



MN State Taskforce on Law Enforcement Education Reform Meeting Summary

Meeting date: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 from 12:00–2:00 p.m. via Zoom

Taskforce conveners: George Soule, Dennis Olson, and Satasha Green-Stephen

Meeting adjourned: 1:50 p.m.

Ideas and Concepts

The draft list of recommendations within Outcomes 1-2 and Buckets 1-3 were revisited. These recommendations summarized ideas and concepts from previous Taskforce meetings. The Taskforce had a continuation of the discussion regarding the shared list of recommendations and provided additional recommendations.

Action items:

- Taskforce members will send additional recommendations to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
- Finalized recommendations will be shared with the Chancellor in February and the Minnesota State Board of Trustees in March

What's Next After Graduation?: POST Board Process

Gae Davis, Criminal Justice Coordinator at Central Lakes College presented to the Taskforce on the admission process for Central Lakes College Criminal Justice programming and the POST Board process for certification to become a peace officer in the State of Minnesota.

The POST Board process for certification:

Once a student graduates what do they do next?

- Once the transcript posts at the school and the students have completed EMR certification they can go on the Post Board website and pay the fee to sit for the Post Board exam. From that point the Coordinator signs off that the student has met all objectives to sit for the licensing exam.

What qualifies a person to take the certification exam?

- The student must of all criteria met from (answer #1) and have a transcript posted. A student can take an exam after they have graduated from the CJ AAS degree.

What score do you need to pass the certification exam?

- 70%

How long is the certification for?

- Once the license is activated by a law enforcement agency and the officer completes 48 hours of continuing education credits the licensed is renewed every 3 years.
- Inactive licenses also have to have 48 credits every 3 years

Is this certification good in other states? Do other states recognize this certification?

- Yes, it is recognized in some other states.

What are the requirements for continuing education for officers in the field?

- Every active and inactive peace officer and active part-time peace officer must complete a minimum of forty-eight hours of continuing education within the three-year licensing period in order to maintain and renew their license.
- Active officers are mandated to train annually in use of force and once every five years in emergency vehicle operations/pursuit driving. It is the officer's discretion which law enforcement related courses they complete to satisfy the remainder of the required forty-eight hours.
- Beginning July 1, 2018, the chief law enforcement officer of every state and local law enforcement agency will have to provide in-service training in these three areas: Crisis intervention and mental illness crises, Conflict management and mediation, Recognizing and valuing community diversity and cultural differences to include implicit bias.
- The training must consist of a combination of 16 of these continuing education credits within an officer's three-year licensing cycle.
- Inactive peace officers are not required to complete mandated training, however are required to have forty-eight hours of law enforcement related continuing education training.

Action item:

- The presentation will be shared with the Taskforce members.

What Police Departments Need from Colleges and Universities When Training Candidates

Chief Medaria Arradondo of the Minneapolis Police Department discussed with the Taskforce his thoughts on the needed training for peace officers in the State of Minnesota. He also discussed the changes he has made in the hiring process for Minneapolis Police officers.

Action item:

- Taskforce members may send additional questions/concerns/feedback about the discussion with Chief Medaria Arradondo to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Next meeting date: January 27, 2021

Action items:

- Taskforce members can continue to send any materials, resources, articles, or discussion topics to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.