

Law and Justice Commission

MTU 8

Minutes

March 8, 2011

Members Present:

Jeff Elston	Tim Henson	Patrick O'Grady	Rusty Thomas
Scott Schaefer	Hugh Roop	Dale Sparks	Robert Siron
Gordon Beck	Dale Newsome	Sharon Sweeney	
Greg Scott	Robert Walter	Jamey Kessinger	

Staff Present:

Mark Kotte Denelle Hetrick

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Elston at 1:05 p.m. at Heartland Community College in Normal, IL
- II. Roll call and establishment of quorum: Sign-in sheet passed around and quorum established.
- III. Motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Siron to approve December 14 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried
- IV. Financial Report: Motion to approve December, January, and February expenses made by Siron and seconded by Newsome – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried
- V. Correspondence
 - A. Received a thank you from the Institute for Intergovernmental Research for co-hosting the Task Force Commander Training held on November 29-December 1
- VI. New Business
 - A. Director's report on March 2-3 State Training Board meeting
 1. Crisis Intervention Team Training curriculum has changed slightly with the addition of a 2 hour block on returning veterans
 2. 1.67% retroactive pay raise for all MTU staff was approved
 3. PTI will remain open through 6/30/12.
 4. There is a pending bill in draft form to add \$25.00 to each traffic citation to fund PTI. The State Training Board is not in agreement with this bill.
 5. Western Illinois University gave a presentation with a tentative plan to open an academy on campus if PTI closes
 6. Schaefer stated it is the Executive Director of the State Training Board's goal to remove the 80 hour transition training from PTI and move it to Bellville. It is also his goal to remove the Firearms Master Instructor training from PTI and place it with the Illinois State Police.

7. The Lead Homicide Investigator 40 hour curriculum was approved.
 - a. A waiver form is currently being worked on and it is expected that the waiver process will be approved at the June State Training Board meeting
 - b. Part-time officers will be allowed to attend the 40 hour training but they will not be eligible for a waiver
 - c. MTU 3 has a 40 hour course curriculum and they will share the curriculum with other MTU's but the MTU's will not be limited to using just those instructors.
 - d. Once certified as a Lead Homicide Investigator, that officer must have 32 hours of training every four years.
 - e. Schaefer stated Death Investigation grant funds may be able to be used for this training but the Board has not considered it at this point.
8. The following bills were mentioned:
 - a. HB98, SB1639: Permitting currently employed and retired State correctional officers and county correctional officers to conceal and carry – State Training Board is neutral
 - b. HB1078, SB1195: Creates an Illinois Police Canine Certification Act and Certification Board – State Training Board is opposed
 - c. HB1515, SB1221: Provides for the issuance of Public Safety Diver special license plates – State Training Board is neutral
 - d. SB1685: Provides that one member of a MTU shall be appointed to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, removes the requirement that the Director of PTI serve on the Board – State Training Board opposes due to conflict of interest
 - e. SB2163: Requiring full-time and part-time police officers to be licensed rather than certified, 4 year license – State Training Board is neutral

B. FY2012 Course Plan

1. Northwestern Police Supervision (80 hour) approved to be included in the FY2012 Course Plan with the MTU allocating funds for 10 seats
2. F.A.T.S. Simulator training approved to be included in the FY2012 Course Plan.
3. Motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Sweeney to approve the FY2012 Course Plan – all in favor – motion carried

C. FY2012 Budget

1. Memo from State Training Board stated non-personnel items should be calculated at last year's level
2. Director stated the MTU could either consider replacing the 2000 Caravan or just repair it and keep it for another year. The repairs were estimated at \$850. It was decided to make repairs.
3. Motion was made by Newsome and seconded by Sparks to approve the FY2012 Budget – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried

D. Needs Assessment – Director stated 22 out of 30 Needs Assessments were returned. The FY2012 Course Plan was based on the needs assessment results

E. IMRF Updates – Director stated there are no current updates

F. FY2012 Slate of Officers

1. Treasurer – Beth Kimmerling nominated by Siron. Motion was made by Siron and seconded by Sparks to close nominations for Treasurer – all in favor – motion carried
2. Secretary – Dale Newsome nominated by Sweeney. Motion was made by Sweeney and seconded by Henson to close nominations for Secretary – all in favor – motion carried
3. Vice-Chairman – Bob Siron nominated by Thomas. Motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Newsome to close nominations for Vice-Chairman – all in favor – motion carried
4. Chairman – Elston expressed interest in remaining Chairman for FY2012. Brent Wick nominated by Siron. Motion was made by Newsome and seconded by Beck to close nominations for Chairman – all in favor – motion carried

G. Review of CORE curriculum

1. Motion was made by Siron and seconded by Sparks to remove Ethics training from the CORE curriculum – all in favor – motion carried
2. Motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Wick to remove Disaster Training from the Correctional CORE curriculum – all in favor – motion carried. Kessinger stated this training is done in-house.

H. Staff compensation increase of 1.67% - Motion was made by Siron and seconded by Beck to increase MTU 8 staff compensation for FY2011 by 1.67% - voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried

1. Hetrick stated with this increase, the FY2012 Budget would need to be adjusted. Motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Siron to allow the Chairman and Treasurer to review and approve the FY2012 budget following changes made in the personnel category.

I. Clinton Police Dept. request to join MTU 8 – Director read a request written by Chief Reidy of the Clinton Police Dept. to become a member of MTU 8. Motion was made by Newsome and seconded by Sweeney to allow Clinton Police Dept. to join MTU 8 – all in favor – motion carried

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Director stated after some inquiry regarding Airsoft equipment, it is currently not possible to purchase Glock-like equipment. Stated he spoke to someone familiar with Airsoft and they recommended using CO₂ Airsoft equipment. Director stated he doesn't think it should be a problem to purchase 12 Sig Sauer-like Airsoft guns along with everything else needed with the funds that were approved at the previous meeting.

B. FY2010 Audit has begun.

C. Director stated he spoke with PPCT regarding video recording practical exercises. PPCT stated they didn't have a problem with it as long as the video is used appropriately. Siron stated Bloomington Police Dept. had raised the question of possibly video recording the practical exercises and would now like to withdraw that request.

D. Director reminded all Police Chiefs, Sheriffs and Deputy Police Chiefs about the 20 hours of annual training mandated by the State Training Board

- E. Director reminded all departments to complete their bi-annual personnel rosters

VIII. CURRICULUM

- A. Executive Development Course – May 6-7
 - B. Rapid Deployment: March 21-22, Hetrick stated currently have 3 enrolled
 - C. Police Morale for Supervisors: March 25 (rescheduled from Feb. 03)
 - D. Rapid Medical Response: three separate offerings March 22 (Paxton), March 29 & May 05 (Normal). Only 11 enrolled in the March 29 course.
 - E. Creating an Action Plan: Forming a Critical Incident Response Team: April 06
 - F. Criminal Investigative Techniques: April 11–15 (MTU 8 is purchasing 15 seats, we still have seats remaining)
 - G. Student Behavioral Threat assessment: April 11
 - H. SFST Refresher: April 18
 - I. Tactical Risk Management (Gordon Graham) April 28
 - J. Internet Tools for Investigators: May 5-6
 - K. At-Scene Traffic Crash Investigation (Phase 1) 80 hours: May 9-20; need 20 enrolled to make the course go
 - L. Leadership and Personal Development (Ondra Berry): May 10, currently have 9 enrolled
 - M. Understanding & Planning for School Bomb Threats: May 17
 - N. Advanced SRO: June 6-8
 - O. Emotional Survival originally scheduled for February 1 has been rescheduled for October 24
 - P. Most PPCT classes will now be held in the Fitness & Recreation Center
 - Q. The March 31 Breach Point: Personal & Professional Breakthroughs for Police Officers course, the April 4 Ethics course, and the April 4-5 PPCT course, and the Tactical Vision course currently have low enrollment.
- IX. No executive session was held
 - X. Motion to adjourn made by Sparks and seconded by Newsome – all in favor – motion carried

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room CCB 2012.