

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE
PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS
AND TRAINING BOARD**

**BCI MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
July 8, 2020**

Members Present

Jesse Jahner
Jason Ziegler
Paul Lies

Members Absent

Guests

Pat Sand

Legal Counsel

Mike Mahoney

Administrative Staff

Duane Stanley
Monica Sebastian

The meeting was called to order by Executive Secretary Duane Stanley at 10:01 a.m. The members present were a subcommittee that had been formed to address possible legislative changes that may occur in the future along with discussing a framework for guidelines to address the use of reserve officers. Documents were passed out to members of the current ND statute regarding reserve officers.

Jesse Jahner provided an overview to the committee on the history and outcome of HB 1459 which was proposed at the 2019 legislative session addressing reserve officers.

Members agreed that reserve officers should have oversight under the POST Board.

Members felt that reserves could either be paid or unpaid and that should be left up to the individual agency.

All agreed that the hiring process/requirements for a reserve officer be the same as a full-time police officer.

Legal counsel discussed the current statutes and POST authority relaying the need for language changes and the research needed for proper placement in statute along with draft language.

Members stated that it should be separate "reserve license" and that the same fees that apply to a general license be utilized when applicable.

There was discussion on training hours and the specific topics of training that needed to be taught in order to become a reserve officer. Jesse Jahner was going to follow-up with putting together curriculum and classes.

Members stated that someone with a current peace office license would not need to take the reserve officer training and could receive the license. Current reserve officers would need to take the new curriculum once developed.

There was discussion on the recertification process and requiring 30 hours in three years to renew a reserve license.

There was lengthy discussion on the logistics of who would instruct these classes, the location(s) that the instruction would take place and the frequency. There was no consensus at this time.

It should be noted the Pat Sand (Barnes County Sheriff's Office) provided input to the members throughout the discussion in regard to how their office utilizes reserve officers along with feedback on the proposed ideas to govern and implement the use of reserve officers.

There was also lengthy discussion throughout the meeting on the need to define what exactly "direct supervision" would mean in regard to a reserve officer.

Duane Stanley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.