

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION
MICKELSON CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER
Pierre, SD
February 27, 2018

Pursuant to notice duly given, as required by law in such case made and provided, a hearing was duly held in front of the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission in the Commission Conference Room at the George S. Mickelson Criminal Justice Center in Pierre, South Dakota, on February 27, 2018, as contained in the notice of hearing at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering and taking information, testimony, oral and written arguments concerning the Police Canine proposed rules and Police Canine proposed amended rules.

Members present included Paul Bachand, counsel for the Standards and Training Commission; Bryan Gortmaker, Chairman; Tom Wollman, Lincoln County State's Attorney; Jo Vitek, Lake Area Technical Institute; David Lawrence, Chief of Police, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; Craig Price, Superintendent, SD Highway Patrol; Mike Leidholt, Hughes County Sheriff; Randall Rosenau, Lawrence County Commissioner; and Chad Mosteller, Executive Secretary.

Bachand addressed the Commission and indicated that the proposed rules and amended rules seek to establish the standards for certification as a drug detection canine team, explosive detection canine team, and patrol canine team. The rules provide course curriculum subject areas along with the necessary minimum training hours. The proposed rules address reciprocity if the canine team completed a course of equivalent content and quality in another jurisdiction within the previous year. The rules provide that certification expires one year and thirty days after the date all certification or recertification standards were last met.

Bachand indicated the proposed rules and proposed amended rules were approved by the Standards and Training Commission. The rules were submitted to the Legislative Research Council. Revisions to form and style for the proposed rules and proposed amended rules were received from LRC (Legislative Research Council) and reviewed by the commission.

Two requests for copies of the proposed rules and proposed amended rules were received and complied with.

Correspondence, in support of the proposed rules and proposed amended rules, was received from Lt. Matt Oxner, South Dakota Highway, who assists in training canines.

Chairman Gortmaker began the public comments with the acceptance and support by Law Enforcement Training of the style, form and changes made by LRC (Legislative Research Council). All persons were afforded an opportunity to and at the time of the hearing to present oral or written arguments for or against the proposed rules and proposed amended rules. There being no oral testimony presented and no opponents present to testify, Chairman Gortmaker closed the comment period.

Motion by Commission Member Price to accept the style and form change from LRC (Legislative Research Council) for the Police Canine Rules and to go forward with rule process, **second** by Commission Member Vitek, motion **approved**.