

**State of Arizona**  
**CONSTABLE ETHICS,**  
**STANDARDS & TRAINING BOARD**

**MINUTES**

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*October 1, 2015*

A subcommittee committee meeting of the Constable Ethics, Standards and Training Board (CESTB) was called to order by Constable Ken Sumner at 2:07 p.m. on October 1, 2015. The meeting was held in the Capitol Consulting office located at 818 North First Street, Phoenix AZ 85004. Members participating in the meeting included Constable Sumner. Members participating via teleconference included Stuart Goodman, and Christine Shipley. Also present was staff Tracy Unmacht. There were no members of the public present.

The following matters were discussed, considered and decided at the meeting:

**Discussion & Possible Recommendation for Open Investigation\***

**CNA131-2014 – Crabtree:** Constable Sumner outlined the complaint to the members of the committee. The complaint was filed in 2014 and the constable declined to respond at that time due to pending criminal charges. The CESTB Board voted to table the complaint until the criminal case was resolved. Staff was able to ascertain that the case was referred to Veteran Court, and following those proceedings, the criminal case was dismissed by the Lake Havasu City Attorney on July 10, 2015. The Constable has been sent a request to now respond to the complaint and his response is due on October 14, 2015,

**CNA164-2015 – Acton:** Constable Sumner outlined the complaint to the members of the committee. Most of the allegations in the complaint reference clerical errors. The constable's response to that was he felt a 10% error rate is reasonable, and once the errors were pointed out, his service started improving. The subcommittee discussed the possibility of additional training needed for the constable to continue to reduce the clerical errors. Of more concern was a particular instance where it appeared a date was altered on a document. The subcommittee decided to investigate further. Constable Sumner will look into this further and report back to the subcommittee.

**CNA165-2015 – McManaway:** This complaint was discussed by the subcommittee at a previous meeting and it was determined at that time that the request for constable response was sent to an incorrect address, so the constable was provided more time to respond. His response was forwarded to the subcommittee members. Subcommittee members agreed the constable acted in good faith in trying to contact the correct person, and simply made an honest mistake. However, all agreed he should have offered an apology to the complainant. Stuart Goodman made a motion to recommend to the CESTB board a letter of warning be issued to the constable. Christine Shipley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**CNA168-2015 – Rademaker:** Constable Sumner outlined the complaint to the members of the committee with discussion from all members. The complainant felt intimidated by Constable Rademaker's appearance and line of questioning. Members determined the constable did nothing intentional to cause intimidation, and was simply carrying out his duties to serve a document. Further, when the constable learned later that the complainant felt intimidated he immediately offered an apology. Stuart Goodman made a motion to recommend to the CESTB board the complaint be dismissed. Christine Shipley seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Call to the Public**

No members of the public were present.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the subcommittee adjourned at 2:45 p.m.