

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION
Conference Room 414 - Capitol Building
Pierre, SD
June 12, 2024

The South Dakota Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM CDT on June 12, 2024, in Conference Room 414 at the State Capitol Building. This meeting was conducted both in-person as well as via virtual teleconference.

Roll call was taken with the following members responding: Steve Allender, Municipal League; Casey Collins, SD Highway Patrol Superintendent; Neil Fulton, USD School of Law Dean; Gary Gaikowski, Sisseton-Wahpeton Chief of Police; Andy Howe, Clay County Sheriff; Marty Jackley, Attorney General; Joan Machione, FBI Special Agent; Kathy Peterson, Rapid City; Jay Rasmussen, Sioux Falls; Troy VanDusen, Codington County Commissioner; and Tom Wollman, Lincoln County State's Attorney. Others present included Hank Prim, Executive Secretary; Dan Satterlee, Chairman; Law Enforcement Training and DCI Staff. Commission Member Jessica Quigley, Tea Chief of Police was absent.

Chairman Satterlee declared a quorum present.

The following agenda amendments were approved on a **motion** by Commission Member Fulton, **second** by Commission Member Wollman, motion **approved**.

- Remove Hayden Medicine Horn, Yankton Sioux Tribe's, request for basic eligibility.
- Add Sturgis Police Department's rally related waiver request.

The order of business started with the Commission's approval of the previous minutes as presented on a **motion** by Commission Member Rasmussen, **second** by Commission Member Machione, motion **approved**.

Chairman Satterlee opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments and/or testimony on the agenda items.

Executive Secretary Prim presented the following basic reinstatements:

Robert Abdo, Jr. along with Damon Griffith, Wagner Police Department Chief of Police, are before members requesting Robert be allowed to attend the Law Enforcement Basic Certification Training Course. Robert is an applicant for the Wagner Police Department. Robert was dismissed from the 168th basic training course due to academic failure. Robert failed the Phase Two exam and the remedial Phase Two exam retest. Robert had lengthy academic issues and family difficulties during the training session. Staff recommendation is to declare Robert eligible for law enforcement officer employment and certification as it relates to his basic certification course dismissal, contingent upon hire with a South Dakota law enforcement agency and meeting all minimum standards. **Motion** by Commission Member VanDusen to approve the staff recommendation for Robert Abdo, Jr., **second** by Commission Member Collins, motion **approved**.

Reference made to ARSD rules:

2:01:01:01. Minimum standards for employment.

(11) Has not:

(f) Been dismissed from a basic law enforcement training program due to an academic failure or skill failure.

Notwithstanding subdivision (11), the commission may upon application by the person declare that person eligible for certification.

2:01:02:08. Discontinuance of employment of law enforcement officer.Applicants...or have been dismissed from the basic law enforcement training program may, after one year, reapply to the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission for certification if the reasons for rejection have been eliminated and a new application is submitted.

Brett Costello is requesting eligibility to return to the basic training program. Costello was dismissed from the 184th Basic Certification Course. During the 184th training session, he did not attend the EVOC training due to a medical issue but was permitted to continue with the training session. He was scheduled to attend EVOC the week of April 10, 2023, during the 186th basic session to meet the outstanding certification requirements. During the April EVOC training week, LET staff learned he was not attending the training. His dorm room was cleared, and the room keys were in the key box. He had contacted the Aurora County Sheriff Roman Briggs advising him he quit and did not want to be in law enforcement anymore. He did not notify the LET staff, class coordinator or class leader he was leaving. Staff recommendation: Costello be declared eligible for law enforcement officer employment and certification as it relates to his basic certification course dismissal, contingent upon hire with a South Dakota law enforcement agency and meeting all minimum standards. **Motion** by Commission Member Fulton to approve the recommendation by the Training Administrator for Brett Costello, **seconded** by Commission Member Howe, motion **approved**.

Reference made to ARSD rules:

2:01:01:01. Minimum standards for employment.

(11) Has not:

(f) Been dismissed from a basic law enforcement training program due to an academic failure or skill failure.

Notwithstanding subdivision (11), the commission may upon application by the person declare that person eligible for certification.

2:01:02:08. Discontinuance of employment of law enforcement officer.Applicants...or have been dismissed from the basic law enforcement training program may, after one year, reapply to the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission for certification if the reasons for rejection have been eliminated and a new application is submitted.

2:01:06:14. Dismissal. The executive secretary of the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission may dismiss from the school any person who violates any restriction or regulation established by the executive secretary to administer or maintain order during the basic training course. The executive secretary may dismiss any person who engages in conduct that would be grounds for revocation or suspension of certification if the person was certified. The executive secretary may dismiss from the school any person who fails to meet academic or skills proficiency standards outlined in the student handbook.

The Codington County Sheriff's Office is requesting financial assistance to host a 16-hour leadership course. Deputy Brent Solum, Codington County Sheriff's Office is present, via virtual appearance, to answer any questions and provide an overview of the training.

The 16-hour, *Drive the Road Leadership*, course will be provided by PDL Connect Consulting and will be conducted October 19-30, 2024. The students will understand the leadership traits that make a good leader, and they will know their own leadership style. They will be given the tools to resolve conflict and will learn how accountability leads to a positive work environment. The proposal requests \$10,650 to cover the cost for the training seminar, instructor expenses, and training facility.

The minimum enrollment is 20 participants, and the maximum enrollment is 25 participants. This course cost will be FY25 grand funds. Assistant Training Administrator Kim Knecht advised there would be \$59,000 remaining in the FY25 grant fund should this grant request be approved. **Motion** by Commission Member Howe to approve the grant request in the of \$10,650 for the Codington County Sheriff's Office to host the *Drive the Road Leadership*" course, **second** by Commission Member Machione, motion **approved**.

Business continued with the following certification reinstatement requests:

Michael Close, Fall River County Sheriff's Office, and Fall River County Sheriff Lyle Norton are present, via virtual appearance, seeking law enforcement certification reinstatement for Close. Close completed the 520-hour 12-Week Basic Certification course in 2008. Close was employed with the Hot Springs Police Department from 2007 to 2021 and served as Hot Springs Chief of Police from 2014 until his retirement in 2021. Close's certification expired in 2023. Staff recommendation: given the limited time out of law enforcement, the service, experience, and training Close has had, to grant certification reinstatement contingent upon completing continuing education requirements for the 2021/2022 cycle. **Motion** by Commission Member Rasmussen to grant the law enforcement officer certification reinstatement of Michael Close contingent upon satisfying the outstanding continuing education requirements for the 2021/2022 cycle, specifically, two hours of continuing education in use of force/response to resistance, and the successful completion of two firearms qualifications, applied to 2021 and 2022, **second** by Commission Member Fulton, motion **approved**.

Reference to ARSD rule 2:01:02:11. Expiration of certification.

Certification expires on the last day of the twenty-fourth calendar month following separation from law enforcement employment. Upon application the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission may waive all or any of the basic training program for recertification of a person whose certification has expired under this provision.

James Flynn is present, via virtual appearance, requesting reinstatement of his law enforcement certification. Flynn attended four counseling sessions and was on medication for a short time in 2019 and has not attended any additional counseling sessions.

- Flynn resigned from the Wagner Police Department in October 2017 due to mental health issues related to his personal life and being assaulted during an attempted arrest;
- 2017 - Flynn made suicidal comments about committing "suicide by cop". Law enforcement intervened and Flynn was placed on an emergency mental health hold;
- 2018 - Flynn signed a voluntary consent of decertification;
- 2019 - hearing held to determine whether Flynn possessed the requisite minimum standards required to be employed or certified as a law enforcement officer. Flynn was requested to complete a fit-for-duty evaluation;

- 2019 - hearing held to consider Flynn’s request for certification. A psychological evaluation did not recommend Flynn be reinstated for a law enforcement position. Flynn’s request for certification reinstatement was denied;
- 2024 - Recommendation to table Flynn’s request and require a fit-for-duty evaluation conducted by a mental health care professional of Law Enforcement Training’s choosing and the evaluation to be disclosed to the Commission; and
- 2024 - psychological evaluation findings recommended Flynn be approved for recertification.

Reference to ARSD rule 2:01:11:09. Consent to decertification.

A certified law enforcement officer who consents to decertification may, after one year, apply to the commission for reinstatement of certification.

Tabled until members retire into Executive Session for discussion.

Matthew Hess is before members requesting basic eligibility.

Reference to ARSD rules:

2:01:02:02. Felons to be rejected – Misdemeanants to be reviewed. No person may be employed or certified if that person has pled guilty or no contest to, or been convicted of, any offense which could have resulted in incarceration for more than one year.

02:01:02:02:.01. Exception from prohibition on employment or certification for suspended impositions of sentence.who has received an order pursuant to SDCL 23A-27-13, or the equivalent in another jurisdiction, for any offense punishable by imprisonment for more than one year, may be declared eligible upon application by the person to the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission. Upon a showing that the ends of justice and the best interests of the public and the person seeking certification are met in certifying the person

Hess plead guilty to a felony in 2015. Hess had been locked out of the house by his wife because he was intoxicated and had a weapon. Hess shot two rounds and entered the house. Ms. Hess hid upstairs with her young son and called 911. Hess was arrested and stated that he hated his life and wanted it to be done. Staff recommendation is to deny Matthew Hess eligibility for South Dakota law enforcement and certification at this time.

Motion by Commission Member Fulton to enter into executive session for further discussion regarding Flynn and Hess requests before the commission, **second** by Commission Member Gaikowski, motion **approved**. Members moved out of executive session on a **Motion** by Commission Member Rasmussen, **second** by Commission Member Peterson, motion **approved**.

Motion by Commission Member Fulton to grant Mr. Flynn reinstatement with two conditions:

1. Disclosure to agency/employer of Law Enforcement Training file including decertification and fit-for-duty documentation; provided files to be confirmed by Executive Secretary Hank Prim; and
2. The agency confirms, to Executive Secretary Hank Prim, they have received and reviewed the files.

Second by Commission Member Wollman, motion **approved**.

Motion by Commission Member Howe to approve the staff recommendation to deny Matt Hess eligibility for South Dakota law enforcement officer employment and certification at this time due to the fact there has not been a showing that the ends of justice and the best interests of the public and the person seeking certification are met, **second** by Commission Member Allender, motion **approved**.

A short break was taken and reconvened with a quorum present.

Hearing Officer Hieb proceeded with the scheduled hearing for **Kevin Curtis**. The hearing is held to determine whether Curtis engaged in conduct unbecoming of a law enforcement officer, in violation of SDCL §23-3-35(3) and ARSD 2:01:11:01 and 2:01:11:10, based upon the allegations contained in the complaint, that Curtis engaged in conduct unbecoming of a law enforcement officer, to wit:

- On December 31, 2017, Curtis failed to properly investigate a domestic assault on a 15-year-old female;
- On February 3, 2018, Curtis failed to conduct a mandatory arrest as required by SDCL 23A-3-2.1(3) after Curtis observed an assault;
- On April 18, 2020, Curtis failed to properly investigate a domestic aggravated assault.

Kevin Curtis is represented by Attorney Courtney Clayborne. Kelly Marnette, Assistant Attorney General, is representing the commission. The record will reflect a stenographic transcription of the hearing will be made and copies of the transcript will be available upon request and tender of the cost thereof. See file for exhibits.

Opening statements were made, presentation of exhibits, questions, and testimony was heard.

Chairman Satterlee called a short recess and members returned to regular session with a quorum present.

The hearing continued with testimony and review of exhibits.

Members recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:15 pm with a quorum present.

Concluding testimony and closing statements, the evidentiary portion of the hearing concluded.

Commission members retired into executive session on a **motion** by Commission Member Collins, **second** by Commission Member VanDusen, motion **approved**.

Members reconvened into open session with a **motion** by Commission Member Howe, **second** by Commission Member Machione, motion **approved**.

Motion by Commission Member Wollman, the Commission finds by clear and convincing evidence that Kevin Curtis engaged in conduct unbecoming as alleged in the Training Director's complaint as follows:

On about December 3, 2017, he failed to properly investigate an assault of a 15-year-old individual; and on February 3 of 2018 by failing to conduct a mandatory arrest of Donelle Briggs; to include there is insufficient evidence that he engaged in conduct unbecoming related to the April 2020 matter; further, it

would be the recommendation and finding that as disposition he complete 12 hours of domestic violence training by March 1 of 2025 and that training include a component of training on strangulation, **second** by Commission Member Allender.

Motion by Commission Member Rasmussen that the Chairman be authorized to sign Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law to that effect, **second** by Commission Member Collins, motion unanimous by verbal response. **Action 9-0** (Allender, Collins, Gaikowski, Howe, Machione, Peterson, Rasmussen, VanDusen, and Wollman). This concludes the hearing proceedings.

Commission Member Wollman stated this Commission and Law Enforcement Training takes domestic violence very seriously. Strangulation is a serious offense, and it warrants significant attention by law enforcement and requires significant training of law enforcement to investigate and detect. Victims of violence, particularly domestic violence, often will be abused for years before reaching out to law enforcement. How law enforcement responds to those calls is of the utmost importance. It can make the difference between someone surviving that event or getting out of an abusive relationship. Efforts have already been exhibited by Mr. Curtis with the training, clearly there needs to be more based upon the testimony and the evidence that was presented today.

The SDSU Police Department is requesting a reciprocity exam extension waiver for Riley Collins. Collins and Sgt. Jonathan Anderson are before members via virtual appearance. Collins received a knee injury in the line of duty and was placed on restrictions that prevented him from being able to do the duties of a law enforcement officer, and to do the reciprocity skills requirements. The doctor cleared him for full duty in May. Collins was among the May 2022 graduating individuals that were the final group encompassed under the old articulation agreement which permitted technical college students to take the reciprocity exam anytime within two years following graduation. The technical college standard is aligned to the reciprocity ARSD, which allows the Commission to consider certification candidates outside a two-year window. **Motion** by Commission Member VanDusen to extend the reciprocity testing window for Riley Collins with the stipulation that:

- Collins is administered and successfully passes the written examination no later than July 8, 2024; and
- Collins attends and successfully completes the next available reciprocity skills week.

Second by Commission Member Machione, motion **approved**.

The Sturgis Police Department is requesting a temporary or probationary appointment waiver. The police department hires certified officers from South Dakota along with surrounding states to supplement their regular police force and to help with the influx of people due to the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The police department makes sure the officers are current on their certification, are in good standing with their department and have qualified with their duty weapon within the past year. For officers who have not been able to qualify prior to the start of the Rally, the police department will make sure their firearms instructor qualifies them before they are scheduled to start their shifts.

Reference to ARSD 2:01:06:02. Temporary or probationary appointment.The Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission may waive the requirement to complete the state qualifying firearms course upon written request of a law enforcement agency documentation that the appointed person is a certified officer with another agency and has successfully completed a firearms qualification course within the year prior to the appointment.

Motion by Commission Member Machione to approve the Sturgis Police Department's firearms

waiver request for the 2024 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, contingent upon the Sturgis Police Department furnishing Law Enforcement Training:

- A list of appointed officers;
- Verification of firearms qualification completion; and
- Employment start date and projected end date.

Second by Commission Member Gaikowski, motion **approved**.

Due to the length of the scheduled hearing, the review of complaints that have been submitted and investigated will be rescheduled.

Consent Agenda: Reciprocity certification requests (Attachment A) and canine team certification requests (Attachment B) were reviewed.

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

*Reference to 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.*

Motion by Commission Member Wollman to accept and adopt the staff recommendations for reciprocity law enforcement certification candidates, as listed in Attachment A (page 9-12 of minutes) of the consent agenda, **second** by Commission Member Machione, motion **approved**.

Motion by Commission Member Gaikowski to accept and adopt the staff recommendations for canine team certification and recertifications, as listed in Attachment B (page 13 of minutes) of the consent agenda, **second** by Commission Member Rasmussen, motion **approved**.

The following is for commission information only and did not require any commission action by members.

The following voluntary consents of decertification have been received:

- Matthew Vig, former Butte County Deputy, insurance fraud.
- Jarrod VanDewater, former Meade County Deputy, inappropriate use of department equipment.

- Bailee Ackerman, former Butte County Sheriff's Office 911 Telecommunicator, criminal activity.
- Justin Maas, former Mitchell Police Department officer, vehicle accident while under the influence on the way to work at the Police Department.

The Tribal basic certification session started on June 3rd and the Sioux Falls basic certification session begins on June 24th.

There being no further business to come before the meeting body, the meeting was adjourned on a **motion** by Commission Member Collins, **second** by Commission Member Gaikowski, motion **approved**.

ATTACHMENT A

Reciprocity Law Enforcement Certification Requests

Frerer, Caleb – Spearfish Police Department

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024 - 87.5%

- Completed the 585-hour Phoenix Regional Police Academy Basic Peace Officer Course approved by the Arizona POST, 9/2020 - 1/2021.
- Training is equivalent.
- Arizona law enforcement employment from 06/2020 to 10/2023.
- Completed skills and classroom requirements during the April 15-19, 2024, reciprocity training week.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification

Widicker Rick - Brookings Police Department

Completed the reciprocity exam in 03/2024 - 89%

- Completed the 703-hour Peace Officer Training approved by the North Dakota POST in 5/2002. He is in good standing with the State of North Dakota, there are no adverse license actions on his license.
- Training/curriculum is equivalent.
- North Dakota law enforcement employment from 05/2002 to 10/2023
- Completed skills and classroom requirements during the April 15 - 19, 2024, reciprocity training week.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification

Alobaidi, Tarek - Southeast Technical College

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024 - 74.5%

- Completed the Southeast Technical College Law Enforcement Program in May 2024
- Completed the May 6-7, 2024, reciprocity skills requirements,
- Eligible for certification when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification contingent on being hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Branton, Vance - Southeast Technical College

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024 - 86.5%

- Completed the Southeast Technical College Law Enforcement Program in May 2024
- Completed the May 6-7, 2024, reciprocity skills requirements,
- Eligible for certification when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation. Hired by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office 5-21-2024.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification

Getchell, Rebecca Paige - Southeast Technical College *need transcript*

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024

- Completed the Southeast Technical College Law Enforcement Program in May 2024
- Completed the May 6-7, 2024, reciprocity skills requirements,
- Eligible for certification upon 21 years of age and when hired by a law enforcement agency

within two years of graduation.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity upon 21 years of age, and when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Horst, Mitchell - Southeast Technical College *need transcript*

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024 - 81.50%

- Attended the Southeast Technical College Law Enforcement Program needs to complete final sem
- Completed the May 6-7, 2024, reciprocity skills requirements,
- Eligible for certification when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Schmidt, July - Southeast Technical College

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024 - 82.5%

- Completed the Southeast Technical College Law Enforcement Program in May 2024
- Completed the May 6-7, 2024, reciprocity skills requirements,
- Eligible for certification, hired by the Turner County Sheriff 5/13/2024.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification

Smiley, Ashton - Southeast Technical College ? complete final semester *requested final transcript*

Completed the reciprocity exam in 4/2024 - 75%

- Completed the Southeast Technical College Law Enforcement Program in May 2024
- Attended the May 6-7 2024, skills testing.
- Eligible for certification upon 21 years of age, and when hired by a law enforcement agency

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification upon 21 years of age, and when hired by a law enforcement within two years of graduation.

Anderson, Konner - Lake Area Technical College

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024 - 80%

- Completed the Lake Area Technical College Law Enforcement Program in May 2024
- Completed the May 6-7, 2024, reciprocity skills requirements,
- Eligible for certification upon 21 years of age, and when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification upon 21 years of age, and when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation

Donbroski, Trevor - Lake Area Technical College

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024 - 79%

- Completed the Lake Area Technical College Law Enforcement Program in May 2024
- Completed the May 6-7, 2024, reciprocity skills requirements,
- Eligible for certification when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation. Hired by the Brookings Police Department 5/21/2024

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation

Goebel, Anthony - Lake Area Technical College

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024 - 85.5%

- Completed the Lake Area Technical College Law Enforcement Program in May 2024

- Completed the May 6-7, 2024, reciprocity skills requirements,
- Eligible for certification upon 21 years of age, and when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification upon 21 years of age, and when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation

Hardin, Samuel - Lake Area Technical College

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024 - 81%

- Completed the Lake Area Technical College Law Enforcement Program in May 2024
- Completed the May 6-7, 2024, reciprocity skills requirements,
- Eligible for certification upon 21 years of age, and when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification upon 21 years of age, and when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Jacobson, Kelby - Lake Area Technical College

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024 - 86.5%

- Completed the Lake Area Technical College Law Enforcement Program in May 2024
- Completed the May 6-7, 2024, reciprocity skills requirements,
- Eligible for certification when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Johnson, Braeden - Milbank Police Department

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024 - 79.5%

- Completed the Lake Area Technical College Law Enforcement Program in May 2024
- Completed the May 6-7, 2024, reciprocity skills requirements,
- Eligible for certification.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification

Lester, Benjamin - Lake County Sheriff's Office

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024 - 81.5%

- Completed the Lake Area Technical College Law Enforcement Program in May 2024
- Completed the May 6-7, 2024, reciprocity skills requirements,
- Eligible for certification.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification

McGaugh, Darin - Lake Area Technical College

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024 - 79.5%

- Completed the Lake Area Technical College Law Enforcement Program in May 2024
- Completed the May 6-7, 2024, reciprocity skills requirements,
- Eligible for certification upon 21 years of age, and when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification upon 21 years of age, and when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Torguson, Samantha - Lake Area Technical College

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024 - 76.5%

- Completed the Lake Area Technical College Law Enforcement Program in May 2024
- Completed the May 6-7, 2024, reciprocity skills requirements,
- Eligible for certification upon 21 years of age, and when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification upon 21 years of age, and when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Winnett, David - Lake Area Technical College

Completed the reciprocity exam in 04/2024 - 82%

- Completed the Lake Area Technical College Law Enforcement Program in May 2024
- Completed the May 6-7, 2024, reciprocity skills requirements,
- Eligible for certification upon 21 years of age, and when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

Staff recommendation: Grant reciprocity certification upon 21 years of age, and when hired by a law enforcement agency within two years of graduation.

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ATTACHMENT B
Canine team certification requests

NAME	DEPARTMENT	Certification Date	Certification	Renewal New Team
Michael Varilek / Zigi	Corson Co SO	4-11-2024	Drug Detection	New K9
Paperwork received 4-15-24	Completion date 4-11-24			
Shannon Rojo / Chena	OST Dept. of Public Safety	4-3-2024	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 4-17-24	Completion date 4-3-24			
Wesley Bowsher / Tango	Grant Co SO	4-11-2024	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 4-18-24	Completion date 4-11-24			
Kory Kellen / Debo	Deuel Co SO	4-11-2024	Drug Detection	New K9
Paperwork received 4-18-24	Completion date 4-11-24			
Charles Wilderson / Szakal	Brookings Co SO	4-11-2024	Drug Detection	New
Paperwork received 4-18-24	Completion date 4-11-2024			
Peter Schmeling / Khaos	Perkins Co SO	4-11-2024	Drug Detection	New
Paperwork received 4-22-24	Completion date 4-11-2024			
William Moran / Ontario	BIA	4-11-2024	Drug Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 5-01-24	Completion date 4-11-2024			
Mitchell Morgan / Koa	Lake Norden PD	4-11-2024	Drug Detection	New
Paperwork received 5-06-24	Completion date 4-11-2024			
Matthew Geppert / Delta	Department of Corrections	4-22-2024	Corrections	Renewal
Paperwork received 5-09-24	Completion date 4-22-2024			
Cody Jansen / Jak	SD Highway Patrol	5-9-2024	Explosive Detection	New
Paperwork received 5-13-24	Completion date 5-9-2024			
Brandon Neitzert / Comrade	DCI	5-22-2024	Accelerant Detection	Renewal
Paperwork received 5-28-24	Completion date 5-22-2024			

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

