October 29, 2019

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Colonel Milstead:

The Law Enforcement Merit System Council conducted a business meeting on October 29, 2019 and made the following decisions:

1. Approved the minutes from the June 11, 2019 public and executive meetings, and the minutes from the September 6, 2019 executive meeting. The minutes from the September 6, 2019 public meeting were held to be approved at a later date.

2. Scheduling of Upcoming Cases:
   - Couch vs. DPS, termination appeal has been withdrawn (MSC# 2019-03-A).
   - Huddleston vs. DPS, termination appeal has been withdrawn (MSC# 2019-06-A).
   - Villacorta vs. ADOT termination appeal is pending (MSC#2019-04-A).
   - Baeuerlen vs. Arizona Parks and Trails, termination appeal is pending (MSC#2019-05-A).

3. Tuffy vs. DPS, motion to quash was denied. Appellant was given two weeks to verify if he wishes to move forward with his motion for rehearing (MSC#2018-05-A, MSC2018-08-A).

4. Approved the selection of, and appointed the new LEMSC Business Manager, Captain Aaron Buckmister.

5. Approved the Department’s proposed job classification modification for Cadet State Trooper (Class# 1100).

6. Approved the Department’s request for creation of a new job classification, Forensic Services Technician (Class# 6408).
7. Approved the substantive policy statement regarding eligibility for a pay step increase following an Interim Rating. The policy will be posted and made available to all DPS employees.

8. Approved the substantive policy statement regarding promotional eligibility following an Interim Rating. The policy will be posted and made available to all DPS employees.

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