



Law Enforcement Agency
Accreditation Council

2020 Annual Report

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Program Overview

The New York State Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program aims to provide law enforcement executives of eligible police departments and sheriffs' offices formal recognition of their compliance with 110 professional standards that focus on administration (51), operations (47), and training (12). To obtain accreditation, an agency must develop and implement policies and procedures that comply with all 110 standards.

The program standards, developed by New York State law enforcement professionals and approved by the Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council, are designed to enhance the effectiveness, efficiency and professionalism of an agency, promote training and foster public confidence in law enforcement. Accreditation demonstrates that the agency performs in a consistently professional manner, has formalized policies in place to govern its operational practices and procedures, and that its employees contribute to the agency's mission and know what is expected of them.

Participation in the Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program, established by the state in 1989, is voluntary. Executives who want their agencies to participate must submit an application and a participation agreement to the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). Once an agency has applied, policies and procedures that are aligned with the program standards must be developed. This process typically takes between six and 24 months, depending on the staff time devoted to the project and the number of policies that must be revised and/or developed to meet the program standards.

When an agency's executive is confident that the agency can adequately demonstrate compliance with every standard, an assessment is conducted. Assessments occur on-site at the law enforcement agency and are performed by three assessors who spend three days reviewing the agency's written directives and accompanying documentation, conducting interviews and making observations within the agency. If the assessors determine that the agency has demonstrated compliance with all program standards, they submit a written report detailing the specifics of the assessment to the Council, along with a recommendation that the agency be awarded accreditation.

Agencies are accredited for five years and during that time they must maintain compliance with all program standards. Maintaining compliance is determined, in part, by site visits conducted by accreditation program staff from DCJS and the agency's submission of an Annual Compliance Survey, which is a progress report intended to ensure that any lapses in compliance are immediately identified and remedied. The process is required every five years for agencies choosing to remain accredited, with reaccreditation occurring after agencies demonstrate that they have maintained compliance with the program standards.

The Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council

The Council is the governing body for the program as established through New York State Executive Law §846-h. The Council develops and approves program standards and adopts policies that determine how the program is administered. It also has the sole authority to award accreditation to an agency. The Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council meets quarterly; meeting minutes from 2020 meetings are in Appendix C.

In 2020, the Council comprised 17 members, as required by state law and nominated by the following: the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police (three); New York State Sheriffs' Association (three); the New York State Deputies Association (one); police labor organizations (two); New York State Association of Towns (one); New York State Conference of Mayors (one); New York State Association of Counties (one); the New York State Senate and Assembly (one for each); and the academic community (one). The superintendent of New York State Police and commissioner of the New York City Police Department are ex-officio members. The Governor makes all council appointments, except the ex-officio members. Enactment of the Professional Policing Act of 2021 amended the Council's composition. See Executive Law §846-h for more details.

DCJS Office of Public Safety

DCJS is the agency responsible for administering the Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program under Title 9 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, Part 6035. Members of the Accreditation Unit within the agency's Office of Public Safety administer the day-to-day activities of the program in accordance with statute and the policies set forth by the Council. They also provide a significant amount of assistance to program staff of accredited and applicant agencies.

Council Support

Accreditation Unit staff members provide all professional and administrative support to the Council. They coordinate the Council's quarterly meetings: preparing agendas, compiling information related to matters up for a vote and informing the Council about updates or potential issues with the program. Accreditation Unit staff members also review Council policies for accuracy and relevance; revise those policies when necessary; and draft new policies based on program needs.

The unit ensures that Council meetings follow the state's open meetings laws, including arranging for the video recording of meetings so they are available to the public, and preparing and distributing meeting minutes in a timely manner.

Agency Support

Accreditation Unit staff members offer technical assistance and support to agencies pursuing or maintaining accreditation by explaining the standards; aiding in program development; providing feedback on agency policies; and offering guidance on how to best demonstrate compliance with the standards. They also assist agencies in overcoming obstacles to becoming accredited and work with accredited agencies to help ensure ongoing compliance with program standards.

Unit staff members work with agency program staff to determine an agency's readiness for assessment; select assessors for each assignment; handle all logistics to ensure the agency and the assessors are prepared for the assessment; and monitor the progress of the on-site assessment. Accreditation Unit staff strive to assist every agency in being successfully accredited and in maintaining that designation.

Accreditation Unit staff members visit every accredited agency at least once during the period of accreditation. These site visits are designed to ensure agencies are maintaining compliance with the program and identify agencies that are facing challenges with compliance. When necessary,

unit staff require corrective action plans if agencies are struggling to maintain compliance and provide enhanced technical assistance so agencies can come back into compliance. Staff members conducted nine site visits in early 2020; site visits were suspended in March of that year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Finally, in addition to regular technical assistance, accreditation unit staff develop, coordinate and deliver training for agency program managers, command staff and program assessors.

Assessors

Individuals interested in becoming assessors must apply for those positions through a request for applications issued by DCJS approximately every five years, and each assessor must be vetted by unit staff and approved by the Council. Applicants must demonstrate that they have the necessary experience, either through the direct management of their agency's accreditation program, or through direct supervision of those that manage the program. Once approved by the Council, DCJS contracts with those individuals, who must attend a day-long training session prior to being considered for assignment to an assessment team. Individuals selected as assessors receive additional training by being partnered with the program's most experienced assessors during their first few assignments.

Six assessors were added to the active list in 2020, bringing the total number of assessors to 106.

Program Participation

As noted, the Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program is voluntary. At the end of 2020, 160 agencies were accredited, about 29 percent of the approximately 540 law enforcement agencies in the state eligible to participate. Accredited agencies in the state employ more than half of all police officers and sheriffs' deputies who work outside of New York City. The number of accredited agencies has increased annually since 2008 (see page 6 for more details).

Accredited Agency Activity in 2020

The Council awarded initial accreditation to two (2) agencies at its meetings:

September: Schenectady City Police Department
St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office

The Council also reaccredited twenty-nine (29) agencies at its meetings:

March: Canandaigua City Police Department
Chemung County Sheriff's Office
Delaware County Sheriff's Office
New Castle Town Police Department
New York State Police
Rochester City Police Department
SUNY Police Geneseo
White Plains Dept. of Public Safety

June: All five agencies that were slated for reaccreditation at this meeting were granted COVID-related extensions by the Law Enforcement Agency

Accreditation Council. Those agencies are denoted with an asterisk, below.

September: Beacon City Police Department
Cornwall Town Police Department
Eastchester Town Police Department *
North Syracuse Police Department
Scarsdale Village Police Department
Utica Police Department
Warren County Sheriff's Office
Waterford Town & Village Police Department

December: Bethlehem Town Police Department
Endicott Village Police Department
Genesee County Sheriff's Office
Haverstraw Town Police Department *
Kingston City Police Department
North Castle Town Police Department
Old Westbury Village Police Department *
Orange County Sheriff's Office
Rye Brook Village Police Department *
Suffolk County Police Department *
SUNY Police Stony Brook
Troy City Police Department
Yates County Sheriff's

Applicant Agencies

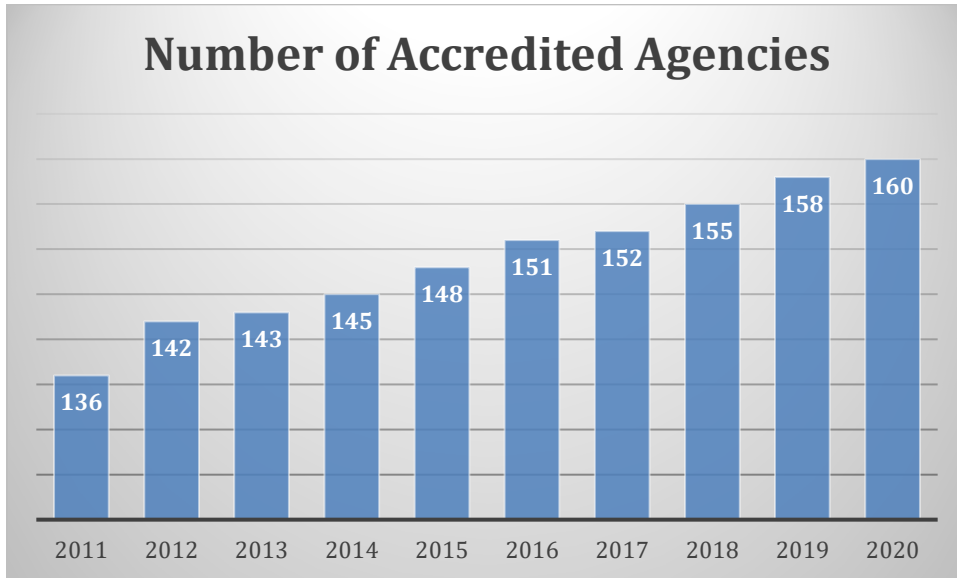
At the end of 2020, 33 agencies were working toward accreditation, with three of them scheduled to undergo their initial assessment in 2021. Please see Appendix A for a list of accredited agencies and Appendix B for a list of applicant agencies.

A total of 190 agencies were either accredited or actively working toward accreditation in 2020, two fewer than at the end of the previous year.

Withdrawn or Expired Agencies

No agency withdrew from the program or had its accreditation expire in 2020.

NUMBER OF ACCREDITED AGENCIES: 2011 – 2020



2020 Program Updates

Implementation of Versions 8.4 and 8.5 of the Standards and Compliance Verification Manual

The Council in 2020 approved two updates to the program's Standards and Compliance Verification Manual. Version 8.4 added a new critical standard, Standard 43.8 (Health of Persons in Custody). That version was superseded by Version 8.5, which included the new standard and implemented revisions to two existing ones, Standard 8.5 (Records Retention) and Standard 41.3 (Authorized Apparel, Equipment, and Identification).

Accreditation Unit staff notified all accredited agencies that they were required to be in compliance with Version 8.5 of the manual by January 1, 2021. To help ensure agencies had sufficient information to meet the new requirements by the deadline, staff compiled and distributed detailed, step-by-step guidance on policies required to be developed to meet new standards and amended to meet revised standards. In addition, staff provided guidance on the restructuring of program files to account for standards that had been consolidated into others.

Accreditation Unit staff conducted site visits to verify that agencies had successfully converted to the new standards and provided technical assistance to agencies needing additional help meeting the new requirements. Staff also added a section to the Annual Compliance Survey that addressed compliance with the new standards. Verification of compliance with Version 8.5 continues.

Training

The Accreditation Unit offered two virtual program manager trainings attended by 58 program managers, chief law enforcement officials, command staff and other agency staff, and two virtual assessor trainings attended by 38 assessors and individuals seeking to become assessors.

Plans for 2021

- Staff will coordinate assessments for 33 agencies with accreditation due to expire in 2021 and three agencies scheduled to be assessed for an initial accreditation (as of this report's publication date).
- Accreditation Unit staff will conduct a minimum of two program manager trainings and two assessor trainings during the year.
- Accreditation Unit staff will continue its work to expand the program by promoting the benefits of accreditation while ensuring all agencies receive the technical assistance and support necessary to become and maintain accredited status.
- Among other changes, the Professional Policing Act of 2021 requires police departments and sheriffs' offices to conform to minimum training and hiring standards and provides a mechanism for state oversight of compliance with these standards. The Council will play a role in ensuring compliance through certification. Staff will work with the Council to implement that process and ensure all program standards remain consistent with police reform as required by law.

Conclusion

The New York State Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program continues to be a source of great pride for the more than 19,000 law enforcement professionals employed by accredited law enforcement agencies. The Council and the Accreditation Unit are committed to the integrity and longevity of the program through continuous evaluation and enhancement to ensure that it meets the ever-changing needs of law enforcement professionals throughout New York State.

Appendix A

List of Accredited Agencies

AGENCY NAME	SWORN MEMBERS	DATE ACCREDITED	DATE REACCREDITED	YEAR EXPIRES
Albany City Police Department	334	12/9/1999	12/5/2019	2024
Albany County Sheriff's Office	110	3/4/2003	4/2/2018	2023
Amherst Town Police Department	154	3/12/1992	6/8/2017	2022
Beacon City Police Department	34	9/2/2010	9/3/2020	2025
Bedford Town Police Department	39	9/15/1999	9/5/2019	2024
Bethlehem Town Police Department	39	9/20/1990	12/3/2020	2025
Binghamton City Police Department	138	6/3/1993	6/7/2018	2023
Brighton Town Police Department	40	9/5/1991	9/8/2016	2021
Brockport Village Police Department	15	12/2/2004	12/5/2019	2024
Broome County Sheriff's Office	53	10/23/2001	9/8/2016	2021
Buffalo City Police Department	804	6/6/2019		2024
Camillus Town Police Department	28	3/12/1998	4/2/2018	2023
Canandaigua City Police Department	28	3/4/2010	3/5/2020	2025
Canton Village Police Department	8	12/16/1993	12/5/2019	2024
Catskill Village Police Department	18	3/5/2009	3/7/2019	2024
Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office	97	12/4/2008	12/13/2018	2023
Centre Island Village Police Department	8	9/8/2016		2021
Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office	127	9/12/2002	9/7/2017	2022
Cheektowaga Town Police Department	129	6/2/1994	6/6/2019	2024
Chemung County Sheriff's Office	128	3/4/2010	3/5/2020	2025
Chenango County Sheriff's Office	26	12/9/1999	12/5/2019	2024
Cicero Town Police Department	18	6/5/2003	9/6/2018	2023
Clarkstown Town Police Department	150	6/4/1998	6/7/2018	2023
Colonie Town Police Department	107	12/8/1994	12/5/2019	2024
Columbia County Sheriff's Office	83	9/13/2007	9/7/2017	2022
Cornwall Town Police Department	17	9/8/2005	9/3/2020	2025
Cortland City Police Department	43	12/8/2016		2021
Delaware County Sheriff's Office	23	3/4/2010	3/5/2020	2025
DeWitt Town Police Department	44	6/4/1998	6/7/2018	2023
Dobbs Ferry Village Police Department	25	3/24/1994	3/7/2019	2024
Dutchess County Sheriff's Office	142	12/4/1997	6/7/2018	2023
East Fishkill Town Police Department	29	9/18/1992	3/2/2017	2022
East Greenbush Town Police Department	25	12/7/2017		2022
East Hampton Town Police Department	68	3/12/1992	6/8/2017	2022
East Hampton Village Police Department	25	3/5/2009	3/7/2019	2024
East Rochester Village Police Department	14	6/10/2004	6/6/2019	2024
Eastchester Town Police Department	49	6/18/2015	9/3/2020	2025
Elmira City Police Department	79	12/6/2001	12/8/2016	2021
Endicott Village Police Department	26	12/6/1990	12/3/2020	2025
Erie County Sheriff's Office	129	6/13/2013	6/7/2018	2023
Evans Town Police Department	29	12/5/1991	12/8/2016	2021
Fairport Village Police Department	10	12/5/1996	12/8/2016	2021
Gates Town Police Department	30	3/12/1992	3/2/2017	2022
Geddes Town Police Department	20	9/12/2001	12/8/2016	2021
Genesee County Sheriff's Office	49	12/7/2000	12/3/2020	2025
Geneseo Village Police Department	12	6/2/2016		2021
Geneva City Police Department	38	3/9/2006	3/4/2021	2026

AGENCY NAME	SWORN MEMBERS	DATE ACCREDITED	DATE REACCREDITED	YEAR EXPIRES
Glens Falls City Police Department	28	3/3/2016	3/4/2021	2026
Gloversville City Police Department	31	12/7/2017		2022
Greece Town Police Department	97	3/24/1994	3/7/2019	2024
Greenburgh Town Police Department	115	3/4/2003	4/2/2018	2023
Guilderland Town Police Department	36	9/3/2009	9/5/2019	2024
Harriman Village Police Department	12	12/13/2012	12/7/2017	2022
Harrison Town Police Department	59	6/11/2009	6/6/2019	2024
Haverstraw Town Police Department	67	6/18/2015	12/3/2020	2025
Hudson City Police Department	25	6/10/1999	6/6/2019	2024
Hudson Falls Village Police Department	21	3/24/1994	3/7/2019	2024
Huntington Bay Village Police Department	15	6/5/2008	6/7/2018	2023
Irondequoit Town Police Department	49	12/5/1991	12/8/2016	2021
Johnson City Village Police Department	37	9/12/1996	9/8/2016	2021
Kingston City Police Department	72	12/8/1990	12/17/2015	2025
Lancaster Town Police Department	49	9/7/2017		2022
Liverpool Village Police Department	15	6/14/2001	6/3/2021	2026
Livingston County Sheriff's Office	168	12/4/1997	12/7/2017	2022
Madison County Sheriff's Office	54	9/5/2019		2024
Manlius Town Police Department	36	9/12/1996	9/8/2016	2021
Middletown City Police Department	70	12/13/2007	12/7/2017	2022
Monroe County Sheriff's Office	321	3/12/1992	3/2/2017	2022
Monroe Village Police Department	18	6/13/2001	6/3/2021	2026
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	32	12/13/2018		2023
Mount Pleasant Town Police Department	41	9/24/1998	9/6/2018	2023
Mount Vernon City Police Department	200	3/9/1995	3/7/2019	2024
MTA Police Department	768	3/3/2016	3/4/2021	2026
New Castle Town Police Department	37	3/15/2005	3/5/2020	2025
New Paltz Town Police Department	30	4/2/2018		2023
New Rochelle City Police Department	157	6/3/1993	6/7/2018	2023
New Windsor Town Police Department	39	6/12/1996	6/3/2021	2026
New York State Police	4982	2/21/1990	3/5/2020	2025
Niagara County Sheriff's Office	111	3/8/2001	3/3/2016	2026
Niagara Falls City Police Department	157	9/4/2003	9/6/2018	2023
North Castle Town Police Department	32	12/7/2000	12/17/2015	2025
North Greenbush Town Police Department	19	12/13/2007	12/7/2017	2022
North Syracuse Police Department	16	6/18/2015	9/3/2020	2025
Ogden Town Police Department	13	9/5/1991	9/8/2016	2021
Old Westbury Village Police Department	26	6/18/2015	12/3/2020	2025
Oneida County Sheriff's Office	90	12/14/2006	12/8/2016	2021
Oneonta City Police Department	24	12/18/2014	12/5/2019	2024
Onondaga County Sheriff's Office	242	9/24/1998	9/6/2018	2023
Ontario County Sheriff's Office	94	6/3/1993	6/7/2018	2023
Orange County Sheriff's Office	153	12/8/2005	12/17/2015	2025
Orangetown Town Police Department	81	3/13/2007	3/2/2017	2022
Ossining Village Police Department	57	9/2/2004	9/5/2019	2024
Oswego City Police Department	46	9/4/2003	9/6/2018	2023
Oswego County Sheriff's Office	87	9/18/2014	9/5/2019	2024

AGENCY NAME	SWORN MEMBERS	DATE ACCREDITED	DATE REACCREDITED	YEAR EXPIRES
Peekskill City Police Department	55	9/3/2009	9/5/2019	2024
Poughkeepsie Town Police Department	80	3/1/2011	3/4/2021	2026
Quogue Village Police Department	19	6/11/2009	6/6/2019	2024
Ramapo Town Police Department	102	6/10/2004	6/6/2019	2024
Rensselaer City Police Department	28	6/3/1993	6/7/2018	2023
Riverhead Town Police Department	95	6/7/2011	6/3/2021	2026
Rochester City Police Department	725	2/21/1990	3/5/2020	2025
Rockland County Sheriff's Office	136	3/6/2008	4/2/2018	2023
Rockville Centre Village Police Department	54	3/12/1998	4/2/2018	2023
Rome City Police Department	85	12/4/2003	12/13/2018	2023
Rotterdam Town Police Department	41	12/6/2001	12/8/2016	2026
Rye Brook Village Police Department	26	6/18/2015	12/3/2020	2025
Rye City Police Department	37	9/24/1998	9/6/2018	2023
Saratoga County Sheriff's Office	117	12/13/1993	12/13/2018	2023
Saugerties Town Police Department	35	12/5/2013	12/13/2018	2023
Scarsdale Village Police Department	45	9/20/1990	9/3/2020	2025
Schenectady City Police Department	154	9/3/2020		2025
Seneca County Sheriff's Office	27	3/2/2011	3/3/2016	2021
Seneca Falls Town Police Department	18	9/18/2014	9/5/2019	2024
Shelter Island Town Police Department	10	6/11/2009	6/6/2019	2024
Solvay Village Police Department	17	3/4/2003	4/2/2018	2023
Southampton Town Police Department	113	9/24/1998	9/6/2018	2023
Southampton Village Police Department	33	9/9/1993	9/6/2018	2023
St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office	34	9/3/2020		2025
Stony Point Town Police Department	30	6/5/2003	6/7/2018	2023
Suffern Village Police Department	31	12/3/2009	12/5/2019	2024
Suffolk County Police Department	2513	6/2/2005	12/3/2020	2025
Suffolk County Sheriff's Office	255	9/13/2012	9/7/2017	2022
SUNY Police Albany	40	6/7/2011	6/3/2021	2026
SUNY Police Alfred	10	6/14/2012	9/8/2017	2022
SUNY Police Binghamton	32	12/5/2019		2024
SUNY Police Brockport	16	12/13/2018		2023
SUNY Police Buffalo	58	12/13/2007	12/7/2017	2022
SUNY Police Buffalo State College	33	6/14/2012	6/8/2017	2022
SUNY Police Cobleskill	10	6/2/2016		2021
SUNY Police Cortland	19	3/2/2011	3/3/2016	2026
SUNY Police Fredonia	13	3/20/2014	3/7/2019	2024
SUNY Police Geneseo	14	3/19/2015	3/5/2020	2025
SUNY Police New Paltz	16	4/2/2018		2023
SUNY Police Oneonta	17	6/14/2012	6/8/2017	2022
SUNY Police Oswego	21	3/3/2016		2021
SUNY Police Potsdam	11	6/2/2016	6/3/2021	2026
SUNY Police Stony Brook	68	12/2/2010	12/3/2020	2025
Syracuse City Police Department	407	9/17/1992	12/7/2017	2022
Tioga County Sheriff's Office	37	6/4/1998	6/7/2018	2023
Tonawanda City Police Department	28	12/5/1991	12/8/2016	2021
Tonawanda Town Police Department	99	9/9/1993	9/6/2018	2023

AGENCY NAME	SWORN MEMBERS	DATE ACCREDITED	DATE REACCREDITED	YEAR EXPIRES
Troy City Police Department	130	12/7/2000	12/17/2015	2025
Tuckahoe Village Police Department	23	9/12/2002	9/7/2017	2022
Ulster County Sheriff's Office	85	12/10/1992	12/7/2017	2022
Ulster Town Police Department	32	6/6/2002	6/8/2017	2022
Utica Police Department	164	9/2/2010	9/3/2020	2025
Vestal Town Police Department	36	3/12/1992	12/8/2016	2021
Warren County Sheriff's Office	78	9/20/1990	9/3/2020	2025
Washington County Sheriff's Office	50	3/8/2007	3/2/2017	2022
Waterford Town & Village Police Department	16	9/2/2010	9/3/2020	2025
Watertown City Police Department	65	12/10/1998	12/13/2018	2023
Wayne County Sheriff's Office	85	12/7/2017		2022
Webster Town Police Department	29	3/11/1999	3/7/2019	2024
West Seneca Town Police Department	65	9/9/1993	9/6/2018	2023
Westchester County Dept. of Public Safety	282	12/10/1992	12/7/2017	2022
White Plains Dept. of Public Safety	195	2/21/1990	3/5/2020	2025
Woodbury Town Police Department	24	6/2/1994	6/6/2019	2024
Yates County Sheriff's Office	27	12/8/2005	12/17/2015	2025
Yonkers City Police Department	610	9/4/2003	9/6/2018	2023
Yorktown Town Police Department	55	9/5/1991	9/8/2016	2021

Appendix B

List of Applicant Agencies

AGENCY NAME	SWORN MEMBERS	APPLICATION DATE
Amityville Village Police Department	21	10/21/20
Ardsey Village PD	19	3/13/19
Auburn City PD	67	6/24/16
Batavia City Police Department	32	6/10/20
Blooming Grove Town Police Department	23	11/21/19
Cohoes City Police Department	32	1/15/20
Cuba Town Police Department	13	3/21/18
Dryden Village Police Department	13	1/18/18
Fishkill Town Police Department	47	7/24/20
Green Island Village Police Department	23	12/29/16
Hastings-on-Hudson Village Police Department	21	1/1/20
Johnstown City Police Department	24	9/7/18
Macedon Town Police Department	10	1/16/17
Nassau County Police Department	2500	9/30/20
Newburgh Town Police Department	56	6/11/18
Ocean Beach Village Police Department	28	3/15/19
Pelham Village Police Department	25	2/1/16
Putnam County Sheriff's Office	88	6/1/18
Saratoga Springs Police Department	75	10/5/20
Schenectady County Sheriff's Office	16	8/13/19
Southold Town Police Department	53	10/3/18
SUNY HSC Syracuse (NYS University Police at Upstate Me	19	1/4/17
SUNY Police Old Westbury	20	4/30/18
SUNY Police Purchase	26	10/17/19
Tarrytown Village Police Department	33	11/27/17
Tompkins County Sheriff's Office	43	3/11/19
Tuxedo Town Police Department	10	4/9/18
Waterloo Village Police Department	15	4/28/20
Watervliet City Police Department	25	8/1/19
Westhampton Beach Village Police Department	17	7/15/16

Appendix C

2020 Minutes of the
Law Enforcement Accreditation Council



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Minutes of the 122nd Meeting held on March 5th, 2020
Alfred E. Smith Office Building, Room 118
80 South Swan Street, Albany, NY 12210

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Division of Criminal Justice Services Executive Deputy Commissioner Michael Green called the 122nd meeting of the council to order at 10:03 a.m. on March 5th, 2020. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Executive Deputy Commissioner Green asked for a moment of silence to honor the members of law enforcement and the armed services who have died in the line of duty.

2. Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Gregory Austin - Rye Brook Village Police Department

Sergeant Louis Dini – Suffolk County Police Department, PCNY

Sheriff Robert Maciol – Oneida County Sheriff's Office

Mayor Robert Palmieri - City of Utica

Supervisor Edmond Theobald – Town of Manlius

Sheriff Barry Virts – Wayne County Sheriff's Office

Robert E. Worden, Ph.D. – University at Albany

Mr. Richard Wells – Police Conference New York

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Acting Superintendent Keith Corlett – New York State Police

Commissioner James O'Neill - New York City Police Department

OTHER MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

First Deputy Superintendent Kevin Bruen – New York State Police (*Voting for Superintendent Corlett*)

Assistant Chief Donna Jones – New York City Police Department (*Voting for Commissioner O'Neill*)

3. Introductions

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES STAFF

Michael C. Green, Executive Deputy Commissioner

Michael Wood, Deputy Commissioner - Office of Public Safety (OPS)

Johanna Sullivan, Director, OPS

Natasha Harvin-Locklear – Office of Legal Services

Gabriele Marruso - OPS

Ashley Onorati - OPS Accreditation Unit

Kevin Fairchild – OPS Accreditation Unit

Kea Jelliff – OPS Accreditation Unit

OTHER GUESTS

Major Joseph Keane – New York State Police

REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPLICANT AGENCIES

Canandaigua City Police Department

No Attendees

Chemung County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff William Schrom
Captain Matthew Stevens
*Officer Dan Mandell

Delaware County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Craig DuMond
*Sergeant Kim Smith

New Castle Town Police Department

Chief James Carroll
*Lieutenant Estuardo Pazmino
Lieutenant James Dumser
Sergeant Arthur Mendoza

New York State Police Department

First Deputy Superintendent Kevin P. Bruen
Major Brent B. Gillam
*Senior Investigator John D. Fallon

Rochester City Police Department

Chief La'Ron D. Singletary
Captain Mark Wiater
*Sergeant Stephen Boily
Officer Frank Coriddi

SUNY Police Geneseo

Commissioner Paul Berger
Deputy Commissioner Frank Lawrence
Chief Thomas Kilcullen
Assistant Chief Christopher Prusak
Inspector Scott Ewanow
*Officer Christopher LoPiano

White Plains Department of Public Safety

*Detective Jennifer Dacosta

*Denotes Agency Program Manager in Attendance

ACTION ITEMS

4. Ratify December 2019 Meeting Action Items

1. Approval of September 2019 Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 5, 2019 council meeting. Mr. Richard wells seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 10 ayes, 0 nay

2. Approval of Application for Accreditation

i. SUNY Police Binghamton

Dr. Worden made a motion to accredit the agency and Mayor Palmieri seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 10 ayes, 0 nay

3. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation

i. Albany City Police Department; Brockport Village Police Department; Canton Village Police Department; Chenango County Sheriff's Office; Colonie Town Police Department; Oneonta City Police Department; Suffern Village Police Department

Mr. Wells made a motion to accredit the agencies and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 10 ayes, 0 nay

4. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys

i. Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office; Cortland City Police Department; East Greenbush Town Police Department; Elmira City Police Department; Endicott Village Police Department; Evans Town Police Department; Fairport Village Police Department; Geddes Town Police Department; Genesee County Sheriff's Office; Gloversville City Police Department; Harriman Village Police Department; Irondequoit Town Police Department; Kingston City Police Department; Livingston County Sheriff's Office; Middletown City Police Department; Montgomery County Sheriff's Office; North Castle Town Police Department; North Greenbush Town Police Department; Oneida County Sheriff's Office; Orange County Sheriff's Office; Rome City Police Department; Rotterdam Town Police Department; Saratoga County Sheriff's Office; Saugerties Town Police Department; SUNY Police Brockport; SUNY Police Buffalo; SUNY Police Stony Brook; Syracuse City Police Department; Tonawanda City Police Department; Troy City Police Department; Ulster County Sheriff's Office; Vestal Town Police Department; Watertown City Police Department; Wayne County Sheriff's Office; Westchester County Department of Public Safety; Yates County Sheriff's Office

Dr. Worden made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and First Deputy Superintendent Bruen seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 10 ayes, 0 nay

5. Acceptance of 2020 Meeting Dates

- i. March 5, 2020
- ii. June 4, 2020
- iii. September 3, 2020
- iv. December 3, 2020

Sheriff Virts made a motion to accept the 2020 meeting dates and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 10 ayes, 0 nay

5. Approval of December 2019 Meeting Minutes

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 5, 2020 council meeting and Assistant Chief Donna Jones seconded the motion.

6. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation

Canandaigua City Police Department

First Deputy Superintendent Kevin Bruen made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

10 ayes, 0 nay

Chemung County Sheriff’s Office

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sheriff Virts seconded the motion.

10 ayes, 0 nay

Delaware County Sheriff’s Office

Sheriff Virts made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sheriff Maciol seconded the motion.

10 ayes, 0 nay

New Castle Town Police Department

Chief Austin made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

8 ayes, 0 nay

New York State Police

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstain

Rochester City Police Department

First Deputy Superintendent Bruen made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Mayor Palmieri seconded the motion.

10 ayes, 0 nay

SUNY Geneseo University Police Department

First Deputy Superintendent Bruen made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Dr. Worden seconded the motion.

10 ayes, 0 nay

White Plains Department of Public Safety

Chief Austin made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

10 ayes, 0 nay

7. Presentation of Certificates - Reaccreditation

Canandaigua

No one from the agency was present at the meeting.

Chemung County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff William Schrom accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Officer Dan Mandell as the agency program manager.

Delaware County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Craig DuMond accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Sergeant Kim Smith as the agency program manager.

New Castle Town Police Department

Chief James Carroll accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Lieutenant Estuardo Pazmino as the agency program manager.

New York State Police

First Deputy Superintendent Kevin Bruen accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented Senior Investigator John Fallon as the agency program manager.

Rochester City Police Department

Chief La'Ron Singletary accepted the Certificate of Accreditation and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Sergeant Stephen Boily as the agency program manager.

SUNY Police Geneseo

Commissioner Paul Berger accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Officer Christopher LoPiano as the agency program manager.

White Plains Department of Public Safety

Detective Jennifer Dacosta accepted the Certificate of Accreditation and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate as the agency program manager.

At 10:30 am, Executive Deputy Commissioner Green announced that there would be a break in the meeting so visitors would have an opportunity to excuse themselves if necessary. The meeting reconvened at 10:45 am.

8. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys

Albany County Sheriff's Office; Camillus Town Police Department; Catskill Village Police Department; Dobbs Ferry Village Police Department; East Fishkill Town Police Department; East Hampton Village Police Department; Gates Town Police Department; Geneva City Police Department; Glens Falls City Police Department; Greece Town Police Department; Greenburgh Town Police Department; Hudson Falls Village Police Department; Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department; Monroe County Sheriff's Office; Mount Vernon City Police Department; New Paltz Town Police Department; Niagara County Sheriff's Office; Orangetown Town Police Department; Poughkeepsie Town Police Department; Rockland County Sheriff's Office; Rockville Centre Village Police Department; Seneca County Sheriff's Office; Solvay Village Police Department; SUNY Police Cortland ; SUNY Police Fredonia; SUNY Police New Paltz; SUNY Police Oswego; Washington County Sheriff's Office; Webster Town Police Department

Mr. Wells made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and Sheriff Macioli seconded the motion. 10 ayes, 0 nay

9. Approval of Extension Request

Gabriele Marruso informed the council that the North Syracuse Police Department was requesting a 3 month extension. In Chief Becker's written request he acknowledged issues with major restructuring in command staff as well as the department undergoing overhaul and remodel and challenges with new criminal justice reform. Ashley

Onorati also noted that the agency has been in good standing in the past and she did not see any indication that they would not be ready for a 3rd quarter assessment.

Mr. Wells made a motion to grant extension to the North Syracuse Police Department and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

10 ayes, 0 nay

10. Approval of New Assessors

1. Officer Elliott Cave – Brockport Village Police Department
2. Officer Christopher LoPiano – SUNY Geneseo University Police Department
3. Captain (ret.) Michael Scott – Gloversville City Police Department
4. Chief (ret.) Robert Sears – Albany City Police Department

First Deputy Superintendent Bruen made a motion to accept the applications and Sheriff Maciol seconded the motion

10 ayes, 0 nay

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. Program Updates

Council Members Appointments:

Mr. Marruso gave the council a brief update on the status of the council members and acknowledged staff is working diligently on obtaining more nominations for seats on the council.

Accreditation Unit:

Mr. Marruso informed the council that the Accreditation Unit is fully staffed and welcomed new unit member Kea Jelliff

2020 Assessor and Program Manager Training:

Mr. Marruso informed the council that the accreditation unit has 3 sessions of assessor and 3 sessions of program manager training scheduled. One of each training in March in Oneida County, one of each training in July in Rockland County, and one of each training in October in Stueben County.

Regulation Amendment Updates – NYC RR 6035

Natasha Harvin – Locklear stated that executive law lists the law enforcement agencies able to participate in the accreditation program and in 2018 the laws changed to allow Indian police to participate in the program. The council adopted regulations so that could occur. The governor promulgated those regulations effective March 25, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no other business, Sheriff Maciol made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sergeant Dini seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on June 4th, 2020 at 10:00 am in Room 118 of the Alfred E. Smith Office building.



Minutes of the 123rd Meeting held on June 4th, 2020

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Division of Criminal Justice Services Michael C. Green, Executive Deputy Commissioner called the 123rd meeting of the council to order at 10:00 a.m. on June 4th, 2020. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Executive Deputy Commissioner Green asked for a moment of silence to honor the members of law enforcement and the armed services who have died in the line of duty.

2. Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Gregory Austin - Rye Brook Village Police Department
Sergeant Louis Dini – Suffolk County Police Department, PCNY
Sheriff Robert Maciol – Oneida County Sheriff's Office
Mayor Robert Palmieri - City of Utica
Supervisor Edmond Theobald – Town of Manlius
Sheriff Barry Virts – Wayne County Sheriff's Office
Mr. Richard Wells – Police Conference New York
Robert E. Worden, Ph.D. – University at Albany

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Acting Superintendent Keith Corlett – New York State Police
Commissioner James O'Neill - New York City Police Department

OTHER MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

Deputy Superintendent Patrick Regan – New York State Police (*Voting for Superintendent Corlett*)

3. Introductions

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES STAFF

Michael C. Green, Executive Deputy Commissioner
Michael Wood, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Public Safety (OPS)
Johanna Sullivan, Director, OPS
Mr. Todd Murray, OPS
Mr. Gabriele Marruso, OPS
Ms. Ashley Onorati, OPS
Mr. Kevin Fairchild, OPS
Ms. Kea Jelliff, OPS
Ms. Natasha Harvin-Locklear, Esq., Office of Legal Services
Mr. Michael Flaherty, Esq., Office of Legal Services
Mr. Brian Garvey, Esq., Office of Legal Services

OTHER GUESTS

Major Brent Gillam – New York State Police

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approval of March 2020 Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 5, 2020 council meeting. Sheriff Virts seconded the motion. *Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay*

5. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys

Binghamton City Police Department, Buffalo City Police Department, Cheektowaga Town Police Department, Cicero Town Police Department, Clarkstown Town Police Department, DeWitt Town Police Department, East Rochester Village Police Department, Erie County Sheriff's Office, Geneseo Village Police Department, Harrison Town Police Department, Hudson City Police Department, Huntington Bay Village Police Department, Liverpool Village Police Department, Monroe Village Police Department, New Rochelle City Police Department, New Windsor Town Police Department, Ontario County Sheriff's Office, Quogue Village Police Department, Ramapo Town Police Department, Rensselaer City Police Department, Riverhead Town Police Department, Shelter Island Town Police Department, Stony Point Town Police Department, SUNY Police Albany, SUNY Police Alfred, SUNY Police Buffalo State College, SUNY Police Cobleskill, SUNY Police Oneonta, SUNY Police Potsdam, Tioga County Sheriff's Office, Ulster Town Police Department, Woodbury Town Police Department

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion. *Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay*

6. COVID-19 Related Extension Approvals for Agencies Scheduled to be Reaccredited 2nd Quarter of 2020

- a. Eastchester Town Police Department**
- b. Haverstraw Town Police Department**
- c. Old Westbury Village Police Department**
- d. Rye Brook Village Police Department**
- e. Suffolk County Police Department**

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to grant the extensions for the 2nd quarter agencies and Mayor Palmieri seconded the motion. Due to the abstention of Chief Austin on Rye Brook Village PD and Sergeant Dini and Dr. Worden on Suffolk County PD, there was not a quorum for these agencies and will need to be ratified at the September 2020 Council meeting. *Motion carried – 8 ayes, 0 nay*

7. COVID-19 Related Extension Approval for Standard 33.1 – 21 hours of In-Service Training

Gabriele Marruso informed the council that many accredited agencies have expressed concerns in their ability to comply with Standard 33.1 as a result of agency directives, response, social distancing, and staffing shortages related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In an effort to minimize the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on accredited agencies and streamline processes for approval, Mr. Marruso is asking the council to temporarily give OPS staff the authority to grant extensions for this standard alone. Extension approvals will provide accredited agencies 6 additional months or until June 1, 2021 to demonstrate and document compliance ensuring all sworn personnel have completed 21 hours of in-service training in accordance with the LEAAC approved Standard 33.1.

Sheriff Maciol made a motion and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. Program Updates

Council Members:

Gabriele Marruso reported that DCJS is continuing to work to ensure nominations are received and acted upon as quickly as possible for all vacant and holdover council seats. Mr. Marruso also mentioned that they NYPD has designated Chief Theresa Shortell, the Chief of Training as their LEAAC representative moving forward

Remote Delivery of Program Manager and Assessors Trainings:

Mr. Marruso informed that Council that OPS has begun exploring different platforms to conduct and deliver Program Manager and Assessor Trainings Remotely. OPS staff is currently working with consultant instructors to update course materials and coordinate logistics. Accreditation Unit Staff will pilot each course for, Program Managers and Assessors, prior to September's meeting. When discussing the trainings Mr. Marruso noted that the remote course offerings will be live and interactive to allow for questions, comments and feedback.

Remote Assessments:

Mr. Marruso informed that council that in response to the ongoing pandemic and the uncertainty available resources, OPS will be temporarily updating the current procedures for on-site assessments to now include a mix of remote and on-site oversight while conducting assessments by shifting all reaccreditation assessment to Compliance Audits. Compliance Audits require only 1 person on-site for one day to conduct interviews, tour the department and assess property and evidence rooms. Compliance Audits require a minimum of 39 files, consisting of all 19 critical standards and 20 additional standards, be reviewed vs. the total 109 program standards reviewed during a typical reaccreditation assessment.

With the understanding that agencies will have many folders that are not included in their assessment, OPS staff will increase the frequency of off-site 10-file reviews as well as increase the number of files being reviewed from 10 to 30. Frequency of off-site file reviews will be increased from one file review to a minimum of two file reviews within the same 5 year timeframe. Furthermore, initial applications for accreditation typically utilize the same 3 person assessment team as reaccreditation. However, in order to ensure compliance with social distancing protocol and resource allocation, initial assessment teams will be reduced from 3 to 2 members, one of which will be a Team Leader.

On-site commitments will be restricted to the Team Leader and for one day. All 109 files will be reviewed off-site prior to the site-visit. Although we are all faced with the challenge of handling uncertainty moving forward, the integrity of the Accreditation Program remains of the utmost importance.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no other business, Mayor Palmieri made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Austin seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on September 3, 2020 at 10:00 am in Room 118 of the Alfred E. Smith Office building.



Minutes of the 124th Meeting held on September 3, 2020

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Division of Criminal Justice Services, Office of Public Safety Deputy Commissioner Michael Wood called the 124th meeting of the council to order at 10:00 a.m. on September 3rd, 2020. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Deputy Commissioner Wood asked for a moment of silence to honor the members of law enforcement and the armed services who have died in the line of duty.

2. Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Gregory Austin - Rye Brook Village Police Department

Sergeant Louis Dini – Suffolk County Police Department, PCNY

Sheriff Robert Maciol – Oneida County Sheriff's Office

Mayor Robert Palmieri - City of Utica

Supervisor Edmond Theobald – Town of Manlius

Sheriff Barry Virts – Wayne County Sheriff's Office

Robert E. Worden, Ph.D. – University at Albany

Mr. Richard Wells – Police Conference New York

Superintendent Keith Corlett – New York State Police

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner James O'Neill - New York City Police Department

3. Introductions

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES STAFF

Michael Wood, Deputy Commissioner - Office of Public Safety (OPS)

Johanna Sullivan, Director, OPS

Natasha Harvin-Locklear – Office of Legal Services

Gabriele Marruso - OPS

Ashley Onorati - OPS Accreditation Unit

Kevin Fairchild – OPS Accreditation Unit

Kea Jelliff – OPS Accreditation Unit

Mr. Michael Flaherty, Esq., Office of Legal Services

Mr. Brian Garvey, Esq., Office of Legal Services

REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPLICANT AGENCIES

Beacon City Police Department

*Sergeant Jason Walden

Cornwall Town Police Department

Chief Todd Hazard

Eastchester Town Police Department

Chief Timothy Bonci

*Sergeant Andrew Wade

North Syracuse Town Police Department

Chief William Becker

*Sergeant Jeffrey Tripp

Scarsdale Village Police Department

Chief Andrew Matturro

Captain Edward Murphy

Lieutenant Boris Grgas – Patrol Section Commander

Det. Lieutenant Brendan Kellaheer

*Sergeant Dinis Castro

Schenectady City Police Department

Public Safety Commissioner Michael Eidens

Chief Eric Clifford

Assistant Chief Michael Seber

*Lieutenant James Sanders

St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Brooks Bigwarfe

Undersheriff Sean O'Brien

*Deputy Leighton Filtrault

Utica City Police Department

Chief Mark Williams

Deputy Chief Ed Noonan

Captain Don Cinque

*Officer Rick Hill

Warren County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff James LaFarr

Waterford Town & Village Police Department

Assistant Public Safety Commissioner Paul McInerney

*Sergeant Michael Dilbone

*Denotes Agency Program Manager in Attendance

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approval of June 2020 Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 4, 2020 council meeting. Dr. Worden wells seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

5. Approval of Applications for Initial Accreditation

Schenectady City Police Department

Sergeant Dini made a motion to accredit the agency and Sheriff Maciol seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accredit the agency and Sheriff Virts seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

6. Approval of Applications for Reccreditation

Beacon City Police Department

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

Cornwall Town Police Department

Dr. Worden made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

Eastchester Town Police Department

Chief Austin made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

North Syracuse Town Police Department

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

Scarsdale Village Police Department

Chief Austin made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

Utica City Police Department

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion. Mayor Palmieri abstained.

8 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstain

*This is an emergency action and will be ratified at the next council meeting.

Warren County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Virts made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sheriff Maciol seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

Waterford Town and Village Police Department

Mr. Wells made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

At 11:05 am, Deputy Commissioner Wood announced that there would be a break in the meeting so visitors would have an opportunity to excuse themselves if necessary. The meeting reconvened at 11:10 am.

7. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys

Bedford Town Police Department, Brighton Town Police Department, Broome County Sheriff's Office, Centre Island Village Police Department, Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, Guilderland Town Police Department, Johnson City Village Police Department, Lancaster Town Police Department, Madison County Sheriff's Office, Manlius Town Police Department, Mount Pleasant Town Police Department, Niagara Falls City Police Department, Ogden Town Police Department, Onondaga County Sheriff's Office, Ossining Village Police Department, Oswego City Police Department, Oswego County Sheriff's Office, Peekskill City Police Department, Rye City Police Department, Seneca Falls Town Police Department, Southampton Town Police Department, Southampton Village Police Department, Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, Tonawanda Town Police Department, Tuckahoe Village Police Department, West Seneca Town Police Department, Yonkers City Police Department, Yorktown Town Police Department.

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and Dr. Worden seconded the motion. Supervisor Theobald abstained from voting on Manlius Police Department.

8 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstain

8. Approval of Extension Request

Gabriele Marruso informed the council that the Bethlehem Police Department was requesting a 3 month extension. In Deputy Chief Heffernan's written request, he acknowledged issues with retirements in the command staff as well as additional issues and challenges due to COVID-19. He requests the extension to give the new command staff the time needed to prepare for the assessment.

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to grant extension to the Bethlehem Police Department and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

9. Approval of New Standard

Mr. Marruso informed the Council that in response to the recently enacted police reform legislation and Executive Order 203, OPS conducted a thorough review of the accreditation program's current standards. Upon review the standards currently satisfy nearly all newly enacted legislation as well as directives provided in Executive Order 203. However, there is one addition to the standards that OPS recommends that will satisfy the New York Civil Rights Law Article 3 Section 28 which requires law enforcement to provide medical and/or mental health attention to persons in custody. The proposed new standard, "43.8 - Health of Persons in Custody," will be considered a critical standard due to the implications of non-compliance within the legislation as well as the importance of ensuring the safety and well-being of persons in law enforcement custody.

Chief Austin made a motion to accept the new standard and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

10. Revision to Council Policy

Mr. Marruso informed the Council that with the approval of the new standard the reaccreditation section of the council policy has been updated to show that there are now 20 critical standards and a total of 110 standards.

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept the revision to the Council Policy and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.
9 ayes, 0 nay

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. Program Updates

Council Members Appointments:

Mr. Marruso gave the council a brief update on the status of the council members and acknowledged staff is working diligently on obtaining more nominations for seats on the council.

Remote Delivery of Program Manager and Assessor Trainings:

Mr. Marruso updated the Council with the details of the accreditation unit remote trainings. With the Instruction from Chief (ret) Sal Simonetti the two pilot trainings have been extremely successful. The unit will be scheduling additional trainings at a later date.

Remote Assessments:

Mr. Marruso informed the council that the Accreditation Unit has switched over to remove assessments. Members of the agencies as well as the assessors have adapted to these changes while maintaining the integrity of the program.

Status of 2nd Quarter Extensions:

From the 2nd quarter extensions, Eastchester was accredited at the meeting today and the rest of the agencies Haverstraw PD, Old Westbury PD, Rye Brook PD, and Suffolk County PD have been rescheduled for the accreditation at the December meeting.

Removal of reference to Civil Rights Law § 50-a in Standard 25.1:

In light of the repeal of Civil Rights Law § 50-a, OPS has updated language in Standard 25.1 – Internal Affairs. Standard 25.1 sub F. previously stated, “Notifying the complainant that the matter is being handled administratively (as per §50-a of the Civil Rights Law)”, however, “(as per §50-a of the Civil Rights Law)” has been removed as it is no longer relevant. After discussion the council decided to discuss further at a later date due to ongoing lawsuits calling to roll back the repeal of 50-a. Due to this no updates have been made to standard 25.1.

2021 Council Meeting Dates:

March 4th
June 3rd
September 2nd
December 2nd

The proposed dates will be voted upon at December’s council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no other business, Chief Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheriff Maciol seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 am.

The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on December 3rd, 2020 at 10:00 am in Room 118 of the Alfred E. Smith Office building.



Minutes of the 125th Meeting held on December 3, 2020

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Division of Criminal Justice Services Executive Deputy Commissioner Michael Green called the 125th meeting of the council to order at 10:00 a.m. on December 3rd, 2020. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Executive Deputy Commissioner Green asked for a moment of silence to honor the members of law enforcement and the armed services who have died in the line of duty.

2. Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Gregory Austin - Rye Brook Village Police Department
Sergeant Louis Dini – Suffolk County Police Department, PCNY
Sheriff Robert Maciol – Oneida County Sheriff's Office
Supervisor Edmond Theobald – Town of Manlius
Sheriff Barry Virts – Wayne County Sheriff's Office
Robert E. Worden, Ph.D. – University at Albany
Mr. Richard Wells – Police Conference New York
Acting Superintendent Kevin Bruen – New York State Police

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner James O'Neill - New York City Police Department
Mayor Robert Palmieri - City of Utica

OTHER DIGNITARIES ATTENDING:

Chief Kenneth Corey - New York City Police Department
Deputy Chief Timothy Beaudette – New York City Police Department

3. Introductions

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES STAFF

Executive Deputy Commissioner Michael Green
Michael Wood, Deputy Commissioner - Office of Public Safety (OPS)
Johanna Sullivan, Director, OPS
Natasha Harvin-Locklear – Office of Legal Services
Gabriele Marruso - OPS
Ashley Onorati - OPS Accreditation Unit
Kevin Fairchild – OPS Accreditation Unit

Kea Jelliff – OPS Accreditation Unit
Mr. Michael Flaherty, Esq., Office of Legal Services
Mr. Brian Garvey, Esq., Office of Legal Services

REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPLICANT AGENCIES:

Bethlehem Town Police Department

Chief Gina Cocchiara
*Commander Michael Cozzy

Endicott Village Police Department

Chief Patrick Garey
*Sgt. Bradley Solomon

Genesee County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff William Sheron
Undersheriff Bradley Mazur
*Deputy Deborah Snyder

Haverstraw Town Police Department

Chief Peter G. Murphy
Captain Martin Lund
Lieutenant John Gould
*Sergeant James Hansen
Officer David Kryger

Kingston City Police Department

Chief Egidio Tinti
*Lt. Michael Bonse

North Castle Town Police Department

Chief Peter Simonsen
Sergeant Regen Hufnagle
Sergeant Joel Thomas
Town Administrator Kevin Hay

Old Westbury Village Police Department

Chief Robert Glaser
Mayor Edward Novick

Orange County Sheriff's Office

Chief Deputy Dennis Barry
Lieutenant Laurence Cottone
*Investigator Hector Hernandez

Rye Brook Village Police Department

Mayor Paul Rosenberg

Village Administrator Christopher Bradbury
Lieutenant John Arnold
*Officer Michael Caridi

Suffolk County Police Department

Commissioner Geraldine Hart
*Officer Brian Butler

SUNY Stony Brook University Police Department

Chief Lawrence M. Zaccarese
*Assistant Chief Neil Farrell

Troy City Police Department

Chief Brian Owens
Captain John Becker
*Sergeant John Keeler

Yates County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Ronald Spike
*Undersheriff Howard Davis

*Denotes Agency Program Manager in Attendance

ACTION ITEMS

4. Ratify September 2020 Meeting Action Items

- a. Approval of Application for Reaccreditation
 - i. Utica City Police Department

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

Motion Carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

- b. Approval of Annual Compliance Survey – this will need to be ratified at the March 2021 meeting.
 - i. Manlius Town Police Department

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

5. Approval of September 2020 Meeting Minutes

Sheriff Virts made a motion to accredit the agency and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 9 ayes, 0 nay

6. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation

Bethlehem Town Police Department, Endicott Village Police Department, Genesee County Sheriff's Office, Haverstraw Village Police Department, North Castle Town Police Department,

Old Westbury Village Police Department, Orange County Sheriff's Office, SUNY Police Stony Brook, and Yates County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to reaccredit the agencies and Chief Austin seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

Kingston City Police Department

Mr. Wells made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

8 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstention

Rye Brook Village Police Department

Mr. Wells made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sheriff Maciol seconded the motion.

8 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstention

Suffolk County Police Department

Mr. Wells made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

7 ayes, 0 nay, 2 abstentions

Troy City Police Department

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

8 ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstention

At 10:40 am, Executive Deputy Commissioner Green announced that there would be a break in the meeting so visitors would have an opportunity to excuse themselves if necessary. The meeting reconvened at 10:45 am.

7. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys

Albany City Police Department, Brockport Village Police Department, Canton Village Police Department, Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office, Chenango County Sheriff's Office, Colonie Town Police Department, Cortland City Police Department, East Greenbush Town Police Department, Elmira City Police Department, Evans Town Police Department, Fairport Village Police Department, Geddes Town Police Department, Gloversville City Police Department, Harriman Village Police Department, Irondequoit Town Police Department, Livingston County Sheriff's Office, Middletown City Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, North Greenbush Town Police Department, Oneida County Sheriff's Office, Oneonta City Police Department, Rome City Police Department, Rotterdam Town Police Department, Saratoga County Sheriff's Office, Saugerties Town Police Department, Suffern Village Police Department, SUNY Police Binghamton, SUNY Police Brockport, SUNY Police Buffalo, Syracuse City Police Department, Tonawanda City Police Department, Ulster County Sheriff's Office, Vestal Town Police Department, Watertown City Police Department, Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Westchester County Department of Public Safety

Sergeant Dini made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and Sheriff Virts seconded the Motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

8. Approval of Standard 41.3 revision

Gabriele Marruso explained to the council that the office of public safety is proposing a revision to standard 41.3 in response to community doxing. Doxing is to search for and publish private or identifying information about (a particular individual) on the internet, typically with malicious intent. With the recent civil unrest many officers have become the target of doxing placing officers and their family at risk. We are proposing that an agency permit an officer to be identified to alternatives to typical name plates. Especially in high risk situations like riots or rallies. An

example would be using badge number instead of an officer's last name.

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to accept the revision to standard 41.3 and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

9. Approval of Standard 8.5 revision

Mr. Marruso explained to that council that recently the MU-1 and CO-2 have been consolidated into LGS -1. After review, it did not appear to cover certain state agencies or interstate agencies, so language was added to do so.

Sergeant Dini made a motion to accept the revision to standard 41.3 and Chief Austin seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

10. Approval of New Assessors

1. Chief Timothy M. Ashley II – SUNY Potsdam University Police Department
2. Captain (ret.) Gregory T. Schuey – SUNY Geneseo University Police Department

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to approve the assessor applications and Sheriff Maciol seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

11. Acceptance of 2021 Meeting Dates

1. March 4, 2021
2. June 3, 2021
3. September 2, 2021
4. December 2, 2021

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept the 2021 meeting dates and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.

9 ayes, 0 nay

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

12. Program Updates

Council Members Appointments:

Mr. Marruso gave the council a brief update on the status of the council members and acknowledged staff is working diligently on obtaining more nominations for seats on the council. We also welcome Chief Kenneth Corey from the NYPD and Acting Superintendent Kevin Bruen to the council.

Remote Delivery of Program Manager and Assessor Trainings:

Mr. Marruso updated the Council with the details of the accreditation unit remote trainings. With the Instruction from Chief (ret) Sal Simonetti the trainings have been extremely successful. The unit will be scheduling additional trainings at a later date.

Remote Assessments:

Mr. Marruso informed the council that the remote assessments have been successful. We are in line with social distancing guidelines while keeping the integrity of the program.

Status of 2nd Quarter Extensions:

Previously we had 5 extensions granted at the June meeting and with the reaccreditations granted today all 5 agencies have now been successfully reaccredited.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no other business, Sheriff Maciol made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wells seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on March 4, 2021 at 10:00 am.