STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 28, 2026
9:00 AM CDT / 8:00 AM MDT
Conference Room #10 - Sioux Falls Convention Center
1201 N West Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the South Dakota Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission will hold a Commission/Hearings meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at 9:00 AM Central Daylight Time / 8:00 AM Mountain Daylight Time.

The meeting location is being held in a physically accessible place. Persons who have special needs for which the Commission can make arrangements are asked to call (605) 773-4624 at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting.

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Phone Conference Line: +1 605-679-7263 | Phone conference ID 749 791 353#
Meeting ID: 215 958 921 891 830 0
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AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Review Minutes**
    a. August 27, 2026, Meeting
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Hearing - 10 am Samuel McCue**
6. **Hearing - 1:30 pm Jaylen Schulte**
7. **Consent Agenda**

    Matters appearing on the Consent Agenda are expected to be non-controversial and will be acted upon by the Commission at one time, without discussion. At the request of any one Commission member, the Chairman, or the Executive Secretary, an item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the regular agenda whenever additional discussion on an item is necessary. Items removed from the Consent Agenda will be discussed at the beginning of the formal items.

    a. Reciprocity Certification Requests (*Outlined in Attachment A*)
    b. Canine Team Certifications (*Outlined in Attachment B*)
8. **Law Enforcement Eligibility/Certification Eligibility Requests**
    a. Albert Little Elk
    b. Kevin Peterson
    c. Tyler Brehmer
9. **Certification Reinstatement**
    a. Emmet Warkenthien

b. Mark Brueggeman

9. **Training Waiver Request**
    a. Daniel Trainer
    b. Summer Thyne
10. **Reserve Unit Request**
    a. Spink County Sheriff's Office
11. **Complaints**
    a. Complaint review process
12. **Commission Information**
13. **Adjourn**

ATTACHMENT A

Reciprocity Law Enforcement Certification Requests

Farinas, Armando - Butte County Sheriff's Office

Completed the reciprocity exam on 9/23/2026 - 80.33%

- Completed the 720-hour Basic Law Enforcement Academy in February 2018.
- Tacoma Police Department employment 9/2017 to 4/2026
- South Dakota Department of Corrections 6/2026 to 7/2026
- Hired by the Butte County Sheriff's Office on July 31, 2026
- Completed skills and classroom requirements during September 28 - October 2, 2026, reciprocity training week. Needs to complete the CPR requirement.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification

Gladu, Tim - Platte Police Department

Completed the reciprocity exam on 9/22/2026 - 82.38%

- New Mexico - completed an 80-hour certification by waiver of previous training in November 2020
- Panhandle TX - completed the 812-hour Basic Peace Officer Training Program in March 2020
- Completed 560-hour Illinois Law Enforcement Course in October 2022
- Law enforcement employment:

  Tucumcari NM Police Department from 9/2018 to 9/2019 and 3/2020 to 7/2022

  Laharpe Police Department, part-time, from 8/2022 to 1/2023

  Lomax Police Department, from 7/2022 to 7/2026
- Hired by the Platte Police Department on July 9, 2026
- Completed skills and classroom requirements during September 28-October 2, 2026, reciprocity training week.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification

Katzung, Joseph - Rapid City Police Department

Completed the reciprocity exam on 9/21/2025 - 84.02%

- Completed the Alexandria Technical and Community College 360-hour Law Enforcement Program in July 2018. Completed the requirements to be licensed as a peace officer in Minnesota in May 2019
- Employed by the MN Beltrami County Sheriff's Office from 2/2019 to 5/2026
- Hired by the Rapid City Police Department on June 23, 2026
- Completed skills and classroom requirements during September 28-October 2, 2026, reciprocity training week.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification

Sipotti, Bryan - Menno Police Department

Completed the reciprocity exam on 9/22/2026 - 79.10%

- Completed the 568-hour Connecticut Police Academy in September 1996
- Employed by the Town of Wolcott, CT, 5/1996 to 12/2025
- Hired by the Menno Police Department on November 21, 2025
- Completed skills and classroom requirements during September 28-October 2, 2026, reciprocity training week. Need to complete CPR requirement

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification

Becker, Desirae - Pierre Police Department

Completed the reciprocity exam on 4/14/2026 - 87.70%

- Completed the Southeast Technical College Law Enforcement Program in 5/2026
- Employed by the Pierre Police Department on July 27, 2026
- Becker completed firearms skills and Use of Force requirements in May 2026, but did not successfully demonstrate proficiency in EVOC skills.
- Becker completed the EVOC skills requirement during the 203rd Basic EVOC training week of September 21 -25, 2026.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification

ARSD 2:01:06:03. Reciprocity. The Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission may waive any portion of the training program requirement of § 2:01:06:01, except firearms, emergency vehicle operations course, use of force, and the written reciprocity examination, upon formal application of a person requesting the waiver. The application must show that the person has completed a basic law enforcement certification course of equivalent content and quality in another jurisdiction no more than two years prior to the date of the appointment or has been employed within the prior two years as a fully empowered certified law enforcement officer in another jurisdiction and has completed a basic law enforcement certification course of equivalent content and quality. The commission's executive secretary shall administer to the applicant a written examination to determine the applicant's state of competence. Upon completion of the examination, the executive secretary or designee must notify the applicant of the training to be completed before the applicant may be certified. After the applicant successfully completes the required training and if the applicant meets the minimum standards for certification of § 2:01:02:01, the commission must issue the applicant a certificate as a certified law enforcement officer.

ATTACHMENT B

Canine team certification request

NAME	DEPARTMENT	Certification Date	Certification	Renewal New Team
Chris Happe / Bleu	SD Dept. of Corrections	09-01-2026	Corrections	Renewal
Paperwork received 09-14-26	Completion date 09-01-26			
Travis Leeson / Ranger	Pennington Co SO	10-08-2026	Drug Detection	New Team
Paperwork received 10-08-26	Completion date 10-08-26			
Phillip Rivera / Tiger	Pennington Co SO	10-08-2026	Drug Detection	New Team
Paperwork received 10-08-26	Completion date 10-08-26			
John Badker / Jacky	Mitchell PD	10-08-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 10-13-26	Completion date 10-08-26			
Timothy Simmermon / Victor	McCook Co SO	10/08/2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 10-14-26	Completion date 10-08-26			
Michael Morgan / Koa	Lake Norden PD	10/08/2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 10-15-26	Completion date 10-08-26			
Clayton Innis / Deni	Aberdeen PD	10/08/2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 10-16-26	Completion date 10-08-26			
Edwin Alpizar / Ringo	Hand Co SO	10/08/2026	Drug Detection	Team Change
Paperwork received 10-16-26	Completion date 10-08-26			
Michael Varilek / Zigi	Corson Co SO	10/08/2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 10-16-26	Completion date 10-08-26			
Seth Bonnema / Teddi	Brookings PD	10-08-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 10-19-26	Completion date 10-08-26			
Adam Goodwillie / Corona	Yankton PD	10-08-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 10-19-26	Completion date 10-08-26			
Bandon Miller / Lucki	SD Highway Patrol	10-08-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 10-19-26	Completion date 10-08-26			
Nathan Monger / Dax	SD Highway Patrol	10-08-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 10-19-26	Completion date 10-08-26			
Taylor Mohr / Brio	SD Highway Patrol	10-08-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 10-19-26	Completion date 10-08-26			
Andrew Steen / Thor	SD Highway Patrol	10-08-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 10-19-26	Completion date 10-08-26			
Charles Wilderson / Szakal	Brookings Co SO	10-08-2026	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 10-21-26	Completion date 10-08-26			

Staff recommendation: Grant canine team certification in accordance with listed type and status.