

LAW AND JUSTICE COMMISSION
MTU 8
Minutes

June 12, 2012

Members Present:

David Warner	Greg Scott	Mark Doran	Brent Wick
Pat O'Grady	Dale Sparks	Rick Bleichner	Rick Davis
Randy Wilson	Nichol Bleichner	Randy McKinley	Tim Henson
Mike Reidy	Gordon Beck	Mike Suporner	Scott Schaefer

Staff Present:

Mark Kotte

Members of the Public Present

Randy Wilson

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wick at 1:09 p.m. at Heartland Community College in Normal, IL.
- II. Roll call and establishment of quorum: Sign-in was at the entrance and then passed around the table for those who entered later.
- III. Motion to approve March 20, 2012 minutes. Motion was by Beck and seconded by Reidy. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Motion to approve March, April, May Expenses. Motion was made by Doran and seconded by McKinley. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Chief Newsome from Pontiac is resigning as Chief and member of MTU8; letter was sent and read by Wick.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Director's report – State training Board Meeting
 - i. State Budget update – The house has approved the initial FY13 budget. This has not been signed and will not until the last week of June. House bill (HB6122) can be approved after the budget is approved and there could be a budget cut if this happens.
 - ii. Lead Homicide Investigation class should still be scheduled, possible two more Death Investigation classes in the next fiscal year.
 - iii. CIT funds have the same amount of funds and expected to continue in the next fiscal year.

- iv. K-9 program – everyone who has already submitted their involvement is fine until June 30th, 2013 for recertification. The mobile team will issue a certificate for the re-certification, even though it's not a certification course; the sign-off is to meet the standards in one day of training. There will be a list of instructors to provide the training. Current K-9 officers can be used for the instructors as long as departments will be willing for them to conduct the training and are qualified to do so. A letter will be sent out to the departments asking this permission and if there are officers qualified for this training. Schaefer from the Training Board also added the reasons for the Training Standards for K-9 and the need for these guidelines.
 - v. Homeland security training funds for law enforcement training are being scrutinized and may be reduced.
 - vi. A date is needed to be set to go to Springfield for the budget. The Director, Chair or Vice-Chair is needed to go.
 - vii. PTI is back. The inter-governmental agreement is to be signed by U of I and certification, starting with the Basic LE course. Program will be the same curriculum as before the de-certification. The new president at U of I believes that P.T.I. does fit with the mission of the University.
 - 1. Schaefer talked about a Suicide program out of Jersey specifically for Officers to assist suicidal officers.
 - 2. IL Criminal Justice Authority (Federal Govt, grant money) – There will be \$9 million over the next 5 years to train officers in Homicide Investigations.
 - 3. Camera grant – Previously there was money being given; now it's being placed into other department's budget. The budget has been increased to \$100,000 to \$1 million and is on the Governor's desk to be sign.
 - 4. Retiree's ability to conceal/carry currently have two was to qualify. Through IROC program or Agency can qualify their retiree to carry. Problem is no data if the departments conduct to qualify. In the future, it's possible all retiree's may have to go through IROC to conceal/carry.
 - viii. Dave Quinn was supposed to go through the PPCT Instructor School. Since then, the school rejected his application because he has only taught PPCT (need knife, ground fighting, cell extraction) and not further instruction with this school. Although it was explained we only need him to teach PPCT, he was still rejected. MTU8 is looking at another type of self-defense training. All of the current trainers are up-to-date as of now. Due to the number of training injuries in the past, now is the time to look in to a new type of training.
 - b. Dues have been mailed out and departments should be getting them if they have not already.
- VI. Normal Fire requested to be an associate member. At this time, NFD wishes to have their three investigators as members. McKinley and R. Bleichner both stated they do not wish NFD or BFD to be able to investigate what should be investigated by the Police. Motion was made to allow NFD to be associate members – all in favor – motion carried.
- VII. Kotte will mail out a copy of the Fy10/11 audit if requested by any member.

- VIII. Elections- Chairman Wick sent out a letter to all members opposing Hudson Chief Sparks as being Vice Chair as he felt it would be a conflict of interest for him to hold this position on the board, as Director Kotte is the Mayor of Hudson. Davis and McKinley both brought up the ability to abstain from voting when the conflict of interest has a direct effect on certain topics. Motion was made by Davis and seconded by McKinley to accept the slate of officers as presented at our March meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The following individuals will serve as the executive committee for FY 13:
Chairman: Chief Gordon Beck
Vice Chairman: Chief Dale Sparks
Secretary: Captain Nicole Bleichner
Treasurer: Coroner Beth Kimmerling
- IX. Old Business
- a. Reminder to all Police Chiefs, Deputy Police Chiefs and Sheriff's regarding State mandated training – 20 hours annually (Public Act 94-354).
 - b. No update on By-laws.
- X. Curriculum
- a. Criminal Drug Interdiction for Street & Patrol Officers
 - b. Child Sexual Abuse Investigation
 - c. EVOC – MTU8 wants to write their own curriculum for state certification, EVOC instructor course certification (IN State Police only allows 15 officers per class and they enroll their officers first, which means we almost would never get the training). We may be able to get Mitsubishi lot for an entire week for the training. For EVOC training this year we are restricted to a certain areas, and are not allowed in any buildings. One person will need to man the guard shack and only 10 officers per class.
 - d. Lead Homicide Investigator
 - e. Basic Juvenile Officer
- XI. No executive session was held
- XII. Public input
- a. Randy Wilson spoke about NATO. Reimbursement reminders to those who sent officers to this event.
- XIII. Motion to adjourn made by Beck and seconded by R. Bleichner – all in favor – motion carried unanimously.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room to be announced.