

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

Appropriations Committee Testimony
February 9, 2016

Good afternoon Senator Bye, Representative Walker, and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee. I am Dora Schriro, Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, and I am joined by CSP Col. Brian Meraviglia and Fire Services Administrator Jeff Morrisette. We appreciate this opportunity to appear before you today.

I would like to begin by saying that we fully support Governor Malloy's recommended budget adjustments as outlined and are grateful for the Governor's and Lt. Governor's steadfast support for the first responder community and our department's workforce.

No doubt, next year's budget will present challenges. It will create opportunities, too. I want to assure you, that we will do our part to help address the state's current budget situation.

Building upon hard work that DESPP's 6 divisions have undertaken over the past two years, I am confident that we're positioned to make the very most of our assets. If you don't mind, I'd like to briefly recap some of the milestones we reached since last we met:

- Reduced OT utilization and increased reimbursement between FY15 & FY16 (through PP16); see attached.
 - Department-wide, non-reimbursable OT was reduced by 12,651 hours and \$755,265.
 - The Division of the CT State Police, sworn and civilian, lowered by 13,670 hours and \$787,665.
 - Increase in reimbursement, reimbursable OT, \$6,989,872, a 17% increase in recoupment in FY16.
- Narcan Initiative, all Troopers were trained and equipped with Narcan and revived 63 of 68 persons on 67 calls for service since inception, approximately one or more a week.
- Lethality Assessment Program, all Troopers were trained to identify and refer victims of domestic violence determined to be at imminent risk of harm; since inception, 52% of 1,569 DV victims were determined to be at risk of which number 89% accepted troopers' offer of referral to a DV provider.
- Criminal Justice Center for Excellence in Information Technology, created within DESPP integrating various IT systems and consolidating resources across state CJ agencies.
- Inter-agency LEAN Initiative: Shared Unleaded Fueling Stations, expected to eliminate 9 of our fueling locations and 11 of our unleaded fuel tanks, yielding an estimated savings to DESPP of \$5.8 million over 14 years.

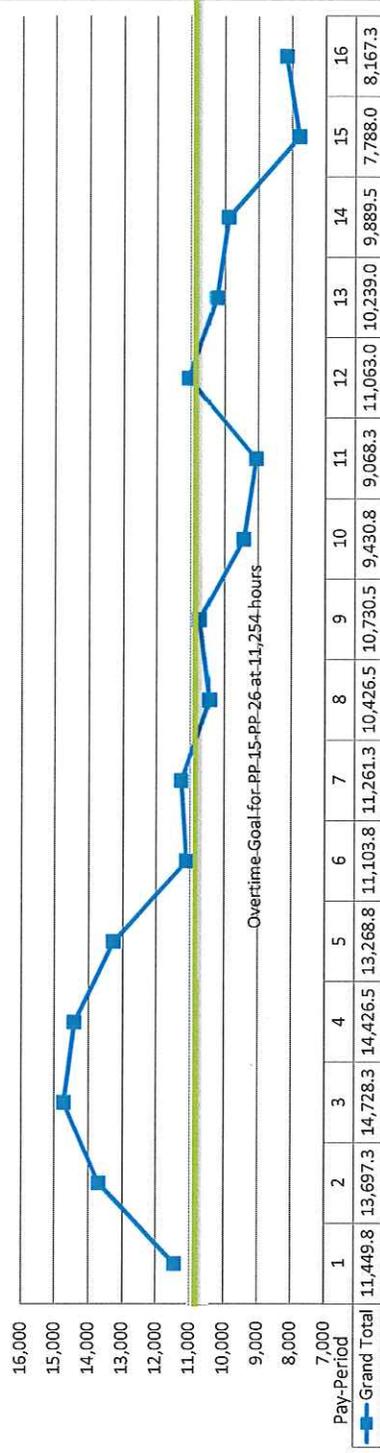
In sum, you can count on us to continue to pursue policies and practices that reduce spending, improve outcomes and create value, are transparent, and make the highest and best use of all of our resources during these difficult economic times, and in every economic environment.

Thank you kindly for your attention. Col. Meraviglia, Mr. Morrisette and I are prepared to answer any questions that you may have.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Dora B. Schriro, Commissioner

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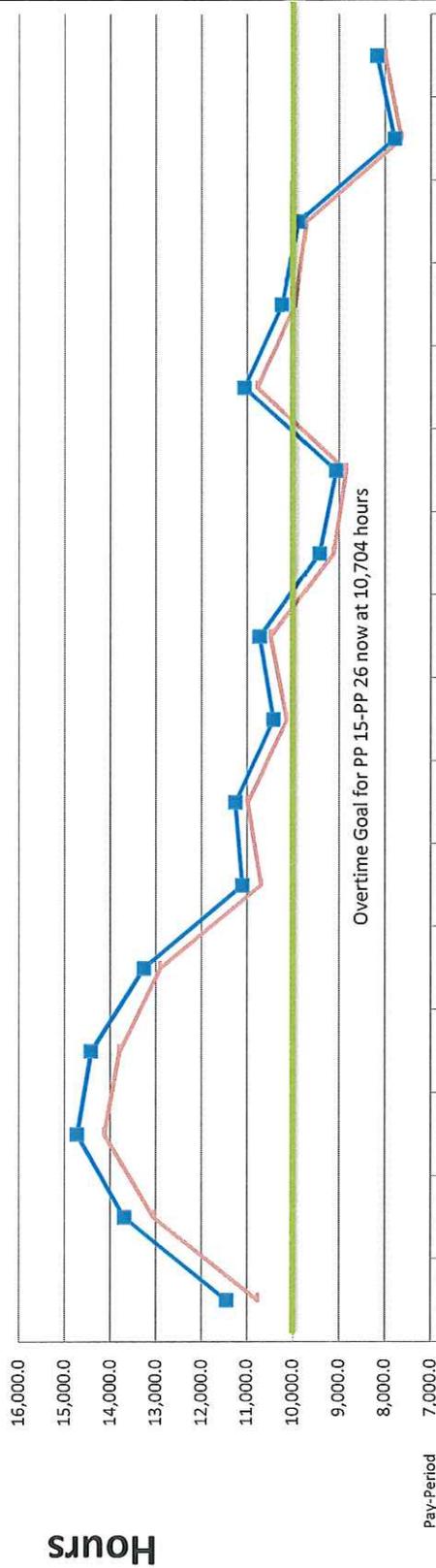
FY 16 Non-Reimbursable OT Hours All Divisions



Hours

Overtime Goal for PP-15-PP-26 at 11,254 hours

FY 16 Non-Reimbursable OT Hours CSP



Pay-Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
CSP	10,767.5	13,050.0	14,135.5	13,806.0	12,910.0	10,699.3	10,989.0	10,136.0	10,491.5	9,124.0	8,852.0	10,784.0	9,954.5	9,719.0	7,640.0	7,995.0
Total Agency	11,449.8	13,697.3	14,728.3	14,426.5	13,268.8	11,103.8	11,261.3	10,426.5	10,730.5	9,430.8	9,068.3	11,063.0	10,239.0	9,889.5	7,788.0	8,167.3