



State of Connecticut

Police Officer Standards and Training Council

Connecticut Police Academy



Appropriations Committee

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Chairman, Chief Anthony J. Salvatore, Sr.

Executive Director, Thomas E. Flaherty

Good Evening Co-Chairs Harp and Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee. I realize that your schedule is tight and our time limited. They are just a couple of issues that I would like to bring to the attention of this Committee.

Our requested appropriation for 2001-2012 and 2012-2013 includes a request to increase the amount for Recruit meals who attend our residential program at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden. This item also provides light refreshments for the families who attend our Family Nights and Graduation Exercises. The Police Officer Standards and Training Council pays the Department of Public Safety for the meals consumed. We currently pay the Department of Public Safety \$1.55 per meal for each of the approximate 275 meals consumed by Recruits during their twenty two week training session. There are a maximum of 50 Recruits in each class. In May, 2010, the Council was advised by the Department of Public Safety, that effective July 1, 2011, the cost of meals would increase to \$2.75 per meal. The Council was also advised that refreshment service for graduations and family nights would be discontinued. Then Col. Thomas Davoren was advised by Chairman Salvatore that we would seek additional funding to pay for this projected increase during the budget process for the next two fiscal years. This increase is included in our Agency request.

Additionally, we are facing an annual licensing fee of \$2,500 to renew the right to continue using our Critical Incident/Model City Training Boards. These boards are used to train officers and supervisors in Incident Management procedures and critical incident response. They are a critical piece of our terrorism preparation training as well as preparing officers to respond to any critical incident whether it is a hostage situation, a hazardous material event or a major transportation accident.

Office Equipment Leases/Rental has been requested to renew the rental leases for agency copiers.

Additional funding is requested to upgrade our software to Office Suite 2007 at \$52 per PC and an additional \$999 to update anti-virus software for our servers and PCs.



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We realize the financial situation that we are all facing but we want you to know that these items are critical to our continued functions of training Police Recruits and providing in-service training to the approximately 8,200 certified police officers in this State.

Thank you for the opportunity to briefly address this Committee and Chief Salvatore and I would be happy to answer the Committee's questions.