved eight full-skills instructors. No inspections were done in the third quarter, but there are three upcoming inspections. They conducted one site approval and one academy approval. They approved three RDS Instructor programs.

- Recommended new Integrated Handgun/Red Dot Sight Instructor Program Motion to approve 1st Chief Dingfelder, 2nd Sheriff Hume Approved unanimously.
- Recommended changes to the Handgun Instructor Program Motion to approve – 1st Sheriff Lucero, 2nd Exec. Dir. Hilkey Approved unanimously.

10. Request for Appeal: Christopher Whiteman Rule 8 Variance

Deputy Director Ron Ryan

No motion suggested.

No hearing granted.

11. Request for Appeal: Michael Quintana Rule 8 Variance

Deputy Director Ron Ryan

Sheriff Lucero recused. No motion suggested. No hearing granted.

12. Peace Officer Certification Revocation & Disciplinary Actions

Director Erik Bourgerie

POST Rule 9 - Revocation of Peace Officer Certification: Pursuant to § 24-31-305(2)(a), C.R.S., a Colorado peace officer certification issued pursuant to subsection (1) or (1.3) of this section or 24-31-308 shall be suspended or revoked by the POST Board if the certificate holder has been convicted of a felony at any time, or has been convicted on or after July 1, 2001, of any misdemeanor described in subsection (1.5) of § 24-31-305, C.R.S. For purposes of this Rule 9, a deferred judgment and sentencing agreement, deferred prosecution agreement, or pretrial diversion agreement concerning a felony or any misdemeanor described in (1.5) of § 24-31-305, whether pending or successfully completed, also support the suspension or revocation of a Colorado peace officer certification. A Colorado peace officer certification may also be suspended or revoked if pursuant to § 24-31-305(2.5), C.R.S., a law enforcement agency has found, by clear and convincing evidence, that the certificate holder has knowingly made an untruthful statement concerning a material fact while testifying under oath, or during an internal affairs investigation or comparable administrative investigation; or knowingly omitted a material fact on an official criminal justice record, or has otherwise failed to meet the certification requirements established by the Board. A Colorado peace officer certification may also be surrendered pursuant to § 24-31-305.

The certificate holders in the following matters did <u>not</u> appear at the show cause hearing or indicate any intent to oppose the revocation. Unless any member objects and asks to consider one or all of these matters separately, they will all be presented to this Board as a group.

Felony Convictions:

1. F24-04, George Ibarra, Certification PID CO-122400. On April 4, 2024, Respondent was sentenced after pleading guilty to one count of §18-8-610(1)(a),(3)(a) C.R.S. – Tampering with Physical Evidence, a felony, in Otero County District Court case number 2023CR115. The Respondent was employed as a Peace Officer at the time of offense (Dates of Offense: April 30, 2022 – August 22, 2023, Rocky Ford Police Department, Separation Date: September 14, 2022). The Responded did not comply with POST Order to Show Cause No. F24-04 by failing to appear at a Show Cause Hearing on July 24, 2024. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of George Ibarra's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-122400.

- 2. F24-05, Darin Poole, Certification PID CO-116424. On April 26, 2024, Respondent entered into a deferred sentence agreement for one count of §18-3-203(1)(i) C.R.S. Assault in the Second Degree Strangulation, a felony, and one count of §18-9-111(1)(e) C.R.S. Harassment telephone, a misdemeanor, in Adams County District Court case number 2023CR3667. The Respondent was not employed as a Peace Officer at the time of offense (Date of Offense: November 26, 2023). The Responded did not comply with POST Order to Show Cause No. F24-05 by failing to appear at a Show Cause Hearing on July 24, 2024. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Darin Poole's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-116424.
- 3. F24-08, Malee Lor, Certification PID CO-126678. On May 6, 2024, Respondent was sentenced after pleading guilty to one count of § 18-5-211(1),(4) Insurance Fraud, a felony, in Arapahoe County District Court case number 2023CR2482. The Respondent was employed as a Peace Officer at the time of offense (Date of Offense: October 3, 2018, Thornton Police Department, Separation Date February 2, 2019). The Responded did not comply with POST Order to Show Cause No. F24-08 by failing to appear at a Show Cause Hearing on July 31, 2024. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Malee Lor's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-126678.
- 4. F24-09, Ryan Cito, Certification PID CO-138559. On May 21, 2024, Respondent entered into a deferred sentence agreement for one count of §18-4-502(1)(a) C.R.S. 1st Degree Trespass, a felony, in Jefferson County District Court case number 2023CR1085. The Respondent was not employed as a Peace Officer at the time of offense (Date of Offense: May 3, 2023). The Responded did not comply with POST Order to Show Cause No. F24-09 by failing to appear at a Show Cause Hearing on July 31, 2024. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Ryan Cito's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-138559.

Misdemeanor Convictions:

5. M24-06, Arman Akbulut, Certification PID CO-202-335. On April 15, 2024, Respondent entered into a deferred sentence agreement for one count of §18-9-111(1)(g) C.R.S – Harassment – Inconvenient Hours, a misdemeanor, in Denver County Court case number 23M07266. The Respondent was employed as a Peace Officer at the time of offense (Date of Offense: November 1, 2023, Wheat Ridge Police Department, Separation Date: January 18, 2024). The Responded did not comply with POST Order to Show Cause No. M24-06 by failing to appear at a Show Cause Hearing on July 24, 2024. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Arman Akbulut's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-202-335.

Untruthfulness:

1. U24-19, Noah Howard, Certification PID CO-0088-4460. On May 13, 2024, the Colorado Springs Police Department notified Colorado Peace Officer Standards & Training the Respondent knowingly made an untruthful statement concerning a material fact or omitted a material fact during an internal affairs investigation and during an administrative investigation and/or disciplinary process on November 07, 2023 (Date of Separation: March 30, 2024). The respondent did not request a Show

- Cause Hearing regarding this matter. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Noah Howard's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-0088-4460.
- 2. U24-24, Jeffrey Toback, Certification PID CO-6723-8370. On July 17, 2024, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office notified Colorado Peace Officer Standards & Training the Respondent knowingly made an untruthful statement concerning a material fact or omitted a material fact on an official criminal justice record on May 13, 2024 (Date of Separation: July 17, 2024). The respondent did not request a Show Cause Hearing regarding this matter. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Jeffrey Toback's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-6723-8370.

Motion to approve – 1st Exec. Dir. Hilkey, 2nd Commissioner Daniels Approved unanimously.

Recusals

1. U24-17, Michael McGregor, Certification PID CO-130701. On April 15, 2024, Fort Collins Police Services notified Colorado Peace Officer Standards & Training the Respondent knowingly made an untruthful statement concerning a material fact or omitted a material fact during an administrative investigation and/or disciplinary process on October 10, 2023 (Date of Separation: December 13, 2023). The respondent did not request a Show Cause Hearing regarding this matter. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Michael McGregor's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-130701.

Chief Swoboda recused.

Motion to approve – 1st Chief Dingfelder, 2nd Sergeant Meyers

Approved unanimously.

2. F24-06, Jareh Dalke, Certification PID CO-6383-6807. On May 2, 2024, Respondent was sentenced after pleading guilty to six (6) counts of §794(a) 18 U.S.C., Attempt to Transmit National Defense Information to an Officer or Agent of a Foreign Government, felonies, in U.S. District Court — District of Colorado case number 1:22CR00313RM. The Respondent was employed as a Peace Officer at the time of offense (Dates of Offense: August 1, 2022 -September 26, 2022, Colorado Rangers, Separation Date: December 2, 2022). The Respondent did not comply with POST Order to Show Cause No. F24-06 by failing to appear at a Show Cause Hearing on July 29, 2024. POST Director Erik J. Bourgerie recommends revocation of Jareh Dalke's Colorado Peace Officer Certification, PID CO-6383-6807.

SAC Michalek recused. Motion to approve – 1st Chief Dingfelder, 2nd Mr. Addy Approved unanimously.

Voluntary Relinquishments:

1. VR24-09, David Guest, Certification PID CO-128490. On May 23, 2024, the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office notified Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training the Respondent knowingly made an untruthful statement concerning a material fact or omitted a material fact during an administrative investigation and/or disciplinary process between May 3 – May 22, 2024. Prior to a hearing in this matter, Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training received a voluntary relinquishment of David Guest's Colorado Peace Officer Certificate on July 18, 2024.

<u>Administrative Hearing Officer Decisions:</u>

1. U22-25, Laura Stengle, Certification PID CO-2020-3760. On August 25, 2022, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office notified Colorado Peace Officer Standards & Training the Respondent knowingly made an untruthful statement concerning a material fact or omitted a material fact on an official criminal justice record on July 14, 2022 (Date of Separation: August 4, 2022). The respondent requested a Show Cause Hearing, however, the Respondent failed to answer the Notice of Charges and an Entry of Default was entered. An initial decision imposing revocation was issued on June 19, 2024, by an Administrative Hearing Officer. Neither party objected to the disciplinary action, resulting in a final order of revocation being issued on September 6, 2024.

13. Rule Making

Director Erik Bourgerie Board Counsel Tara Buchalter

Rule #3

Motion to approve – 1st Deputy Marshal Defrancesco, 2nd Chief Dingfelder Approved unanimously.

Rule #9

Motion to approve – 1st Sheriff Lucero, 2nd Sheriff Hume Approved unanimously.

Rule #10

Motion to approve – 1st Ms. Beck, 2nd Mr. Levin Approved unanimously.

Rule #11

Motion to approve – 1st Commissioner Daniels, 2nd Ms. Shouse Approved unanimously.

Rule #12

Motion to approve – 1st Sheriff Shiplett, 2nd Commissioner Daniels Approved unanimously.

Rule #13

Motion to approve – 1st Sheriff Hume, 2nd Sheriff Shiplett Approved unanimously.

Rule #16

Motion to approve – 1stCommissioner Daniels, 2nd Chief Dingfelder Approved unanimously.

Rule #17

Motion to approve – 1st Chief Dingfelder, 2nd Sergeant Meyers Approved unanimously.

Rule #25

Motion to approve – 1st Chief Dingfelder, 2nd Sheriff Smith Approved unanimously.

Rule #32

Motion to approve – 1st Ms. Beck, 2nd Deputy Marshal Defrancesco Approved unanimously.

14. 2025 Meeting Dates

Attorney General Phil Weiser

March 13, 2025	Work Session
March 14, 2025	Board Meeting
June 6, 2025	Board Meeting
September 11, 2025	Work Session
September 12, 2025	Board Meeting
December 5, 2025	Board Meeting

15. Suspension Matrix

Director Erik Bourgerie

Motion to move to subcommittee for possible amendments 1st Deputy Marshal DeFrancesco, 2nd Mr. Levin.

Approved with two nay votes.

16. Legislative Updates

Legal Initiatives Jeff Riester

17. Instructor Methodology Course

Director Erik Bourgerie

Moved to Subcommittee led by Board Counsel for possible amendments.

18. Sunrise Review Subcommittee

Director Erik Bourgerie Sheriff KC Hume

Sunrise Review/Provision for Deputy Administrator of Judicial Security.

Motion to approve – 1st Chief Dingfelder, 2nd Exec. Dir. Hilkey Approved unanimously.

Sunrise Review/Provision for Denver District Attorney

Motion to approve – 1st Sheriff Lucero, 2nd Chief Dingfelder Approved unanimously.

Sunrise Review/Provision for Colorado Department of Revenue Firearms Dealer Registration & Enforcement Division

Motion to approve – 1st Chief Daly, 2nd Chief Dingfelder Approved with two nays.

Sunrise Review/Provision for Colorado Department of Revenue Auto Industry Division

Motion to approve – 1st Sheriff Lucero, 2nd Chief Defrancesco Approved unanimously.

Sunrise Review/Provision for Deputy Director, Peace Officer Standards and Training

Motion to approve – 1st Mr. Levin, 2nd Exec. Dir. Hilkey Approved unanimously.

19. Duplicative Appeals Policy

Director Erik Bourgerie Board Counsel Tara Buchalter

Moved to Subcommittee led by Board Counsel for possible amendments.

Subcommittee Members: Ms. Shouse, Deputy Marshal DeFrancesco, Ms. Evans, Sheriff Smith, and Commissioner Daniels. Led by Board Counsel.

20. Appeal Hearing Findings

Ms. Ashley Beck

Joseph Harris Clark Hutchinson

Ms. Beck reported that the subcommittee sat in on two separate appeals hearings. The findings by the subcommittee were to deny Joseph Harris' appeal unanimously and to grant the appeal for Clark Hutchinson by a vote of 3 to 2.

21. IADLEST National Certification Program

Director Erik Bourgerie

Item tabled

22. Comments From Others on POST Issues

Executive Director Hilkey updated the board on the CSP Trooper that was ambushed recently while parked on the highway. The trooper's actions while being attacked were remarkable.

23. Adjournment

Attorney General Phil Weiser

Motion to adjourn – 1st Defrancesco 2nd Evans. Approved unanimously.

Upcoming Meetings

POST Board Meeting: Friday, December 6th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office 200 Jefferson County Parkway Golden, CO 80401

SME Meetings – 8:15 am