

Law and Justice Commission

MTU 8

Minutes

March 20, 2012

Members Present:

Brent Wick	Gordon Beck	Chris Lane
Dale Sparks	Nichol Bleichner	Mike Scott
Pat O'Grady	David Warner	Beth Kimmerling
Bob Wall	Scott Schaefer	Greg Scott

Staff Present:

Mark Kotte	Denelle Hetrick
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Members of the Public Present:

Randy Wilson

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Wick at 1:10 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 Beck and seconded by Scott to approve January 17 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried
- IV. Financial Report: Motion to approve January & February expenses made by Kimmerling and seconded by Wick – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried. Wick requested a copy of the financial report be sent out with the agenda prior to meetings.
- V. Correspondence
- VI. New Business
 - A. Director's report on March 7-8 State Training Board meeting
 1. Revenues from the surcharge fund are down. Approximately \$20 million was received last year and \$18 million was received this year. The Chief Fiscal Officer for the State Training Board said this will be okay.
 2. HB6122 was discussed. \$6 million would be taken from the Traffic & Criminal Surcharge fund to fund ISP operations. This would significantly reduce funds for law enforcement training. Basic Training is the top priority of the State Training Board. The Chief Fiscal Officer stated everything should be okay for FY13 if the bill passes but would effect FY14. Director encouraged everyone to contact their legislators.
 3. There will be an approximate 25% reduction in Death Investigation grant funds to be distributed this fiscal year as this is an election year and part of those funds will be used to train new coroners.
 4. The State has asked all State agencies except ISP to reduce their budgets by 9.4%. ILETSB will reduce their staff by two positions.

5. Certified Lead Homicide Investigators are required to attend 32 hours of training every 4 years to meet the statute requirements. There is an expansive list of courses to choose from which stems from the standards of the Lead Homicide curriculum. Certified Lead Homicide Investigators will be required to submit a self-report form to ILET SB. The form is currently being developed.
 6. HB5187 – Adds curriculum for probationary police officers to include training regarding crime victims and witnesses rights.
 7. HB5098 – Curriculum for probationary police officers shall include courses pertaining to the recognition of elder abuse and neglect and crimes against the elderly.
 8. HB5635 – Coroners are eligible to be Certified Lead Homicide Investigators after successfully completing a certified 40-hr. Lead Homicide Investigator or receiving a waiver.
 9. SR0544 – Directs ILET SB to convene a Task Force on Police Officer Suicide in Illinois
 10. PA 97-0469 – Beginning July 1, 2012, all police dogs used by State and local law enforcement agencies for drug enforcement purposes will need to follow SWGDOG guidelines (www.swgdog.org). Departments will be receiving correspondence from ILET SB and will need to send information to ILET SB by May 1, 2012. ILET SB will send a letter stating if departments are in compliance or not. Departments will be responsible for sending notification of re-certification to ILET SB on a yearly basis. MTU's will possibly to holding re-certification courses. Schaefer stated at this time, trainers do not have to be Board certified but they must follow SWGDOG standards.
 11. PTI has been de-certified to run a basic academy. PTI can continue to instruct other courses such as firearms. Southwestern IL Police Academy, ISP Academy and Cook Co. Sheriff's Academy are other options. Corrections training has been moved from PTI to Western IL University. The plan is to have a basic academy at WIU, possibly this year.
- B. By-Laws – A first draft of possible changes made by the ad hoc committee was handed out. There was much discussion regarding the possible changes and some suggestions were given. The ad hoc committee will review the suggested changes and continue to work on revising the by-laws.
- C. The Needs Assessment and the FY2013 Course Plan were reviewed. The Board stated they would like to have another Lead Homicide Investigator course in FY2013. Motion was made by Beck and seconded by Lane to approve the FY2013 Course Plan – all in favor – motion carried
- D. FY2013 Budget
1. Memo from State Training Board stated non-personnel items should be calculated at last year's level. The proposed FY2013 Budget was reviewed.
 2. Motion was made by Kimmerling and seconded by Sparks to approve the FY2013 Budget – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried

- E. IDOT funded courses – Director stated IDOT was originally looking at the MTUs as contractors. After meeting with representatives from ILETSB they now see the MTUs as State entities. This should help with some of the grant funding approval issues.
- F. FY2013 Slate of Officers
 - 1. Chairman – Motion was made by Scott and seconded by Wick to open the slate for Chairman – all in favor. Beck was nominated by Scott. Motion was made by Wick and seconded by Warner to close nominations for Chairman – all in favor – motion carried
 - 2. Vice-Chairman – Motion was made by Wick and seconded by Warner to open the slate for Vice-Chairman – all in favor. Sparks was nominated by Beck. Motion was made by Beck and seconded by Warner to close nominations for Vice-Chairman – all in favor – motion carried
 - 3. Secretary – Motion was made by Wick and seconded by Warner to open the slate for Secretary – all in favor. N. Bleichner was nominated by Beck. Dale Newsome was nominated by Wick. Motion was made by Wick and seconded by Warner to close nominations for Secretary – all in favor – motion carried
 - 4. Treasurer – Motion was made by Beck and seconded by Wick to open the slate for Treasurer – all in favor. Kimmerling was nominated by Beck. Motion was made by Wick and seconded by Warner to close nominations for Treasurer – all in favor – motion carried
- G. IMRF – Director stated an Employer Rate Meeting will be held in Peoria on April 23 and he will be attending.
- H. PPCT Instructor Trainer – Dave Quinn needs to be approved by PPCT to attend the Instructor Trainer Certification course scheduled for April 30-May 4. All requested documents have been sent to PPCT. The fee for the course is \$750 + lodging. Bloomington PD would be providing Quinn’s transportation and meals.
- I. Director stated there is enough money in the budget to pay for ten (10) seats in the TASER Legal Issues & Litigation course scheduled for June 4-5. Asked if the Board would like to consider utilizing excess local funds to pay for additional seats if necessary. Hetrick stated at the end of FY12, the MTU will have approximately \$67,000 in excess local funds. The auditor recommends the MTU has enough money in excess local funds to cover one quarter of expenses which would be approximately \$50,000. Motion was made by Beck and seconded by Warner to approve the use of excess local funds up to \$2,500 for additional seats in the TASER Legal Issues & Litigation course - voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried
- J. Director stated the MTU has not received IDOT grant funding approval to fund the Breath Analysis Instrument Operator course scheduled in May. The grant request is still pending. Asked if the Board would like to consider utilizing excess local funds to pay for the course if the grant funds request was not approved. Hetrick the course is currently full. Motion was made by Beck and seconded by Warner to approve the use of excess local funds if needed to pay for the Breath Analysis Instrument Operator Certification course – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried

- VII. Old Business
 - A. Reminder to all Police Chiefs, Deputy Police Chiefs and Sheriffs regarding State Mandated training – 20 hours annually (Public Act 94-354)
- VIII. Curriculum
 - A. Legal Update for Jails/Corrections – 3/28/12
 - B. Executive Development Workshop: Keeping Good People Good – Peoria, 3/30-3/31/12
 - C. Report Writing & Testifying in Court – 4/3/12
 - D. Cell Extraction – 4/16-4/17/12
 - E. Criminal Interview & Interrogation – 4/24-4/26/12
 - F. Cultural Diversity & Law Enforcement – 5/3/12
 - G. Elder Abuse: A Law Enforcement Response – 5/4/12
 - H. Warrant Service for Field Supervisors – 5/7/12
 - I. BAO Certification – 5/22-5/24/12
 - J. Electronic Control Weapons/TASER Legal Issues & Litigation – 6/5-6/6/12
- IX. No executive session was held
- X. No public input
- XI. Motion to adjourn made by Sparks and seconded by Warner – all in favor – motion carried

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room CCB 1406.