



Law Enforcement Agency
Accreditation Council

2019 Annual Report

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President, Police Conference of New York

Dr. Robert Worden

Associate Professor, University at Albany

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 109 professional standards that focus on administration (51), operations (46), and training (12). To obtain accreditation, an agency must develop and implement policies and procedures that comply with all 109 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 2019 meetings are in Appendix C.

The Council has 17 members, as outlined in Subsection 2(a), (i) through (xii) of Executive Law §846-h. Council members are nominated by 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.

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 intent of 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 15 site visits in 2019.

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 on-the-job training by being partnered with the program's most experienced assessors during their first few assignments.

In 2019, two assessors were added to the active list, bringing the total number of assessors to 100.

Program Participation

As noted, the Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program is voluntary. At the end of 2019, 158 agencies were accredited, about 29 percent of the approximately 540 law enforcement agencies in the state eligible to participate. Accredited agencies employ more than half of all New York State 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 2019

The Council awarded initial accreditation to three agencies at its meetings:

- June: Buffalo City Police Department
- September: Madison County Sheriff's Office
- December: SUNY Police Binghamton

The Council also reaccredited 29 agencies at its meetings:

- March: Catskill Village Police Department
Dobbs Ferry Village Police Department
East Hampton Village Police Department
Greece Town Police Department
Hudson Falls Village Police Department
Mount Vernon City Police Department
SUNY Fredonia Police Department

Webster Town Police Department

June: Cheektowaga Town Police Department
East Rochester Village Police Department
Harrison Town Police Department
Hudson City Police Department
Quogue Village Police Department
Ramapo Town Police Department
Shelter Island Town Police Department
Woodbury Town Police Department

September: Bedford Town Police Department
Guilderland Town Police Department
Ossining Village Police Department
Oswego County Sheriff's Office
Peekskill City Police Department
Seneca Falls Town Police Department

December: 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

Applicant Agencies

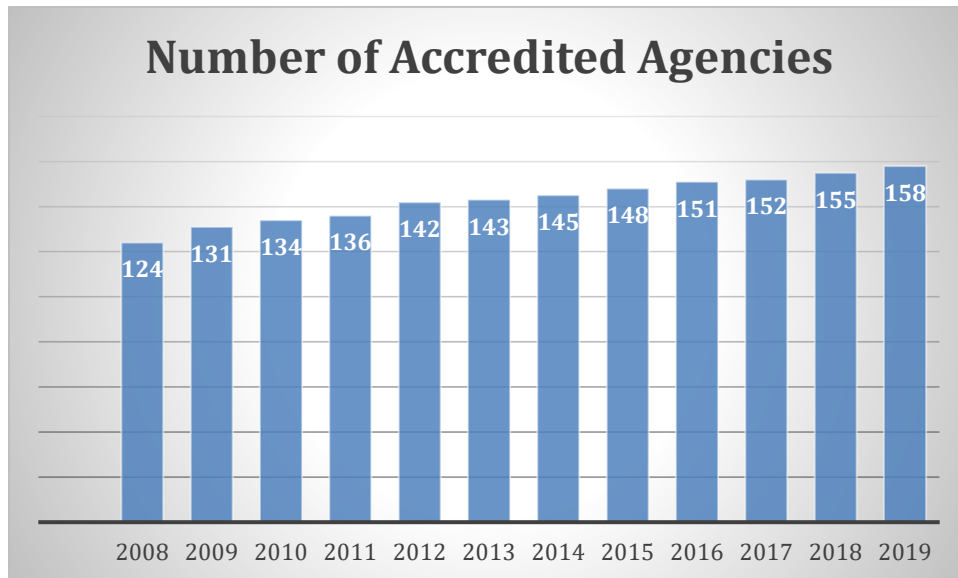
At the end of 2019, 34 agencies were working toward becoming accredited; with three of those scheduled to undergo their initial assessment in 2020. Please see Appendix A for a list of accredited agencies and Appendix B for a list of applicant agencies.

A total of 192 agencies are either accredited or actively working toward accreditation, an increase of two agencies since the end of 2018.

Withdrawn or Expired Agencies

No agency withdrew from the program or had its accreditation expire in 2019.

NUMBER OF ACCREDITED AGENCIES: 2008 – 2019



2019 Program Updates

Implementation of Version 8.3 of the Standards and Compliance Verification Manual

The Council issued Version 8.3 of the Standards and Compliance Verification Manual on September 5, 2019, and accredited agencies were required to have their programs converted to the new standards by October 31, 2019. Version 8.3 includes 109 standards with which agencies must comply to attain accreditation and maintain the status.

Accreditation Unit staff members worked to ensure agencies had sufficient information to meet the new requirement by the deadline. They 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.

Once guidance had been distributed, staff members began working to determine if agencies had successfully converted to the new standards. Agencies were informed that all assessments conducted after October 31, 2019, would be conducted using Version 8.3 of the standards. Assessors conducting assessments after October 31, 2019, were instructed to include all significantly revised standards in their review to ensure compliance with Version 8.3 of the manual.

Accreditation Unit staff conducted site visits to verify that agencies had successfully converted to the new standards. Agency staff also revised the Annual Compliance Survey to add a section that addressed compliance with the new standards. Technical assistance continued throughout for the remainder of the year while Accreditation Unit staff members worked to assist the agencies that had a difficult time converting to the new standards. Verification of compliance with Version 8.3 of the manual and current standards will continue into 2020 to ensure accredited agencies are adhering to the new program requirements.

Training

The Accreditation Unit offered program manager training in Westchester and Monroe counties, attended by 105 program managers, chief law enforcement officials, command staff and other agency staff.

Plans for 2020

- Staff will coordinate assessments for 29 agencies with accreditation due to expire in 2020 and three agencies currently scheduled to be assessed for an initial accreditation.
- The Accreditation Unit will continue its work to expand the program through education and outreach.
- Accreditation Unit staff will conduct a minimum of two program manager trainings and two assessor trainings during the year.

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	9/17/2015	2020
Bedford Town Police Department	39	9/15/1999	9/5/2019	2024
Bethlehem Town Police Department	39	9/20/1990	9/17/2015	2020
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	3/19/2015	2020
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	3/19/2015	2020
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	9/17/2015	2020
Cortland City Police Department	43	12/8/2016		2021
Delaware County Sheriff's Office	23	3/4/2010	3/19/2015	2020
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		2020
Elmira City Police Department	73	12/6/2001	12/8/2016	2021
Endicott Village Police Department	26	12/6/1990	12/17/2015	2020
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	12/17/2015	2020

AGENCY NAME	SWORN MEMBERS	DATE ACCREDITED	DATE REACCREDITED	YEAR EXPIRES
Geneseo Village Police Department	12	6/2/2016		2021
Geneva City Police Department	38	3/9/2006	3/3/2016	2021
Glens Falls City Police Department	28	3/3/2016		2021
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		2020
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	2020
Lancaster Town Police Department	49	9/7/2017		2022
Liverpool Village Police Department	15	6/14/2001	6/2/2016	2021
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	6/2/2016	2021
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		2021
New Castle Town Police Department	37	3/15/2005	3/19/2015	2020
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	6/2/2016	2021
New York State Police	4982	2/21/1990	3/19/2015	2020
Niagara County Sheriff's Office	111	3/8/2001	3/3/2016	2021
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	2020
North Greenbush Town Police Department	19	12/13/2007	12/7/2017	2022
North Syracuse Police Department	16	6/18/2015		2020
Ogden Town Police Department	13	9/5/1991	9/8/2016	2021
Old Westbury Village Police Department	26	6/18/2015		2020
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	2020

AGENCY NAME	SWORN MEMBERS	DATE ACCREDITED	DATE REACCREDITED	YEAR EXPIRES
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
Peekskill City Police Department	55	9/3/2009	9/5/2019	2024
Poughkeepsie Town Police Department	80	3/1/2011	3/3/2016	2021
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	6/2/2016	2021
Rochester City Police Department	725	2/21/1990	9/17/2015	2020
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	2021
Rye Brook Village Police Department	26	6/18/2015		2020
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	9/17/2015	2020
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
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	6/18/2015	2020
Suffolk County Sheriff's Office	255	9/13/2012	9/7/2017	2022
SUNY Police Albany	40	6/7/2011	6/2/2016	2021
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	2021
SUNY Police Fredonia	13	3/20/2014	3/7/2019	2024
SUNY Police Geneseo	14	3/19/2015		2020
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		2021
SUNY Police Stony Brook	68	12/2/2010	12/17/2015	2020

AGENCY NAME	SWORN MEMBERS	DATE ACCREDITED	DATE REACCREDITED	YEAR EXPIRES
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
Troy City Police Department	130	12/7/2000	12/17/2015	2020
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	9/17/2015	2020
Vestal Town Police Department	36	3/12/1992	12/8/2016	2021
Warren County Sheriff's Office	78	9/20/1990	9/17/2015	2020
Washington County Sheriff's Office	50	3/8/2007	3/2/2017	2022
Waterford Town & Village Police Department	16	9/2/2010	9/17/2015	2020
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	3/19/2015	2020
Woodbury Town Police Department	24	6/2/1994	6/6/2019	2024
Yates County Sheriff's Office	27	12/8/2005	12/17/2015	2020
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
Ardsley Village PD	19	3/13/19
Auburn City PD	67	6/24/16
Batavia City PD	32	4/13/15
Blooming Grove Town Police Department	23	11/21/19
Clinton County Sheriff's Office	29	4/25/16
Cohoes City Police Department	32	9/15/19
Crawford Town Police Department	19	8/1/15
Cuba Town Police Department	13	3/21/18
Dryden Village Police Department	13	1/18/18
Floral Park Police Department	34	1/20/15
Green Island Village Police Department	23	12/29/16
Johnstown City Police Department	24	9/7/18
Macedon Town Police Department	10	1/16/17
Mamaroneck Village Police Department	51	1/16/15
Mount Hope Police Department	24	1/15/15
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
Schenectady City Police Department	154	6/28/17
Schenectady County Sheriff's Office	16	8/13/19
Southold Town Police Department	53	10/3/18
St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Office	34	11/22/17
SUNY HSC Syracuse	19	1/4/17
SUNY Police Farmingdale	21	7/15/16
SUNY Police Maritime	9	12/15/15
SUNY Police Old Westbury	20	4/30/18
SUNY Police Plattsburgh	15	5/19/16
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
Watervliet City Police Department	25	8/1/19
Westhampton Beach Village Police Department	17	7/15/16

Appendix C

2019 Minutes of the
Law Enforcement Accreditation Council



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**Minutes of the 118th Meeting held on March 7, 2019
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 118th meeting of the council to order at 10:02 a.m. on March 7, 2019. After the Pledge of Allegiance, 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
Chief Mark Henderson – Brighton Town Police Department
Chief (Retired) Charles Koenig – Retired, Ballston Spa Village Police Department
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:

Chief James Secreto – New York City Police Department (*Voting for Commissioner O'Neill*)

3. Introductions

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES STAFF

Michael C. Green, Executive Deputy Commissioner – DCJS
Michael Wood, Deputy Commissioner - Office of Public Safety (OPS)
Johanna Sullivan, Director – OPS
Lisa Marie Coppolo – Office of Legal Services
Todd Murray - Supervisor of Public Safety Programs – OPS

Hilary McGrath, Program Manager - OPS Accreditation Unit
Michael McDonough - OPS Accreditation Unit
Ashley Onorati - OPS Accreditation Unit
Molly Snyder – Forensic Services

OTHER GUESTS

Lieutenant Colonel James Barnes – New York State Police
Major Joseph Keane – New York State Police
Commissioner Paul Berger - SUNY Police Administration

REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPLICANT AGENCIES

Catskill Village Police Department

Unable to attend

Dobbs Ferry Village Police Department

Chief Manuel Guevara
Lieutenant Sean White*
Officer Travis Colvin
Secretary Beth Gregoriades
Secretary Karen Nyemchek

East Hampton Village Police Department

Lieutenant Anthony Long
Sergeant Steven Sheades*

Greece Town Police Department

Chief Patrick Phelan
Deputy Chief Jason Helfer*
Officer Lewis Carpenter

Hudson Falls Village Police Department

Chief Scott Gillis
Detective John Kibling*
Sergeant Jeff Gaulin

Mount Vernon City Police Department

Chief Richton Ziadie
Lieutenant Anthony McEachin
Lieutenant Paul Nawrocki
Lieutenant Robert Scott
Sergeant Greg Addison
Detective Arthur Robinson
Detective Michael Plunkett*
Police Officer Karen Buddenhagen*

SUNY Police Fredonia

Lieutenant Benjamin Miller*
Lieutenant Brian Studley

Webster Town Police Department

Chief Joseph Rieger

*Denotes Agency Program Manager in Attendance

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approval of December 2018 Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 13th, 2018 council meeting. Chief Henderson seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 11 ayes, 0 nay

5. Approval of Revisions to April 2018 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to re-adopt the minutes of the April 2nd, 2018 council meeting due to a revision that was made. Mr. Wells seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 11 ayes, 0 nay

6. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation

Catskill Village Police Department

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to reaccredit the agency, and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 11 ayes, 0 nay

Dobbs Ferry Village Police Department

Chief Austin made a motion to reaccredit the agency, and Sheriff Virts seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 11 ayes, 0 nay

East Hampton Village Police Department

Mr. Wells made a motion to reaccredit the agency, and Chief Henderson seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 11 ayes, 0 nay

Greece Town Police Department

Chief Henderson made a motion to reaccredit the agency, and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 11 ayes, 0 nay

Hudson Falls Village Police Department

Chief (Retired) Koenig made a motion to reaccredit the agency, and Dr. Worden seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 11 ayes, 0 nay

Mount Vernon City Police Department

Chief Austin made a motion to reaccredit the agency, and Chief Henderson seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 11 ayes, 0 nay

SUNY Police Fredonia

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to reaccredit the agency, and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 11 ayes, 0 nay

Webster Town Police Department

Chief Henderson made a motion to reaccredit the agency, and Sheriff Virts seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 11 ayes, 0 nay

7. Presentation of Certificates

Catskill Village Police Department

The Catskill Village Police Department was unable to send representatives to the meeting – their certificates will be mailed to them.

Dobbs Ferry Village Police Department

Chief Manuel Guevara accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Lieutenant Sean White as the program manager.

East Hampton Village Police Department

Lieutenant Anthony Long accepted the Certificate of Accreditation on behalf of the department, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Sergeant Steven Sheades as the program manager.

Greece Town Police Department

Chief Patrick Phelan accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Deputy Chief Jason Helfer as the program manager.

Hudson Falls Village Police Department

Chief Scott Gillis accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Detective John Kibling as the program manager.

Mount Vernon City Police Department

Chief Richton Ziadie accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Detective Michael Plunkett and Officer Karen Buddenhagen as the program managers.

SUNY Police Fredonia

Commissioner Paul Berger, Lieutenant Brian Studley and Lieutenant Benjamin Miller accepted the Certificate of Accreditation on behalf of the agency, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Lieutenant Miller as the program manager.

Webster Town Police Department

Chief Joseph Rieger accepted the Certificate of Accreditation and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement on behalf of the program manager, Lieutenant Brad Fosdick.

At 10:24 am, 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 10:33 am.

8. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys

Albany County Sheriff's Office; Camillus Town Police Department; Canandaigua City Police Department; Chemung County Sheriff's Office; Delaware County Sheriff's Office; East Fishkill Town Police Department; Gates Town Police Department; Geneva City Police Department; Glens Falls City Police Department; Greenburgh Town Police Department; Monroe County Sheriff's Office; MTA Police Department; New Castle Town Police Department; New Paltz Town Police Department; New York State Police; Niagara County Sheriff's Office; Orangetown Town Police Department; Poughkeepsie Town Police Department; Rochester City 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 Geneseo; SUNY Police New Paltz; SUNY Police Oswego; Washington County Sheriff's Office; Wayne County Sheriff's Office; White Plains Department of Public Safety

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and Mayor Palmieri seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 11 ayes, 0 nay

8. Approval of New Assessors

An application was received from Chief Mark Porter of the Gloversville City Police Department to be a program assessor for the first time.

Hilary McGrath noted that all applications for assessors are vetted to ensure they meet the qualifications as outlined in the Assessor Request for Applications prior to be presented to the Council. If an applicant is not eligible, their name is not put before the Council.

Mr. Wells made a motion to accept Chief Porter as a new assessor. Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 11 ayes, 0 nay

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Program Updates

Council Members

Hilary McGrath reported that DCJS works diligently to get nominations to ensure that all council seats are filled and that current council members are reappointed in a timely manner. There are several appointments and reappointments pending. She indicated that the County Executive seat had been difficult to fill and asked council members to make her aware of any county executive that expresses an interest in serving.

Standards Revisions

Ms. McGrath informed the council that the Accreditation Unit staff was about 2/3 of the way through another standards revision and hopes to have the revised standards to the council for their approval by the September 2019 meeting. She indicated that the revisions being recommended will in large part be minor - language changes, corrections, and clarifications – and that agencies would find this next revision much easier to navigate than the revision of 2015.

Annual Report Highlights

Ms. McGrath informed the council that they had all been provided with a copy of the 2018 Law Enforcement Accreditation Program Annual Report. She noted that there are now 155 accredited agencies, which represents a significant increase since 2008; that there are 35 applicant agencies; that approximately 28% of eligible agencies are accredited; and that almost 60% of law enforcement officers in New York State are employed by an accredited agency.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no other business, Supervisor Theobald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheriff Maciol seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.

The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on June 6, 2019 at 10:00 am in Room 118 of the Alfred E. Smith Office building.



Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council

**Minutes of the 119th Meeting held on June 6, 2019
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 119th meeting of the council to order at 10:02 a.m. on June 6, 2019. After the Pledge of Allegiance, 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
Chief Mark Henderson – Brighton Town Police Department
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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Superintendent Keith Corlett – New York State Police
Commissioner James O'Neill - New York City Police Department
Chief (Retired) Charles Koenig – Retired, Ballston Spa Village Police Department
Robert E. Worden, Ph.D. – University at Albany

OTHER MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

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

3. Introductions

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES STAFF

Michael C. Green, Executive Deputy Commissioner – DCJS
Michael Wood, Deputy Commissioner - Office of Public Safety (OPS)
Johanna Sullivan, Director – OPS
Natasha Harvin-Locklear – Office of Legal Services
Jill Spadaro – DCJS Press Office

Todd Murray - Supervisor of Public Safety Programs – OPS
Hilary McGrath, Program Manager - OPS Accreditation Unit
Ashley Onorati - OPS Accreditation Unit
Danielle Brendese - OPS Accreditation Unit
Kevin Fairchild – OPS Accreditation Unit
Daniel Beaulac – OPS Media Specialist

OTHER GUESTS

Officer James Condo – East Greenbush Police Department (Assessor)

REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPLICANT AGENCIES

Buffalo City Police Department

Commissioner Byron Lockwood
Deputy Commissioner Barbra Lark
Deputy Commissioner Joe Gramaglia
Chief Dennis Richards
Inspector Ronald Jentz
Captain Jeff Rinaldo
Lieutenant Joseph Fahey*
Lieutenant James Stabler*

Cheektowaga Town Police Department

Unable to Attend

East Rochester Village Police Department

Chief Steven Clancy
Sergeant John Vicaretti*

Harrison Town Police Department

Lieutenant John Vasta
Officer Kevin Kraus*

Hudson City Police Department

Chief Edward Moore
Lieutenant David C. Miller Jr.*

Quogue Police Department

Sergeant Daniel Bennett*
Officer Robert Hammel

Ramapo Town Police Department

Chief Brad Weidel
Lieutenant Anthony Giardina*

Shelter Island Police Department

Chief James Read
Sergeant Terrence LeGrady*

Woodbury Town Police Department

Unable to attend

*Denotes Agency Program Manager in Attendance

ACTION ITEMS

4. Approval of March 2019 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 7th, 2019 council meeting. Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

5. Approval of Applications for Initial Accreditation

Buffalo City Police Department

Chief Henderson made a motion to accredit the agency and Mayor Palmieri seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

Commissioner Byron Lockwood accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Lieutenant Joseph Fahey and Lieutenant James Stabler as the program managers.

6. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation

Cheektowaga Town Police Department

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

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

East Rochester Village Police Department

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

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

Harrison Town Police Department

Chief Austin made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Mayor Palmieri seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

Hudson City Police Department

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

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

Quogue Village Police Department

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

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

Ramapo Town Police Department

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Chief Henderson seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

Shelter Island Town Police Department

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

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

Woodbury Town Police Department

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

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

7. Presentation of Certificates

Buffalo City Police Department

The Buffalo City Police Department certificate presentation took place immediately after the council voted to approve their initial accreditation.

Cheektowaga Town Police Department

The Cheektowaga Town Police Department was unable to send representatives to the meeting – their certificates will be delivered to them.

East Rochester Village Police Department

Chief Steven Clancy accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Sergeant John Vicaretti as the agency program manager.

Harrison Town Police Department

Lieutenant John Vasta accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Officer Kevin Kraus as the agency program manager.

Hudson City Police Department

Chief Edward Moore accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Lieutenant David C. Miller, Jr. as the agency program manager.

Quogue Village Police Department

Sergeant Daniel Bennett accepted the Certificate of Accreditation and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement as the agency program manager.

Ramapo Town Police Department

Chief Brad Weidel accepted the Certificate of Accreditation and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Lieutenant Anthony Giardina as the agency program manager.

Shelter Island Town Police Department

Chief James Read accepted the Certificate of Accreditation and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Sergeant Terrence LeGrady as the agency program manager.

Woodbury Town Police Department

The Woodbury Town Police Department was unable to send representatives to the meeting – their certificates will be presented to them at the September meeting as requested.

At 10:35 am, 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

Amherst Town Police Department; Binghamton City Police Department; Cicero Town Police Department; Clarkstown Town Police Department; DeWitt Town Police Department; Dutchess County Sheriff's Office; East Hampton Town Police Department; Eastchester Town Police Department; Erie County Sheriff's Office; Geneseo Village Police Department; Haverstraw Town 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; North Syracuse Police Department; Old Westbury Village Police Department; Ontario County Sheriff's Office; Rensselaer City Police Department; Riverhead Town Police Department; Rye Brook Village Police Department; Stony Point Town Police Department; Suffolk County 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

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and Chief Austin seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

8. Approval of New Assessor

An application was received from Lieutenant Eric Petersen of the SUNY Police Cobleskill to be a program assessor for the first time.

Hilary McGrath noted that all applications for assessors are vetted to ensure they meet the qualifications as outlined in the Assessor Request for Applications prior to be presented to the Council. If an applicant is not eligible, their name is not put before the Council.

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to accept Lieutenant Petersen as a new assessor. Mayor Palmieri seconded the motion.

Motion carried – 9 ayes, 0 nay

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Program Updates

Accreditation Unit Staff

Hilary McGrath introduced two new staff members within the Accreditation Unit and provided the council with basic details on their previous experience. She indicated that the unit is back to being fully staffed.

Council Members

Hilary McGrath reported that DCJS is continuing to work to ensure nominations are received for all vacant council seats. She again indicated that the County Executive seat had been difficult to fill and asked council members to make her aware of any county executive that expresses an interest in serving.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Henderson introduced David Bloodgood, who is a Senior Risk Control Specialist with the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR), which is a not-for-profit, licensed and regulated insurer owned by the policyholders, which include over 300 law enforcement agencies in the state. They are reviewing causes of insurance losses for law enforcement agencies. If they can determine that law enforcement agencies with fewer insurance claims and losses is linked to accreditation, they will work with the NYS Insurance Department to explore giving policy discounts to accredited law enforcement agencies.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no other business, Sergeant Dini made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wells seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 am.

The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on September 5, 2019 at 10:00 am in Room 118 of the Alfred E. Smith Office building.



Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council

**Minutes of the 120th Meeting held on September 5th, 2019
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 Deputy Commissioner Michael Wood called the 120th meeting of the council to order at 10:00 a.m. on September 5th, 2019. 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
Chief Mark Henderson – Brighton Town Police Department
Chief (Retired) Charles Koenig – Retired, Ballston Spa Village Police Department
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:

Colonel Christopher Fiore – New York State Police (*Voting for Superintendent Corlett*)
Chief James Secreto – New York City Police Department (*Voting for Commissioner O'Neill*)

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
Jill Spadaro – DCJS Press Office

Todd Murray - Supervisor of Public Safety Programs – OPS
Hilary McGrath, Program Manager - OPS Accreditation Unit
Ashley Onorati - OPS Accreditation Unit
Kevin Fairchild – OPS Accreditation Unit

OTHER GUESTS

Major Joseph Keane – New York State Police

REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPLICANT AGENCIES

Bedford Town Police Department

Chief Melvin Padilla
Lieutenant Michael Callahan*
Lieutenant Vincent Gruppuso
Lieutenant Drew Bellantone

Guilderland Town Police Department

Chief Carol Lawlor
First Sergeant Michael Minette*
Officer Matt Egnor

Madison County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Todd Hood
Undersheriff Robert Lenhart
Captain William Wilcox
Corporal Michael Currier*
Deputy Krystyna Rotella
Chairman John Becker
Vice Chairman Dan Deegear
Steve Loretti

Ossining Village Police Department

Chief Kevin Sylvester
Lieutenant Richard Damiano
Sergeant Brendan Donohue*

Oswego County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Donald Hilton
Undersheriff John Toomey
Sergeant Bill Bazzell*

Peekskill City Police Department

Chief Don Halmy
Officer Pan Sgroi*

Seneca Falls Town Police Department

Chief Stuart Peenstra
Lieutenant Tim Snyder*

*Denotes Agency Program Manager in Attendance

4. Presentation to Chief Mark Henderson

Certificate of Appreciation presented to Chief Mark Henderson for service as a member of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Approval of June 2019 Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to adopt the minutes of the June 6th, 2019 council meeting. Chief Henderson seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

6. Approval of Applications for Initial Accreditation

Madison County Sheriff's Office

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to accredit the agency and Sheriff Maciol seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

Sheriff Todd Hood accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Corporal Michael Currier as the program manager.

7. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation

Bedford Town Police Department

Chief Austin made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Colonel Fiore seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

Guilderland Town Police Department

Chief Koenig made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

Ossining Village Police Department

Chief Austin made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

Oswego County Sheriff's Office

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sheriff Virts seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

Peekskill City Police Department

Chief Austin made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Mr. Wells seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

Seneca Falls Town Police Department

Chief Henderson made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Supervisor Theobald seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

8. Presentation of Certificates - Reaccreditation

Bedford Town Police Department

Chief Melvin Padilla accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Lieutenant Michael Callahan as the program manager.

Guilderland Police Department

Chief Carol Lawlor accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to First Sergeant Michael Minette as the agency program manager.

Ossining Village Police Department

Chief Kevin Sylvester accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Sergeant Brendan Donohue as the agency program manager.

Oswego County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Donald Hilton accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Sergeant Bill Bazzell as the agency program manager.

Peekskill City Police Department

Chief Don Halmy accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Officer Pamela Sgroi as the agency program manager.

Seneca Falls Town Police Department

Chief Stuart Peenstra accepted the Certificate of Accreditation and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Lieutenant Tim Snyder as the agency program manager.

At 10:28 am, 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 10:42 am.

9. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys

Beacon City Police Department; Bethlehem 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; Cornwall Town Police Department; Johnson City Village Police Department; Lancaster Town Police Department; Manlius Town Police Department; Mount Pleasant Town Police Department; Niagara Falls City Police Department; Ogden Town Police Department; Onondaga County Sheriff's Office; Oswego City Police Department; Rye City Police Department; Scarsdale Village Police Department; Southampton Town Police Department; Southampton Village Police Department; Suffolk County Sheriff's Office; Tonawanda Town Police Department; Tuckahoe Village Police Department; Utica City Police Department; Warren County Sheriff's Office; Waterford Town & Village Police Department; West Seneca Town Police Department; Yonkers City Police Department; Yorktown Town Police Department

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and Sheriff Maciol seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

10. Revisions to Use of Force Standards

Standard 20.1 - *Use of Force – General* (formerly *Necessary Force*)

The council was informed of the changes to Executive Law that now require all New York State law enforcement agencies to adopt a use of force policy consistent with the Municipal Police training Council model policy; and to use a different basis for determining use of force based on objective reasonableness. This required that the standards also be changed to align with the new laws.

Retired Chief Koenig made a motion to accept the revisions to Standard 20.1, and Colonel Fiore seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

Standard 21.2, *Review of Force Causing Injuries* – because the requirement to review use of force incidents is now included in Standard 20.1, a proposal was made to delete Standard 21.2.

Sergeant Louis Dini made a motion to delete Standard 21.2. Chief Henderson seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

11. Revision to Council Policy

Council Policy – *Reaccreditation* – Standard 21.2 was one of the critical standards, which are included in the council policy on Reaccreditation. Because the council voted to delete this standard, a proposal was made to revise the Reaccreditation policy to remove Standard 21.2 as a critical standard.

A motion was made by Supervisor Theobald to revise the council policy on Reaccreditation. Professor Worden seconded the motion.
Motion carried – 12 ayes, 0 nay

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

12. Program Updates

Council Members:

Hilary McGrath 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.

Program Manager Training:

Ms. McGrath informed the council that the unit had scheduled two program manager trainings. Training will be held on October 8th in Monroe County and October 29th in Westchester County.

Standards Review:

Ms. McGrath informed the council that there are additional revisions to the standards that need to be made. Those proposals will be presented to them once the accreditation unit staff has met with OPS management, possibly at the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Addressing Officer Wellness through Accreditation:

Deputy Commissioner Wood explained that there is quite a bit of emphasis on officer wellness and asked the council if they believed addressing it through a standard was reasonable. There was some discussion about what form that would take, and DC Wood, along with Ms. McGrath, explained that it could be addressed in any way they deem appropriate. After some further discussion, the council agreed that OPS staff should develop either a new standard or revise an existing standard to add officer wellness in a manner that will allow all agencies to comply with minimum cost.

2020 Council Meeting Dates:

Ms. McGrath offered the following dates for the 2020 council meetings: March 5th, June 4th, September 3rd and December 3rd. The council will formerly vote to adopt the 2020 meeting dates at the December meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no other business, Chief Henderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wells seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on December 5th, 2019 at 10:00 am in Room 118 of the Alfred E. Smith Office building.



Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Council

**Minutes of the 121st Meeting held on December 5th, 2019
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 Deputy Commissioner Michael Wood called the 121st meeting of the council to order at 10:05 a.m. on December 5th, 2019. 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.

Deputy Commissioner Wood informed the Council that there were not enough members present to fulfill a quorum. Ms. Natasha Harvin-Locklear explained to the Council that it meant any action items voted on during the meeting will not be officially carried. This will be rectified at the next Council meeting, as the Council will vote to adopt the decisions made at this meeting.

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

Acting Superintendent Keith Corlett – New York State Police
Commissioner James O'Neill - New York City Police Department
Mr. Richard Wells – Police Conference New York

OTHER MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

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

3. Introductions

DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES STAFF

Michael Wood, Deputy Commissioner - Office of Public Safety (OPS)
Natasha Harvin-Locklear – Office of Legal Services
David Mahany – OPS
Gabriele Marruso - OPS
Ashley Onorati - OPS Accreditation Unit

Kevin Fairchild – OPS Accreditation Unit

OTHER GUESTS

Major Joseph Keane – New York State Police

REPRESENTATIVES FROM APPLICANT AGENCIES

Albany City Police Department

Chief Eric Hawkins
Deputy Chief Edward Donohue
Commander Anthony Battuello
*Officer Brian Masters

Brockport Village Police Department

Chief Mark Cuzzupoli
Officer Elliott Cave

Canton Village Police Department

Chief James Santimaw

Chenango County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Ernest R. Cutting Jr.
Undersheriff Daniel Frair
Lieutenant Joshua Gould
*Sergeant Ronald Swislowsky

Colonie Town Police Department

Chief Jonathan Teale
Deputy Chief Mike Woods
Lieutenant Henry Rosenweig*
Sergeant Dan Belles

Oneonta City Police Department

George Korthauer
Chief Douglas Brenner
Lieutenant Christopher Witzenburg
*Lisa Prush

Suffern Village Police Department

Chief Clarke Osborn
Lieutenant Andrew Loughlin*

SUNY Binghamton Police Department

Chief John R. Pelletier
Deputy Chief Madeline Bay*
Investigator Mark Silverio

*Denotes Agency Program Manager in Attendance

4. Presentations to Chief (Retired) Charles Koenig and Chief James Secretto

Neither Chief Koenig or Chief Secretto were in attendance for this meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Approval of June 2019 Meeting Minutes

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 5th, 2019 council meeting. Sergeant Dini seconded the motion. *8 ayes, 0 nay*

6. Approval of Applications for Initial Accreditation

SUNY Police Binghamton

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

8 ayes, 0 nay

Chief John Pelletier accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Deputy Chief Madeline Bay as the program manager.

7. Approval of Applications for Reaccreditation

Albany City Police Department

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

8 ayes, 0 nay

Brockport Village Police Department

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

8 ayes, 0 nay

Canton Village Police Department

Sheriff Maciol made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Deputy Superintendent Bruen seconded the motion.

8 ayes, 0 nay

Chenango County Sheriff's Department

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

8 ayes, 0 nay

Colonie Town Police Department

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

8 ayes, 0 nay

Oneonta City Police Department

Mayor Palmieri made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Sergeant Dini seconded the motion.

8 ayes, 0 nay

Suffern Village Police Department

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

8 ayes, 0 nay

8. Presentation of Certificates - Reaccreditation

Albany City Police Department

Chief Eric Hawkins accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neil Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Officer Brian Masters as the program manager.

Brockport Village Police Department

Chief Mark Cuzzupoli accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement on behalf of Lieutenant Stephen Mesiti, the agency program manager.

Canton Village Police Department

Chief James Santimaw accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement on behalf of Sergeant James Stone, the agency program manager.

Chenango County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Ernest Cutting accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Sergeant Ronald Swislowky as the agency program manager.

Colonie Town Police Department

Chief Jonathan Teale accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Lieutenant Henry Rosenweig as the agency program manager.

Oneonta City Police Department

Chief Douglas Brenner accepted the Certificate of Accreditation and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Lisa Prush and Sergeant Branden Collison as the agency program managers.

Suffern Village Police Department

Chief Clarke Osborn accepted the Certificate of Accreditation, and the John Kimball O'Neill Certificate of Achievement was presented to Lieutenant Andrew Loughlin as the agency program manager.

At 10:35 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 10:50 am.

9. Approval of Annual Compliance Surveys

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

Supervisor Theobald made a motion to accept the Annual Compliance Surveys received, and Sergeant Dini

seconded the motion.

6 ayes, 0 nay, 2 abstain

10. Acceptance of the 2020 Meeting Dates

Sheriff Virts made a motion to reaccredit the agency and Deputy Superintendent Bruen seconded the motion.

8 ayes, 0 nay

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

11. Program Updates

Council Members:

Ashley Onorati reported on the three recent reappointments of Mayor Palmieri, Supervisor Theobald, and Dr. Worden. Also, 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.

Program Manager Training:

Ms. Onorati informed the council of the units two program manager trainings. One in Monroe County and one in Westchester County. There were approximately 110 participants and 15 non-accredited agencies were represented. Ms. Onorati also informed the council of plans to schedule 2 program manager and 2 assessor trainings for 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no other business, Supervisor Theobald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sergeant Dini seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am.

The next meeting of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Council is on March 5th, 2020 at 10:00 am in Room 118 of the Alfred E. Smith Office building.