



Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training

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Ms. Elizabeth Lincoln, Director, Legislative Reference Library
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Subject: Annual Report on Ensuring Police Excellence and Improving Community Relations Advisory Council Minn. Stat. 626.8435, Subd. 6.

Dear Senators, Representatives, Director Lincoln:

Minnesota Statutes, section 626.8435, subdivision 6, requires the council to submit a report each year to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees and divisions having jurisdiction over criminal justice policy and the board.

The Ensuring Police Excellence and Improving Community Relations Advisory Council held five meetings during calendar year 2022.

Minn. Stat. 626.8435, Subd. 6 (1) *all recommendations presented to the board and how the board acted on those recommendations:*

Recommendation/Discussion 1:

The council discussed offering the following draft rules suggestions to the POST Board:

- Adopt an 'Excessive Force Standard' into the standard of conduct.
- Removing the conviction requirement from the standard of conduct rule draft.

POST Board Action:

There was no formal recommendation made on these topics since the POST Board had already included such language in the rules overhaul draft.

Recommendation 2:

Office of Ombudsperson for American Indian Families approached the council reference:

- Asking the POST Board to modify the learning objectives that POST has for pre-service education to incorporate questions to be asked of native american families when deciding out-of-home placement of native children.

POST Board Action:

At the October 27, 2022 POST Board meeting, this topic was referred to the training committee of the board for further study. On November 16, 2022 the training committee of the board directed board staff to work with the Office of Ombudsperson for American Indian Families to review the need for an update of the learning objectives, develop any suggested language changes and report back to the committee. That work is ongoing.

Recommendation 3:

POST Board to support and form a working group with the Unity Community Mediation Team to look further into the process for DNA collection from juveniles.

POST Board Action:


The POST Board reviewed the request and determined more information was needed from the advisory council as to the jurisdiction and scope of the problem. The board sent the recommendation back to the advisory council to conduct more research and/or create an advisory council working group to research the topic further. This work continues at the advisory council level.

Additional Council Activities:

- The council is working on regional public listening sessions to begin in spring of 2023. The goal is to have 8 sessions scattered across the state. Members of the council are working on organizing these listening sessions.
- The council will have the Chiefs of Saint Paul and Minneapolis Police Departments speaking at the next meeting in 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 651-201-7789 or email erik.misselt@state.mn.us with questions or if I can provide further assistance.

Sincerely,



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