

Law and Justice Commission

MTU 8

Minutes

December 11, 2012

Members Present:

Dale Sparks	Tim Stanesa	Jim Woolford	Eric Klingele
Pat O'Grady	Mark Doran	Brent Wick	Rick Bleichner
Rick Davis	Chris Lane	Scott Schaefer	Beth Kimmerling
Rusty Thomas	Michael Reidy	Michael Donovan	Nichol Bleichner
Gordon Beck	Larry Smith		

Staff Present:

Mark Kotte Denelle Hetrick

Members of the Public Present:

Patrick Carey Randy Wilson

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Beck 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 Reidy and seconded by Sparks to approve October 9 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried
- IV. Financial Report: Motion to approve October and November expenses made by Kimmerling and seconded by N. Bleichner – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
- V. Correspondence
 - A. Director stated MTU 8 received a letter from IMRF confirming Employer Contribution Rate for 2013 as 20.98%.
 - B. Director stated he received an email from Chief Petrey appointing Randy Wilson to represent Stanford PD when Petrey is not present at the Advisory Board meetings.
 - C. Director stated everyone on the Advisory Board is required to complete the Open Meetings Act online training by the end of December.
 - D. Director stated he received correspondence from Mike Bieser regarding K9 certification. The certification will possibly take place in late January. 10 dogs can go through the certification per day. The fee will be \$25/dog. Bieser will charge the agency directly. Departments will need to schedule with Bieser. After completion of the certification, MTU 8 will send a certificate. Bieser stated he would perform extra testing if the handlers would like when they are there.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Mike Schlosser, Director of PTI, spoke about the control tactics program used at PTI. He stated the program is simple, practical, and not based on just

tactics but more on understanding concepts and use of force. The program focuses more on gross motor skills rather than fine motor skills. The program has been approved by the State Training Board. He is currently working on a new manual and video. Schlosser stated the train-the-trainer program is currently one week + 1 week of end user instruction. An instructor's certification would be good for two years. After two years, they would need to complete a 2-day recertification. They would also be asked to document their instruction. R. Bleichner asked about the research component of the program. Schlosser stated he is constantly researching both action and legal components. Schlosser stated he is an expert witness in control tactics. Woolford asked about the delivery method. He stated it seems at times to be confined to PTI's schedule. Schlosser stated PTI is planning to take both the control tactics program and the master firearms program on the road. Woolford asked if certification of an instructor trainer from MTU 8 is a possibility. Schlosser stated it is in the long term if someone is qualified but he would have high expectations. Schlosser stated, at this time, the end user program is one week in length. The re-certification is currently 2-days. A few stated the length of the training would be a problem from their departments. He stated they would consider changing the length of the training if it doesn't compromise the integrity of the program. PTI is currently looking into this.

- B. Schlosser stated there is a new agreement between the University of Illinois and ILETSB. ILETSB will pay PTI directly for basic training out front through 2013. Departments will not need to pay for the training and then wait to be reimbursed by ILETSB.
- C. Larry Smith, Deputy Director of ILETSB, stated the State Training Board is happy PTI is still around. He reiterated the fact that ILETSB will pay PTI directly for basic training. Smith stated ILETSB has an intergovernmental agreement with the University of Illinois to do research on curriculum. PTI is not part of the research since it is an academy. The goal is to have U of I come back to the Board with research by June 2013. New curriculum is planned to begin in 2014.
- D. Smith spoke about the State Training Boards view of the status of ILEAS. He stated the Board conducted a study of the status of ILEAS's legal standing. He stated on October 18, Director McClain sent a letter to Jim Page and Mark Beckwith of ILEAS prohibiting ILEAS from deploying officers when the Governor or IEMA has not declared an emergency, supervising officers, and credentialing officers. Prior to the letter being sent, Director McLain sent the letter to the Executive Committee of the State Training Board. They approved unanimously of him sending the letter. Smith stated there had been a meeting with ILEAS and phone conversations between Director McClain and Jim Page regarding this issue prior to the letter being sent. Smith stated Director McClain does what he feels is best of law enforcement and for Chiefs and Sheriffs. Smith stated the chance exists that officers deployed by ILEAS when an emergency has not been declared by the Governor may not be protected by tort immunity. He stated a meeting is scheduled for next week to discuss this issue. Smith asked that anyone who has questions or would like to discuss this further to please contact him at ILETSB.
- E. Pat Carey, Chief of Staff of ILEAS, stated 940 units of government participate in ILEAS. He stated as for the illegal use of ILEAS shoulder

patches, he feels the patch does not identify someone as law enforcement. He feels the badge or star does. Carey stated ILEAS does not deploy officers but coordinates. Carey stated ILEAS is not a law enforcement agency but an emergency management tool. Carey denies that McClain attempted to contact and discuss the matter with ILEAS prior to the October letter. Carey stated ILETSB, at one time, offered to move ILEAS to PTI and make ILEAS an MTU.

- F. A PPCT Instructor Certification/Re-certification course is scheduled in January. The certification will be held on January 28-February 1, 2013. The re-certification will be held on January 28-30.
- G. Director attended the quarterly State Training Board meeting on December 3-4, 2012.
 - 1. It was stated that it seems IDOT grant claim reimbursements have been more timely and the process seems to be running more smoothly
 - 2. There will be some changes made to HazMat train-the-trainer. These changes will be implemented in March 2013.
 - 3. ILETSB is requesting all MTUs Advisory Board members' contact information.
 - 4. The State Training Board approved a 2.2% pay increase for all MTU staff, retroactive to July 1, 2012.
 - 5. Roger Richards, the Director of MTU 14, retired. Bill Fitzgerald is the new Director of MTU 14.
 - 6. Jan Allen, a longtime employee of ILETSB, is retiring.
 - 7. Director McClain stated ILETSB's office staff is only at 50% strength and Field Representatives are only at 40%. He stated there is adequate funding from the legislature but currently can't replace people when they retire. The State Training Board's Executive Committee will attempt to get a meeting with the Governor regarding this topic.
 - 8. Chicago is in the process of becoming a MTU.
 - 9. A legal update brochure for firearms training will be sent out. This must be handed out at firearms training.
 - 10. Police Suicide Task Force has given the first draft to Director McClain.
- H. 2.2% Pay Increase for MTU Staff: Motion to approve a 2.2% pay increase for MTU staff retroactive to July 1 made by Sparks and seconded by Davis – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
- I. Schaefer reminded all Police Chiefs and Deputy Police Chiefs about the State Mandated 20 hours of training annually.
- J. Director stated the FY2012 audit is completed. Anyone that wants a copy can contact the office.
- K. Director stated all of the MTU's files and equipment have been removed from storage at the BPD range.
- L. Director stated the FY2012 Annual Report is completed and has been sent to ILETSB.

- M. Director stated Heartland Community College is closed from December 24, 2012 – January 1, 2013. MTU staff will be working from home during this time.
- N. Director stated the IROCC qualification shoot was held on November 1.
- O. The Needs Assessment will be sent out in January.
- P. Director stated PPCT and TASER classes will be held at the National Guard Armory in Bloomington.

VII. Old Business

- A. By-laws – Beck stated he asked everyone to review the proposed by-laws and contact him with any input at least 10 days prior to the December Advisory Board meeting. He did not receive any further input. He called for a motion to approve the amended by-laws. Motion to approve the amended by-laws was made by Doran and seconded by Davis – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
- B. Digitizing MTU 8 documents - Director stated the Secretary of State Records Department has been contacted to find out what records can be destroyed. Waiting to hear back. Once they let the MTU know what records can be destroyed, the process of obtaining quotes for the digitizing process will begin.

VIII. Curriculum

- A. Supervision, Leadership & Officer Discipline: Jan. 08 – 10
- B. TASER X26 & X2 Instructor Certification/Re-Certification: Feb. 20 - 21
- C. Get Confessions: Going Beyond the Interview: Feb. 11 - 12
- D. Crisis Intervention Team Training: March 11 – 15
- E. Drug Law Analysis: March 19 and April 18
- F. Criminal Patrol/Drug Interdiction: April 4 - 5
- G. Managing Small Police Agencies in Challenging Times: April 08 – 10
- H. Executive Development Workshop 2013: April 19 - 20.
- I. Burglary and Robbery Investigation: April 22 - 23.
- J. Communication with Aggressive, Mentally Ill & Emotionally Disturbed Individuals: May 14.

IX. No executive session was held

X. Public Input

XI. Motion to adjourn made by Woolford and seconded by Sparks – all in favor – motion carried

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room CCB 1406.