
Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards
Commission Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2008
Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan

MCOLCS MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Buczek, representing the Fraternal Order of Police
Sheriff James Bosscher, representing the Michigan Sheriff's Association
Mr. Bill Dennis, representing Attorney General Mike Cox
Mr. Jim DeVries, representing the Police Officers Association of Michigan
Director Kurt Jones, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
Chief Richard Mattice, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
Chief Doreen Olko, representing the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
Director Deborah Robinson representing Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings, Detroit Police Department
Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth, representing the Michigan Sheriff's Association
Lt. Colonel Timothy Yungfer, representing Colonel Peter C. Munoz, Michigan State Police
Mr. Raymond Beach, Executive Director
Mr. John Szczubelek, Commission Counsel

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Professor Ron Bretz, representing the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan
Mr. David Morse, representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan
Trooper Michael Moorman, representing the Michigan State Police Troopers Association
Sheriff Robert Pickell, representing the Michigan Sheriff's Association

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Ms. Cheryl Hartwell	Mr. David King
Ms. Hermina Kramp	Mr. Dale Rothenberger
Mr. Gary Ruffini	Mr. John Steele
Ms. Nancy Grace	

GUESTS (signing in):

Northern Michigan Academy Recruits:

Mallory M. Nelsen
Brent D. Benson
Nicholas S. Pellegrini
Jacob R. Bilodeau
Justin Wonch
Chad Soli
Dale Shagenh II
Nick Diedrich
Alex Sieminsein
Jason Hart
Ryan Peterson
Jacob Bucknell
Kristi L. Soder
Adam Walter
Evan J. Bergstrom

Instructor Lenny Dawson, Northern Michigan University Public Safety Institute
Training Director Paige Gordier, Lake Superior State University
Captain Mike Bath, Northern Michigan University Public Safety Institute
Ms. Darlene Kyto, Northern Michigan University Public Safety Institute
Director Jur Ahula, Michigan Tech. Public Safety
Ms. Nicole Norman, Northern Michigan University Public Safety Department
Sheriff Gary Maddox, Schoolcraft County Sheriff's Office
Director Jim Hansen, Escanaba Department of Public Safety
Director Ken Chant, Northern Michigan University Public Safety Department

CALL TO ORDER:

The Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman John Buczek at 9:00 a.m. at Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan. Chair Buczek thanked Training Director Page Gordier of Lake Superior State University and Director Ken Chant of Northern Michigan University for co-hosting the meeting.

Chairman Buczek introduced Mr. Marty Bandemer, President of the Detroit Police Officers Association (DPOA). Mr. Bandemer was recently appointed by the Governor to fill the Commission vacancy for the DPOA due to the retirement of Officer Richard Weaver. Chairman Buczek welcomed Mr. Bandemer to the Commission.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Chair Buczek asked the Commissioners to introduce themselves. He then asked members of the audience to introduce themselves. Chair Buczek welcomed all to the meeting.

Chair Buczek also welcomed the recruits from the Northern Michigan Police Academy.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Mr. Szczubelek reported that at the last Commission meeting the Commission considered the matter of the revocation of Mr. Eddie Dunn Jr. Mr. Dunn was convicted, but there was an order delaying sentencing issued by the court. However, the Commission entered a final decision and order revoking Mr. Dunn's license. Under the Michigan Court Rules there was a 14 day period during which Mr. Dunn and his attorney could seek to appeal the final decision and order. They opted not to appeal, therefore, the decision is final and will not be subject to appeal.

Mr. Szczubelek explained that in today's revocation cases there are no copies of any newspaper articles or other supplemental information related to the cases because upon reviewing the Administrative Procedures Act, he noted that the Commission should make its decisions based on evidence introduced into the record at the administrative hearing. Typically such information is not introduced into the record because it is simply extraneous and redundant. Mr. Szczubelek said that if it is the Commission's wish that they have that information available at these meetings, he will ask Mr. Mark Sands who handles administrative hearings to offer that type of information into the record.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were no additions to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

There was no consent agenda.

ACCEPTANCE OF April 23, 2008 MEETING MINUTES:

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. DeVries supported by Chief Mattice to accept the April 23, 2008, Commission Meeting minutes as written.

A **VOTE** was taken. The **MOTION** carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Buczek stated that since the Commission's last meeting, he and Mr. Beach met with Chief Ella Bully-Cummings and Director Robinson of the Detroit Police Department to discuss the University of Detroit Mercy issue. The chief has since sent a letter offering to host a meeting for all interested parties.

Sheriff Bosscher and Chair Buczek attended the Training Director's meeting last week in Traverse City. They discussed many of the current issues. The Training Directors have some concerns with the drop in the number of students going through the academies. Chair Buczek said that he and Vice Chair Bosscher agreed to work with the Training Directors and the Committee on Basic Training Academies to review the issue.

Chair Buczek stated that since the last meeting he and Chief Olko had a meeting with Kelly Keenan of the Governor's staff, to discuss our Memorandum of Understanding with the Michigan State Police. As discussed last night at the Executive Committee meeting, a meeting will be held with Colonel Munoz in the near future to address the issues before the September meeting.

Chair Buczek thanked all Commissioners who have participated in the recent academy graduations. While talking with the Training Directors last week, they expressed their appreciation to Commissioners for coming and participating in their individual ceremonies. Chair Buczek stated that he would encourage anyone who hasn't taken part in a graduation as of yet to become involved. It is quite an honor to be there and welcome these new individuals into the law enforcement family.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Mr. Beach stated that he would be reporting on just a few matters as follow-up to his bi-weekly Executive Briefings that he has been providing to the Commission since April of this year.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT Continued:

Spring 2009 LED Distribution – Mr. Beach stated that the 2009 Spring Law Enforcement Distribution payments will be released from MCOLES offices this week. The per capita distribution amount is \$111.99 per MCOLES licensed law enforcement officer. Total revenue and interest for this payment cycle is \$2,126,454.53. There were 53 agencies receiving the minimum distribution of \$250. There were 439 agencies receiving the per capita distribution. A total of 492 agencies employing 18,810 MCOLES licensed law enforcement officers registered for and will be receiving the 2009 Spring distribution.

Public Safety Officer Benefit (PSOB) – The Commission will be taking action on a resolution today for Fire Fighter John E. Lietzke who lost his life serving his community. The resolution along with a benefit check will then be presented to the spouse of Olivet Fire Fighter Lietzke who died in the line of duty last September responding to a fire call. This will be the 5th and final fiscal year 2008 payment. Mr. Beach explained that the Commission has put the Governor's office and legislature on notice that this payment depletes the funding for these benefits for this fiscal year. MCOLES still has pending cases that need additional information to be provided before a determination can be made relative to qualification for the benefit. He further explained that all awards that have been made this year were for deaths that occurred in the previous fiscal year.

Law Enforcement Officer Strength – Mr. Beach stated that a graph displaying the decline in law enforcement positions since September 11, 2001, is provided in the Commission's notebooks. Currently Michigan is down 1,761 law enforcement positions since 9-11. He further stated that we are currently in the spring graduation cycle which may show some gain in employment over the next few months.

MCOLES Relocation – Mr. Beach stated that as discussed last night with the Executive Committee, the Michigan State Police Training Academy is undergoing a number of renovations that will require MCOLES staff to relocate its offices out of the building. Mr. Beach explained that he and staff have been working with the Department of Management & Budget to design and secure adequate office space in downtown Lansing in the Hollister Building. Once these plans are solidified, Mr. Beach will be providing notice not only to the Commission but to our constituency relative to possible changes in our telephone numbers and a change of address.

Military Panels – Mr. Beach explained that he had recently been approached by the military relative to assisting them in an educational effort. Recent news accounts bear out the unpleasant reality that left untreated, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) can lead to broken lives and tragedy. Among the combat veterans who have participated in health assessments, following the return to civilian lives in excess of 40% have exhibited

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT Continued:

varying degrees of PTSD. There are no reliable markers to help predict when or which individuals may be afflicted. Often these conditions are not apparent to the returning soldier or their loved ones until months after the veteran returns to normal life. The stress of continued exposure to combat seems to compound when the returning veteran also has to cope with the marital issues that have developed at home during their absence or assimilating back into the work force whether it is a law enforcement position or a general civilian population.

Recent legislation enacted soon after the Iraq war started waived the MCOLES re-entry standards for any returning veterans. So they are not required by law to submit to any further screening upon re-entry. MCOLES has been asked to assemble and participate in panel discussions at both the Michigan Sheriff's Association and the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police for the purpose of educating law enforcement executives across the state relative to the signs that they should be aware of in individuals. Often times these individuals will not seek help when they really need it. The military will brief law enforcement on what to look for and the various resources that are available to help these individuals.

The Training Director's were briefed on this issue last week and they would also like to have training provided to them as they are responsible for screening individuals into their respective academies. The military has pledged their time and resources to help us complete this effort. Mr. Beach stated that he will continue to keep the Commission updated.

Public Acts 203/302 Codification – Mr. Beach explained that this is a top legislative priority for the Commission. This effort will bring together Public Act 203, Public Act 302 and Executive Order 2001-5 that joined the two Commissions in 2001, and incorporate the Commission's work in the area of ethics and the modernization. Chair Buczek, Mr. John Szczubelek and Mr. Beach met with Representative Mark Meadows on May 20th. Representative Meadows has volunteered to assist us in introducing the legislation that will be necessary to accomplish this effort. Attorney Douglas McKey, from the Legislative Services Bureau, has been assigned to work with us. Mr. Szczubelek will be working on draft language to get this effort moving forward. We are optimistic that this can be introduced in early Fall and be positioned should there be an opportunity in the lame duck session of the legislature yet this year. If not, the language would be ready to be introduced in the new legislative session that will begin in January.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT Continued:

Basic Training Graduations – Mr. Beach stated that he would like to echo the comments made by the Chair. He really appreciates all the assistance that he has received in the area of graduations by the Commission. The Training Academies really appreciate us taking the time from our busy schedules to attend their graduation ceremonies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Executive Committee – Chair Buczek stated that the committee met last night. Topics of discussion were the Memorandum of Understanding with the Michigan State Police and the MCOLES office relocation issues. Mr. Beach gave a report on the restructuring and succession planning efforts that he and his staff have been working on. Mr. King provided a report on the regular employment opposition petition and Mr. Rothenberger provided a strategic plan update. The Committee also discussed a request from the Flint Police Department for access to the MCOLES Recognition of Prior Training and Experience process for an officer and a possible course of action for staff. Mr. Rothenberger also provided a short budget update.

Legislative Committee – Sheriff Bosscher stated that the committee has not met. However, sometime this summer we will be convening a meeting so that we can review the codification that Mr. Beach was describing with Representative Meadows. There are two bills currently being monitored at this time. The bills are HB6901 and HB6910, that were recently introduced by Representatives Virgil Smith and Rick Jones regarding the University of Detroit Mercy where they are asking for an enhancement of the authority for private police. This continues to be an issue that we are monitoring.

Regular Employment Committee – No Report

Dedicated Funding Committee – No Report

Ethics Committee - No Report

Public Act 330 Committee – No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS Continued:

Basic Training Academy Review Committee – Director Kurt Jones stated that the committee met last night. The committee gave staff a couple of assignments to gather input from the academy directors and various staff. The committee will meet again in September in Cadillac.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution for Fire Fighter John Lietzke - The Commission recognized fallen Fire Fighter John E. Lietzke, for his service to the Olivet Fire Department.

A **MOTION** was made by Sheriff Bosscher supported by Chief Olko to adopt the resolution for Fire Fighter John E. Lietzke, recognizing his service to the Olivet Fire Department.

A **VOTE** was taken. The **MOTION** carried unanimously.

Lake Superior State University Academy Overview – Training Director Page Gordier from Lake Superior State made a presentation to the Commission outlining their law enforcement basic police training program. The MCOLES basic training program has been at Lake Superior State University for over 25 years. The biggest draw for students entering criminal justice is that Lake State has a track program that is available for students. Most students plan to attend the academy when they enroll as freshman at the university. They complete their degree requirements and then enter the academy. The academy began in January and will complete on June 26, 2008. There are three different degrees that students can be earning. The majority are taking a law enforcement emphasis. They are all getting a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Degree, but their emphasis can be either law enforcement, public safety which includes fire fighter training, or a criminalistics emphasis with a minor in chemistry. The academy class size ranges from 11 to 26 students.

All except two of the instructors in the Lake Superior State University academy program are currently active licensed MCOLES law enforcement officers. One of the best assets to their program is the facilities. They have a huge athletic building that the academy takes over for the summer. In addition, they have an indoor firearms range on campus and many outdoor ranges along with a lot of other equipment available to the academy.

NEW BUSINESS Continued:

Budgets remain a concern for Training Director Gordier. The program at Lake Superior State University is not given a budget at the beginning of the year. The program is supported by student tuition, Perkins grant funding, and support from the area community.

Training Director Gordier explained that many of their students are being heavily recruited from federal agencies or out of state law enforcement agencies. Students are often offered signing incentives to leave their programs and take employment with a recruiting agency. However, of students who do complete the academy most of them gain employment in the Michigan law enforcement community.

Northern Michigan University Academy Overview – Captain Mike Bath thanked the Commission for coming to the Upper Peninsula. He explained that the academy currently has 15 cadets completing the basic police training program. He stated that some of the issues addressed in the Lake Superior State University program are very similar to the issues at Northern Michigan University, such as the budget. Academy enrollments are down. The current academy class began with 17 students. One student left on a medical matter and one student decided that law enforcement wasn't for them. Prior to the academy start we lost two students to Wisconsin departments. The biggest issue is that these academy students are not completing their degrees since they are leaving the state for employment in other states. Many of these other states are recruiting heavily and offering signing bonuses that are very attractive to students. Mr. Bath also explained that employees from these out of state departments get a bonus if they can recruit officers from other states.

Another big issue is the lack of available law enforcement positions. Many of the graduates are working for multiple departments on a part time basis. They have also had recruits who have gone to federal agencies such as the Border Patrol in order to gain employment.

One of the things that the University has done to encourage degree students to enter the academy is that the last 12 general elective credits of the associates degree program is the academy training. Starting this Fall this will also be available to the University's four year program. Students will have 8 semesters to complete their liberal studies and core classes and then attend the academy in the summer and graduate with a four year degree. To assist with the budget issue, Northern Michigan University has a lot of departments that allow their officers to teach in the academy on their departmental time. The Firearms program has 3 instructors who donate their time. They are currently looking for less expensive ammunition.

NEW BUSINESS Continued:

Northern Michigan University also has grant programs that provide in-service training by way of grants. He thanked the Commission for awarding them funding for the training needs in the Upper Peninsula. The Legal Update program has been provided to 400 officers this year through 14 training sessions. Most classes are taken to local areas to reduce travel costs for the law enforcement agencies.

Recruit Adam Olton explained academy activities to the Commission. He said a recruit's day begins at 4:30 am for Physical Training (PT). PT is followed by inspections and then on to the classroom for training. The academy is a 16 week program and the class is currently in week 5. He stated that the first week was the worst, but they got through it together as a class. The students are looking forward to obtaining a position in law enforcement in Michigan. Recruit Olton stated that Lt. Dawson and Captain Bath do an excellent job with the academy. The academy graduation is scheduled for August 20th and they are looking forward to it. He also thanked the Commission for coming to Northern Michigan.

Revocations - Mr. Szczubelek presented the following cases recommending the Commission consider the proofs, finding of facts, and conclusions of law found in the "Proposal for Decision" issued by Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Michael Zimmer.

Christopher Hall – Mr. Hall pled Nolo Contendere and was convicted of Weapons Taser Possession/Sale Attempt (MCL 750.224A) which is a felony in the state of Michigan. His conviction was issued and entered on November 19, 2007.

A **MOTION** was made by Lt. Colonel Yungfer and supported by Director Jones to accept the Proposal for Decision of the Administrative Law Judge and revoke the law enforcement license of Mr. Christopher Hall.

A **VOTE** was taken. The **MOTION** carried.

Roosevelt Tidwell, Jr. – Mr. Tidwell was found guilty by a plea and was convicted of one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd Degree (MCL 750.520d(1)(b)) and one count of Misconduct of Office (MCL 750.505) both of which are felonies in the state of Michigan. His conviction was issued and entered on October 9, 2007.

A **MOTION** was made by Chief Olko and supported by Sheriff Wriggelsworth to accept the Proposal for Decision of the Administrative Law Judge and revoke the law enforcement license of Mr. Roosevelt Tidwell, Jr.

A **VOTE** was taken. The **MOTION** carried.

NEW BUSINESS Continued:

License Relinquishment Affidavit – Mr. Szczubelek explained that MCOLES works with county prosecutors in instances where law enforcement officers are charged with felonies and are entering into plea agreements. Often these matters are pled down to misdemeanor charges for purposes of securing a conviction and avoiding having the matter go to trial. MCOLES has an interest in these matters because it is possible for an individual who has been charged with a felony and would otherwise be subject to revocation proceedings to avoid revocation by pleading down to misdemeanors. Therefore, we have worked with county prosecutors to ask that in conjunction with plea agreements, the officers swear out affidavits in which they relinquish their law enforcement licenses.

Today's matter is Tracey Lynn House who was formerly employed by the city of Oxford Police Department and the city of Burton Police Department, she was charged with Unauthorized Access to the LEIN System, Impermissible Use of Personal Information from the Secretary of State Records, Solicitation to Commit a Felony, Attempted Unauthorized Access to Computers and multiple counts of Identity Theft and multiple counts of use of a computer to commit the crime.

She pled no contest to the misdemeanor charge of Stalking in exchange for the Genesee County Prosecutor not seeking prosecution on several felony charges. In conjunction with that agreement, she swore out an affidavit to which she agreed that she no longer meets the minimum standards for moral fitness under Michigan law to maintain her law enforcement officer license, that she will not seek employment as a law enforcement officer in Michigan or any other jurisdiction, and that she requests MCOLES permanently rescind her license and acknowledge the rescinding of her license. It is therefore recommended that the Commission accept the voluntary relinquishment of her license, rescind her license to practice as a law enforcement officer in the state of Michigan, and instruct the MCOLES staff to document the licensure status on the MCOLES Network.

A **MOTION** was made by Chief Mattice supported by Director Robinson to accept the License Relinquishment Affidavit of Ms. Tracey House and formally revoke her license to practice law enforcement in Michigan and to instruct MCOLES staff to document Ms. House's licensure status on the MCOLES Network.

A **VOTE** was taken. The **MOTION** carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mental Health Training Initiative Update – Ms. Kramp explained that after the last Commission meeting in Kentwood Chief Milt Agay, of the Berrien Springs-Oronoko Township Police Department, contacted MCOLES staff to volunteer his site for a pilot test of the Mental Health Training Curriculum. Chief Agay was in the process of working on this type of training with the Berrien County Sheriff's Office as well as the Berrien County Prosecutor's Office. They had recognized as a county and a law enforcement community that they had issues with dealing appropriately with persons with mental illness and they felt that they would be a good pilot test site. The pilot test training program ran on Monday, June 2nd, with interesting results. The Berrien County Prosecutor, as well as a law enforcement officer from Berrien County, and an instructor from the mental health community co-taught the training for 45 participants made up of local law enforcement officers as well individuals representing mental health.

There is a lot of frustration in the law enforcement community as there is no place to go to obtain the necessary services. The mental health attendees acknowledged that they don't have services available in many communities. Overall, the training went well and was well received. A lot of information exchange took place. Twelve more training sessions will be scheduled with some minor modifications based upon the pilot program. The next training is scheduled for June 19th in Lansing in conjunction with Michigan State University instructors who have been doing a similar type of training. Additional information will be provided at the Michigan Sheriff's Association and the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police conferences coming up later this month.

Chair Buczek explained that the senate has added funding to the MCOLES budget for next year for this effort.

Traffic Safety Training Development Update – Ms. Kramp explained at the last Commission meeting that MCOLES staff was looking to move forward with this project, however, contract problems arose. MCOLES recently received permission to hire a contractor to complete two of the three components; the equipment specifications component and the field sobriety testing component. The work to revise the curriculum for the radar and lidar training programs has begun. The first two components should be completed by September and the curriculum revisions by the end of the year.

2009 Competitive Grant Process Update – Ms. Hartwell stated that MCOLES staff conducted three 2009 Competitive Grant Application workshops (Grand Rapids Community College, Macomb Community College, and Kirtland M-Tec Center in Gaylord) for potential grant applicants. There were 65 individuals who attended the

OLD BUSINESS Continued:

workshops representing 32 different agencies eligible to participate in the competitive grant process. The application deadline is July 31, 2009.

After the July 31st deadline, applications that have been received will be assigned to staff to review for compliance with the guidelines. In September the practitioner review committees will meet to review Section 2 of the applications for merit. Section 2 outlines the specific training program details for each application. All the review materials will then be packaged and provided to the Commission for a complete review. At the October Commission meeting staff will meet with the membership to answer any questions commissioners may have. Upon completion of the review session with the Commission, status letters will be sent to all grant applicants in early November advising them of the status of their grants with respect to potential funding. The Commission will issue grant awards during the December meeting that will be held in Lansing.

MCOLES staff is currently working with the State Administrative Board to determine exactly how and when their review of the grant awards will take place. It is hoped that their review will take place in a parallel time frame to the Commission's award decisions. If both the award and the State Administrative Board reviews take place during the same time period, then Grant Contract Workshops will take place in mid January to provide all successful grant recipients with their contracts and reporting forms. All prospective grant applicants were notified of a potential for a contract award delay pending the review from the State Administrative Board and were encouraged not to schedule any training activities until late February or March to ensure that the contracts are in place.

Lt. Colonel Yungfer stated that MCOLES' stringent process for approval of out of state travel, utilizing 302 funds, has assisted them with the State Budget office in getting training for their forensic science division scientists approved more easily. The higher standards set by MCOLES is a great tool to work with during these difficult budget times.

Administrative Rules Update – Mr. Dale Rothenberger explained that the administrative rule development process is concluded. On April 23, 2008, the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules filed the MCOLES Recruit Rules (Part three of the seven part Standards and Training rule set) with the Office of the Great Seal. Upon filing the rules took immediate effect. At the same time, the old Basic Training and Pre-service Training rules were rescinded. The complete rule sets are now published on the MCOLES web site.

OLD BUSINESS Continued:

Mr. Rothenberger explained that all the acts and rules have been consolidated into one handbook. The booklets will be printed in the next week or so and will be available soon.

Chair Buczek stated that on behalf of the Commission he wanted to thank Mr. Rothenberger for all his hard work on this project. Mr. Rothenberger stated that he received a lot of assistance from staff, the Training Directors and other interested groups. He further stated that this has been a rewarding experience.

Active Duty Firearms Standard Information Distribution Update – Mr. David King explained that the information distribution for the Commission’s Active Duty Firearms Standard is currently underway. A number of informational meetings have been scheduled around the state. This is MCOLES’ first active duty standard and we are moving forward with a very deliberate process. These meetings are intended to provide information to the law enforcement discipline on the specific expectations of MCOLES with regard to the standard. MCOLES staff is providing an explanation of the curriculum materials and answering questions presented by participants.

This program is different in that the standard is very flexible. It is not the same as the basic training standards. It is very important to make this distinction during these informational meetings. Retired law enforcement officers are also interested in this training and are asking questions. Mr. King stated that there has not been a hearing date set in the Senate as of yet.

Mr. King explained that the informational meetings are geared more for instructors, as the discussion is on the curriculum and how to deliver it. However, administrators are welcome to attend and may have an interest in the information being provided.

Chair Buczek thanked the MCOLES staff for all the hard work that has been done on this standard.

FY09 Governor’s Recommended Budget Update – Mr. Dale Rothenberger reported that the Governor’s recommended budget is well on its way to becoming law. Minor changes have been made in both houses of the legislature. Overall, there seems to be only minor differences in the MCOLES budget. A \$100,000 grant for mental health awareness was added by Senator Cropsey and needs to be resolved by the Conference Committee as the House did not include this funding in their version. They are projecting a shortfall in state revenue of approximately \$450 million for the 2009 budget year which may have some impact or restriction on spending.

OLD BUSINESS Continued:

Mr. Rothenberger also stated that the legislature and governor's office have been put on notice regarding the inadequate funding in the PSOB line. The funds for this year are spent. We currently have five pending cases from previous years plus one potential heart attack case that may qualify for the benefit.

Colonel Yunfger stated that as for the budget shortfall we may see an across the board 2% cut.

Strategic Planning Process – Mr. Dale Rothenberger reported that as a follow-up to the meeting in Bay City with Lew Bender. Staff is still working on packaging the Commission's strategic plan. MCOLES staff met with Mr. William Donohue relative to packaging of the materials. The plan, at this point, is to meet with the Executive Committee this summer to look at an outline and to have the plan formally adopted this fall by the full Commission.

PA 203/302 Legislative Consolidation Update – No Report

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Beach stated that the 2006 Annual Report was provided to all members in their notebooks. This report was electronically sent to the legislature and is currently on the MCOLES web site. Mr. Beach explained that MCOLES is utilizing electronic media to save on mailing costs. The MCOLES newsletter has also been sent out electronically.

Mr. Beach also stated that information specific to Grant Modifications and Special Use Requests were provided to the Commission and he will be happy to answer any questions or provide additional detailed information upon request.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

Chair Buczek thanked the Northern Michigan University Academy cadets for attending the meeting. He stated that should they have any questions about the business taken up today, the Commissioners would be happy to answer them. There were no questions

from the cadets. Chair Buczek wished them all good luck in their academy training, August graduation, and future employment in law enforcement.

Chair Buczek once again thanked Lake Superior State University and Northern Michigan University for co-hosting the Commission's meeting. He stated that the Commission likes to come to the Upper Peninsula.

NEXT MEETING:

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Location: McGuire's Resort
Cadillac, Michigan

Co-hosted by Sheriff James Bosscher, Missaukee County Sheriff's Office & Sheriff Gary Finstrom, Wexford County Sheriff's Office

ADJOURNMENT:

A **MOTION** was made by Sheriff Wriggelsworth and supported by Chief Jones to adjourn the meeting.

A **VOTE** was taken. The **MOTION** carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

APPROVED BY _____ ON _____

WITNESSED BY _____ ON _____