

Police Policy Committee Minutes

August 18, 2022

The Police Policy Committee of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training held a regular meeting on August 18, 2022, at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon. Chair, John Teague called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Committee Members:

John Teague, Chair, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police
Chris Skinner, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police
Angie Brandenburg, Oregon State Sheriff's Association (Webex)
Kevin Dresser, Non-Management Law Enforcement
Mark Garton, Oregon State Sheriff's Association
Mike Frome, Portland Police Bureau (Designee for Chief Charles Lovell)
Jill Thissell, Non-Management Law Enforcement
Ashliegh Ramirez, Public Member (Webex)
Angie Brandenburg, Oregon State Sheriff's Association
Rob Wood, Public Member
Scotty Nowning, Non-Management Law Enforcement

Committee Members Absent:

DaNeshia Barret, Non-Management Law Enforcement
Terri Davie, Superintendent, Oregon State Police
Alex Gardner, Oregon State Police Command Staff Representative
Kieran Ramsey, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Kathy McAlpine, Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police
Terry Rowan, Oregon State Sheriff's Association

Guests:

None

DPSST Staff:

Brian Henson, Acting Director
Suzy Herring, Professional Standards Director
Marsha Morin, Standards and Certification Manager
Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Case Manager
Stacy Yutzie, Center for Policing Excellence
Christy Hess, Curriculum Development Coordinator
Chris Enquist, Skills Training Manager
Jim deSully, Regional Training Manager
Erica Riddell, Criminal Justice Office Specialist
Shelby Wright, Executive Support Specialist



1. Introductions

Introductions of members, guests and staff.

2. Approve May 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Mark Garton moved to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2022, Police Policy Committee meeting. Chris Skinner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with two recusals (Robert Wood, Scotty Nowning).

3. Administrative Closure Consent Agenda

Presented by Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Case Manager

The Department presented recommendations to administratively close the following professional standards cases to the Police Policy Committee.

a) Cromwell, Alexandra (61072) Police

On May 19, 2022, the PPC voted to amend the department staff report, negating the Department's findings, return the case to the Department and direct the Department to submit her separation as an Administratively Closure to the committee. The PPC indicated that the conduct identified by the Department was performance-based and not moral fitness violations.

Under OAR 259-008-0320(10), the Department presented Cromwell's case to the Board with the Police Policy Committee's recommendation to have the department resubmit as an administrative closure. In a unanimous decision, the Board approved the recommendation.

Based on the findings and directive from the PPC and Board approval, the Department has amended the committee staff report, negating the findings.

b) Schrader, Brian (31298) Police

On December 20, 2021, Brian Schrader retired from his position with the Gresham Police Department (GPD). On January 6, 2022, the Department opened a professional standards case to review the investigation related to his separation and sent a request for information to the GPD.

On May 4, 2022, the Department spoke with the GPD who indicated there was a complaint that was made against Schrader, but the complaint remained uninvestigated. The Department requested an amended F4s, to reflect that the complaint was not investigated.

On May 9, 2022, an amended F4s was submitted documenting that there were uninvestigated allegations of misconduct at the time of Schrader's separation.

Based on the information provided, the Department is closing its review of Schrader's separation from the GPD. Inquiries related to the complaint will be directed to the GPD.

c) Martinez, David (54969) Police

On March 18, 2022, the Oregon State Police (OSP), terminated David Martinez after finding he was unprofessional during contact with a citizen that was illegally parked on the street near his residence, failed to record his interactions, and failed to make proper notifications of the traffic violation warning, and intermittently parked his patrol vehicle on the street in a no parking area. During Martinez's separation, OSP also considered multiple previous unprofessional sustained complaints against him, which provided a pattern of poor decision-making similar to the incident with his neighbors.

Martinez's conduct was reviewed for discretionary moral fitness violations. Multiple witnesses to Martinez's conduct reported feeling threatened by him. In this situation, there is insufficient information to determine if the threat and fear the witnesses perceived were more than the threat of receiving a citation for parking in a no-parking zone. Witnesses reported that Martinez's body language was threatening; however, the witnesses did not describe what he was doing aside from sitting in his patrol vehicle.

Though Martinez's actions were hypocritical, unprofessional, and indicative of a pattern of poor decision-making, the poor decision-making he displayed did not reflect a discretionary moral fitness violation.

Martinez was discharged for cause by his agency, his separation was also reviewed for mandatory revocation standards. The Department was unable to establish that Martinez gained something from this encounter with his neighbors; as such, there is also insufficient information to reflect that Martinez's termination would meet the standards outlined for mandatory revocation of his certifications.

d) Newsom, Nathan (55143) Police

On February 23, 2021, the Department opened a professional standards case after receiving an automated notification from the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS) indicating Nathan Newsom had been arrested. Newsom was ultimately convicted of *Harassment*. Newsom has since passed away, prior to the Department preparing his case for review.

e) Tolley, Sara (54603) Police

On November 2, 2021, Sara Tolley was terminated from the Pendleton Police Department (PPD) after they found her to have been insubordinate and failed to successfully meet the standards for reporting documentation.

PPD documentation indicates that Tolley was required to notify her supervisor of her absence so that staffing for the day could be planned at the briefing meeting. The documentation notes that Tolly did tell at least one person that she was leaving for a court appearance each day. Tolley's actions were sufficient to notify the agency of her absence and not create an inefficient operation of the agency.

Based on the information provided, the Department has determined that Tolley's separation does not violate the Board's moral fitness standards defined in Oregon Administrative Rule. Tolley's conduct, while not ideal, demonstrated poor work performance and not a moral fitness violation.

Mike Frome moved to approve the Administrative Closure Consent Agenda recommendations made by the Department. Mark Garton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Carter, Shawn (44728) Certification Review: Police

Presented by Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Case Manager

Reason for Discretionary Review

On April 5, 2019, Carter resigned from the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office (LCSO) during an internal investigation into allegations that he had requested overtime pay for attending trainings, or portions of trainings he did not attend.

On February 17, 2022, Carter submitted a falsified Application for Certification or Licensure (PS-1) to the Department’s Private Security Program, indicating he had no prior or current investigations related to allegations of misconduct and had not engaged in dishonest or deceitful conduct.

<i>Policy Committee Discussion/Vote</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
Mike Frome moved that the Police Policy Committee adopt the staff report.	Mark Garton	10 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously

The Police Policy Committee found the following moral fitness violations and factors:

Moral Fitness Violations:

- Dishonesty: Carter falsified his timesheet, requesting overtime pay for training he did not attend. Carter falsely documented he completed a K-9 training he did not complete. Carter falsified a Department form by indicating he had not been investigated when he had. Carter falsified a Department form by indicating he was not under investigation for alleged misconduct that may be grounds for denial or revocation of a professional certification when, in fact, there was an open professional standards case with the Department. Carter falsified a Department form indicating he had never engaged in dishonest or deceitful conduct when he had.
- Misuse of Authority: The committee did not identify elements of misuse of authority.
- Misconduct: Carter’s falsification of documentation with the LCSO threatened the efficient operation of the prosecutor's office handling criminal cases Carter was involved in, dismissing cases that could not proceed without Carter’s testimony.

Aggravating Factors:

- Carter completed fifteen ethics training courses while employed as a Police Officer.
- There was more than one mistake with Carter’s timesheet; this was dishonesty.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DA’s Office determined Carter’s conduct was exculpatory and necessitated the disclosure to the defense regardless of a <i>Brady</i> letter, which impeded the prosecution of cases. <p><i>Mitigating Factors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DA’s office never provided a copy of a <i>Brady</i> determination. Carter was given special projects and may have had too little accountability for his actions at his agency. 			
Mike Frome moved, after considering the identified violations of the Board’s moral fitness standards and weighing the aggravating and mitigating circumstances unique to this case, that Board action should be taken against Carter’s certification.	Rob Wood	10 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously
Mark Garton moved, after considering the totality of the case, that Carter be ineligible to hold public safety certification for 10 Years.	Mike Frome	10 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously

5. Dube, Raymond (41238) Certification Review: Police

Presented by Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Case Manager

Reason for Discretionary Review

On October 16, 2019, Raymond Dube was terminated from his position with the Oregon State Police (OSP) after they sustained allegations that he was untruthful during a criminal investigation into whether he was intoxicated when operating his vehicle.

Mark Garton moved that the Police Policy Committee adopt the staff report.	Mike Frome	10 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously
<p>The Police Policy Committee found the following moral fitness violations and factors:</p> <p><i>Moral Fitness Violations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dishonesty: Dube was intentionally deceitful when he initially told officers during a criminal investigation that he had not consumed any alcohol since he arrived at his girlfriend’s home; Dube was intentionally deceitful when he told officers during a criminal investigation that he drank “whatever he had here [at his girlfriend’s home]”, later stating he brought his own beer from his home; Dube was untruthful when he told a second officer during a criminal investigation he had not spoken or sent text messages with the first officer earlier that day. Misuse of Authority: The committee did not identify elements of misuse of authority. 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misconduct: The committee did not identify elements of misconduct. <p><i>Aggravating Factors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dube drank, crashed his vehicle, and lied about it. • Dube knows to be truthful during an interview, played games with officers, and was untruthful during their investigation. • Dube’s untruthfulness impeded the investigation into his conduct. • Inconsistent that Dube was able to drive but not answer questions from law enforcement. <p><i>Mitigating Factors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dube was drunk at the time he was untruthful. • Dube has a long work history as a public safety professional. 			
Rob Wood moved, after considering the identified violations of the Board’s moral fitness standards and weighing the aggravating and mitigating circumstances unique to this case, that Board action should be taken against Dube’s certification.	Scotty Nowning	10 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously
Mike Frome moved, after considering the totality of the case, that Dube be ineligible to hold public safety certification for 10 Years.	John Teague	10 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously

6. Jenkins, Tyrone (29620) Certification Review: Police

Presented by Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Case Manager

Reason for Discretionary Review

On February 22, 2022, Tyrone Jenkins reported to the Department that he had received a criminal citation for Harassment for conduct that occurred on February 20, 2022.

<i>Policy Committee Discussion/Vote</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
Jill Thissell recused herself due to a conflict of interest. Mark Garton recused himself due to a conflict of interest			
Kevin Dresser moved that the Police Policy Committee adopt the staff report.	Mike Frome	8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 recused (Jill Thissell, Mark Garton)	Motion Passed Unanimously
The Police Policy Committee found the following moral fitness violations and factors: <i>Moral Fitness Violations:</i>			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dishonesty: The committee did not identify elements of dishonesty. • Misuse of Authority: The committee did not identify elements of misuse of authority. • Misconduct: Jenkins harmed another person when he grabbed and pushed his adult son during an argument. <p><i>Aggravating Factors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee did not identify any aggravating factors. <p><i>Mitigating Factors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenkins took accountability for his actions in his mitigation letter. • The District Attorney dropped Jenkins' criminal charges after determining that a jury would not be able to find beyond a reasonable doubt that the case was criminal or that a criminal intervention was appropriate. • The review of Jenkins' criminal citation can be addressed with his agency, instead of in a committee review. 			
Mike Frome moved, after considering the identified violations of the Board's moral fitness standards and weighing the aggravating and mitigating circumstances unique to this case, that no Board action should be taken against Jenkin's certifications.	Kevin Dresser	8 ayes; 0 nays; 2 recused (Jill Thissell, Mark Garton)	Motion Passed Unanimously

7. Scheen, Benjamin (44685) Certification Review: Police

Presented by Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Case Manager

Reason for Discretionary Review

On April 19, 2021, Benjamin Scheen notified the Department that he received an arraignment letter to appear for a misdemeanor charge and was subsequently criminally charged with Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree and Harassment (Sexual) for conduct that occurred on July 14, 2020. Scheen was ultimately convicted of misdemeanor Harassment.

On May 31, 2022, Scheen also resigned from the Klamath County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) during an internal investigation into the conduct surrounding Scheen's conviction.

<i>Policy Committee Discussion/Vote</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
Mike Frome moved that the Police Policy Committee adopt the staff report.	Scotty Nowning	10 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously
The Police Policy Committee found the following moral fitness violations and factors: <i>Moral Fitness Violations:</i>			

- Dishonesty: Scheen denied placing his hand on a woman’s buttocks when he did.
- Misuse of Authority: The committee did not identify elements of misuse of authority.
- Misconduct: Scheen violated criminal law and was convicted of *Harassment*; Scheen’s conduct for which he was convicted harmed another person.

Aggravating Factors:

- Scheen stated he does stupid stuff sometimes.
- Alcohol does not cause people to make bad decisions.
- Scheen was dishonest a lot in his personal life.
- Scheen took advantage of his subordinate employee, putting them in a position where they could do little about Scheen’s conduct.
- Scheen’s conduct is the type of conduct that is being legislated.

Mitigating Factors:

- The committee did not identify any mitigating factors

Mike Frome moved, after considering the identified violations of the Board’s moral fitness standards and weighing the aggravating and mitigating circumstances unique to this case, that Board action should be taken against Scheen’s certifications.	Mark Garton	9 ayes; 0 nays; 1 recused (Chris Skinner)	Motion Passed Unanimously
Kevin Dresser moved, after considering the totality of the case, that Scheen be ineligible to hold public safety certification for 10 Years.	Mark Garton	9 ayes; 0 nays; 1 recused (Chris Skinner)	Motion Passed Unanimously

8. Wollenschlaeger, Jerry (34042) Certification Review: Police

Presented by Melissa Lang-Bacho, Professional Standards Case Manager

Reason for Discretionary Review

On May 7, 2019, Jerry Wollenschlaeger was criminally charged with Theft in the Third Degree after he was alleged to have used a lottery machine with funds another person had deposited without the person’s permission. Following a civil compromise between Wollenschlaeger and the other person, the case was dismissed.

After the conclusion of the court process, Wollenschlaeger medically retired via a separation agreement from the Marion County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) on November 1, 2019. Wollenschlaeger’s retirement came amid an internal investigation into his actions related to criminal charges for Theft in the Third Degree.

<i>Policy Committee Discussion/Vote</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Vote</i>	<i>Outcome</i>
Mike Frome moved that the Police Policy Committee adopt the staff report.	Kevin Dresser	10 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously
<p>The Police Policy Committee found the following moral fitness violations and factors:</p> <p><i>Moral Fitness Violations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dishonesty: Wollenschlaeger committed a dishonest act when he used the balance of funds in a lottery machine without permission. Wollenschlaeger stated he did not see anyone at the lottery machine for more than ten minutes when the machine was only vacant for 2:34 minutes. • Misuse of Authority: The committee did not identify elements of misuse of authority. • Misconduct: Wollenschlaeger obtained a criminal disposition for <i>Theft in the Third Degree</i> after reaching a civil compromise with the victim; Wollenschlaeger’s conduct created an inefficient operation of the MCSO by bringing negative attention to the agency. <p><i>Aggravating Factors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wollenschlaeger more likely than not knew there was money on the machine that was not his and used it anyway. • Wollenschlaeger saw the sign reserving the machine and removed it. • Wollenschlaeger’s behavior is the type of conduct that should be excluded from the profession. • Wollenschlaeger should have expected that removing a reserved sign would cause a problem. • The victim was calm when confronting Wollenschlaeger, but Wollenschlaeger was not. • Wollenschlaeger was placed on administrative leave, while being investigated by the District Attorney after Wollenschlaeger inserted himself into a criminal investigation involving his immediate family member, when the incident with the lottery machine occurred. <p><i>Mitigating Factors:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee did not identify any mitigating factors. 			
Mark Garton moved, after considering the identified violations of the Board’s moral fitness standards and weighing the aggravating and mitigating circumstances unique to this case, that Board action should be taken against Wollenschlaeger’s certifications.	Kevin Dresser	10 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously

Mark Garton moved, after considering the totality of the case, that Wollenschlaeger be ineligible to hold public safety certification for a lifetime.	Mike Frome	10 ayes; 0 nays	Motion Passed Unanimously
---	------------	--------------------	---------------------------

9. Complaint Review

Presented by Melissa Lang-Bacho

On May 11, 2022, the Department received a complaint alleging misconduct by Victor Umnitz, a former Police Officer with the Bend Police Department.

The allegations in the complaint were made against a certified public safety professional who is not currently employed in a certifiable position. This complaint was presented to the Policy Committee for review and determination of the next steps in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 259-008-0400(4).

Mr. Umnitz received a copy of the entire complaint and was provided an opportunity to submit written mitigation or rebuttal for the Policy Committee’s consideration.

John Teague moved to return the complaint to staff for further information before determining whether to open a professional standards case. Mark Garton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Approval for Changes to the Basic Police Curriculum

Presented by Stacie Yutzie

A number of circumstances have made modifications to the Basic Police Academy programming necessary. Circumstances include new legislative mandates regarding police training, budget shortfalls, on-going staffing challenges, and high numbers of students needing remediation related to COVID-19. The current Basic Police Academy programming was implemented in August 2021. This has allowed time to evaluate where opportunities exist to strengthen content, make training more efficient, and identify gaps.

DPSST Staff presented program modifications to the Basic Police Course Curriculum to continue to meet student and constituent needs while also addressing the above circumstances.

Chris Skinner moved to recommend the Board approve the modifications to the Basic Police Curriculum. Mike Frome seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Proposed Rule Changes for Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 259-008-0510

Presented by Stacie Yutzie

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 181A.445 (HB 2575) directs DPSST, in consultation with the Department of Justice (DOJ), to develop best practices for law enforcement agencies when interacting with persons who have experienced trauma. Development of the best practices, which will include alternative options for law enforcement agencies of varying size and resource capacity, must be completed by January 1, 2023. After the best practices are developed, they will be available through DPSST’s website and upon request.

DPSST is also responsible for adopting rules to carry out the provisions of ORS 181A.445. This includes establishing the date by which law enforcement agencies must adopt best practice policies for interacting with persons who have experienced trauma. The draft rule includes DPSST interpretation of ORS 181A.445 as applicable to law enforcement agencies employing police officers. Without this distinction, there may be unintended requirements that apply to law enforcement agencies without police officers such as the Department of Corrections and the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission. However, nothing in the rule or the statute precludes a law enforcement agency from adopting best practices policies that apply to public safety officers other than, or in addition to, police officers. The rule is intended to be filed effective January 1, 2023, when the DPSST/DOJ best practices will be completed and made available to law enforcement agencies. DPSST requested the committee recommend the date that law enforcement agencies be required to adopt policies by.

By consensus, the committee recommended that January 1, 2024, be the date that law enforcement agencies will be required to adopt best practice policies.

Consensus reached approving the fiscal impact statements provided by staff.

John Teague moved to recommend that the Board approve adoption of Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 259-008-0510, as amended by the PPC, as a permanent rule. Chris Skinner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Proposed Rule Changes to Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 259-008-0065

Presented by Marsha Morin

House Bill 2162 directs DPSST to develop a statewide equity training program for police officers and include the identified equity training in the requirements to obtain and maintain basic certification as a police officer.

DPSST recommends three hours of equity training be completed within each three-year maintenance cycle. The three hours of equity training will need to include at least one of the training concepts identified in the administrative rule. The four training concepts listed in the rule define the intent of this equity training requirement and provide guidance to employing agencies. DPSST plans to provide a list of training resources that will help agencies facilitate the successful completion of this maintenance training requirement. However, employing agencies and law enforcement officers will not be limited to the resources DPSST provides. The employing agency will continue to have the discretion to determine what training is submitted to satisfy the requirement.

The proposed rule changes facilitate implementation of equity training as a law enforcement officer maintenance standard. While the equity training requirements from HB 2162 are specific to police officers, these rule changes are drafted to include all law enforcement officers. The definition of law enforcement officer includes police officers, corrections officers, parole and probation officers, and regulatory specialists (OAR 259-008-0005(19)).

The intent is to file this rule change to be effective January 1, 2023. With this effective date, the three hours of equity training would be required by December 31, 2023, for any law enforcement officer whose three-year maintenance cycle ends December 31, 2023.

Consensus reached approving the fiscal impact statements provided by staff.

John Teague moved to recommend that the Board approve filing the proposed rule changes for Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 259-008-0065 as a permanent rule. Mark Garton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Policy Discussion Regarding Law Enforcement Officer Certification Maintenance Training Requirements

Presented by Marsha Morin

Senate Bill 1510 amended ORS 181A.530 to include specific training requirements for parole and probation officers. The bill states:

- (3) The initial training required for certification as a parole and probation officer, and any mandatory training to maintain certification, must include training in providing trauma-informed care, culturally specific services and de-escalation techniques.

The current certification maintenance standard is defined in OAR 259-008-0065 and applies to all law enforcement officer disciplines, including police officers, corrections officers, parole and probation officers, and OLCC regulatory specialists.

Based on the current maintenance standard structure and processes, the committee discussed adding the new parole and probation maintenance requirements to the current law enforcement maintenance standard and the impact to the police discipline.

By consensus, the committee recommended deferring the discussion to include the SB 1510 training requirements as a police officer and regulatory specialist requirement until the best practices policies for HB 2575 and OAR 259-008-0510 (see agenda item 11) have been written and there has been an opportunity to evaluate how providing trauma-informed care, culturally specific services and de-escalation techniques are represented in the policies. The committee recognized that the policies may lead to officer training requirements that align with these topics.

14. Applicant Review Committee Member Nominations

Presented by Suzy Herring, Professional Standards Director

- Scotty Nowning from the Police Policy Committee has volunteered to fill the vacant position in the Applicant Review Committee.

15. Division Update

Presented by Suzy Herring, Professional Standards Director

- DPSST has been in the process of hiring a new Compliance Specialist 2 and Compliance specialist 3 for the CJ Professional Standards Program. Interviews concluded this week and candidates were chosen for both positions. The intent with these new positions is to increase the number of cases being presented to the Policy Committees.
- The Board on Public Safety Standards and Training has lost a public member, interested parties are encouraged to apply.
- Policy Committee members are no longer required to complete the mandatory training in Workday. Those who have received email reminders to complete this training can disregard them.

16. Program Manager Update

Presented by Marsha Morin, Standards and Certification Manager

- Current Cases
 - 100 total Police/Regulatory Specialist Cases
 - 45 are ready to begin the review process or are in some stage of the review process.
 - 55 are pending criminal/employment matters or waiting on records to be provided to DPSST.
 - 34 new cases have been added since the last policy committee meeting.
 - 29 cases were closed since the last policy committee meeting
- A Field Training Officer (FTO) Training Development Workgroup was formed to focus specifically on determining what training a field training officer should receive to obtain and maintain certification. The workgroup will have their first meeting next week and will be led by Jim deSully, DPSST Regional Training Manager.
- The Background Workgroup is scheduled to meet in September. DPSST and DOJ are continuing the legal sufficiency review process with the goal of providing the workgroup recommendations to the policy committee in November.
- DPSST has compiled a list of interested parties for the Moral Fitness workgroup and will be working to finalize membership and get a meeting scheduled.

17. Agency Update

Presented by Brian Henson, Acting Director

- The DPSST director's position is still in the hiring process. The Governor's Office reviewed 25 applications from across the state, narrowing down their pool to 5 applicants. A panel made up of Board members will be conducting the first round of interviews on September 12th. Following their interviews, DPSST will pull together a panel of members to review the applicants as well. Once both panels' recommendations are sent to the Governor's Office we will wait to hear back on a decision. The new director will likely not be appointed until after the new Governor is elected in November.
- DPSST is working on the Agency Requested Budget and will have all documentation submitted by the end of this month. Once submitted, it will move onto the Governor's Office for review and will be sent back to DPSST as the Governor's Requested Budget. Because it is an election year, there will be two Governor's Requested Budgets this year. One will come from Governor Kate Brown's office and the second one will come from the new Governor's office.
- During the 23-25 budget making process, it was found that there are not enough funds in the Criminal Fines and Assessment (CFA) account to support DPSST's requested Policy Option Packages (POPs) DPSST has been directed to re-submit the POP's which, if approved, will be funded through the State's General Fund Account. Research is being conducted to determine if the lack of funds in CFA is an ongoing trend or a temporary drop due to specific circumstances occurring in 2020 and 2021.
- DPSST will be going to the legislative Emergency Board to request funding for two basic police classes already added to the schedule due to the increased number of students.
- Research is being conducted to determine if the current service level of 16 basic police classes a biennium is still an adequate amount or if it should be increased to 18 classes a biennium.
- The DPSST Fire Program is also going to the Emergency Board for to request a \$20,000 grant and increased limitation to retroactively pay for wildfire grants.

18. Next Police Policy Committee Meeting: November 17, 2022 at 10:00am.

Administrative Notes:

These minutes reflect the order of the discussion/voting items as they appear on the official meeting agenda. The actual order in which they were discussed may vary.

All documents reviewed and discussed in this meeting are subject to Oregon Public Records Law (ORS 192.410 to ORS 192.505). These documents can be requested by contacting DPSST at dpsst.records@dpsst.oregon.gov.