

Law and Justice Commission

MTU 8

Minutes

October 9, 2012

Members Present:

Nichol Bleichner	Tim Stanesa	Gordon Beck
Dale Sparks	Rick Bleichner	Pat Hahn
Pat O'Grady	Eric Klingele	Scott Schaefer
Rick Davis	Tim Henson	

Staff Present:

Mark Kotte	Denelle Hetrick
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Members of the Public Present:

Ed Petrey	Randy Wilson
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- 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 Sparks and seconded by R. Bleichner to approve August 7 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried
- IV. Financial Report: Motion to approve August and September expenses made by R. Bleichner and seconded by Davis – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
- V. Correspondence
 - A. Director stated MTU 8 received a letter from ILETSB stating IPTM's three phases of accident investigation have been certified.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Director introduced Pat Hahn, ILETSB's Manager of In-Service Training.
 - B. Director stated Officer Joe Gossmeier, Normal PD, attended an EVOC instructor certification course on October 1-5, 2012. The MTU is still short instructors and will continue to work on obtaining seats in EVOC instructor courses.
 - C. Director stated a PPCT Instructor Re-certification/Certification course is scheduled for January 28-February 1, 2013. The re-certification will be held on January 28-30. John Bennett will be instructing.
 - D. Director attended the quarterly State Training Board meeting on Sept. 5-6, 2012.
 1. It was stated at the meeting that training levels are at historic lows.
 2. MTU budgets were approved. No pay raises for MTU staff are built in at this time.
 3. MTUs have received approvals for Death Investigation grant funds.

4. There is \$1,000,000 in the camera grant. New requests are not being taken. Currently fulfilling requests submitted in years past.
 5. PA 97-747 - Amends the Illinois Police Training Act. Provides that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board shall be composed of 20 (now, 19) members, and the Board shall include 2 (now, 3) chiefs of municipal police departments in Illinois having no Superintendent of the Police Department on the Board. Adds one active member of a statewide association representing sheriffs and one active member of a statewide association representing municipal police chiefs, to be appointed by the Governor. Removes a provision that requires 2 citizens appointed to the Board to be members of an organized enforcement officers' association that has no other members on the Board other than the chief of a municipal police department.
 6. PA 97-971 - Amends the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act of the Illinois Municipal Code. Authorizes a municipality to use moneys from the special tax allocation fund to hire police officers if a determination is made that, as a result of the development associated with the tax increment financing, more police officers are needed, and the municipality has: (i) been designated as a financially distressed city or (ii) has a median household income of less than 200% of the federal poverty level. Provides that the moneys used may amount to no more than 10% of the funds available.
 7. Schaefer stated the State Training Board is currently running a campaign to remind officers to wear seatbelts.
- E. Director, Beck, and Sparks attended a budget meeting in Springfield on August 8, 2012. MTU 8's budget was approved. Hahn stated there are concerns an attempt to sweep funds from the Traffic & Criminal Surcharge Fund could be faced again next fiscal year. Hahn stated the silver lining has been the education people have received on what ILETSB does and what the dollars are used for.
- F. Director stated MTU 8 is looking for a different location to store records and documents. The building at the Bloomington PD range is in disrepair. The roof is leaking and parts on the interior ceiling have collapsed. There is possible black mold in the building which appears to not be toxic at this point but it could turn into toxic mold. The records need to be moved as soon as possible. Director stated Chief Woodruff said there may be room at ISU's central storage. It was also mentioned the MTU should look into the possibility of digitizing records. While this expense was not budgeted for, Hetrick mentioned this may be something the Advisory Board would want to consider using excess local funds for. There is currently over \$60,000 in excess local funds. Director stated MTU staff will do some research on digitizing.
- G. Motion was made by Davis and seconded by Henson to reinstate Stanford Police Dept. as a member – all in favor – 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)
- B. Review of By-laws – Beck asked everyone to review the proposed by-laws and contact him with any input at least 10 days prior to the next Board meeting which is scheduled for December 11, 2012.
 - 1. Schaefer commented how many votes would be needed should be clarified under Article IV, Section 7. Schaefer also suggested “state farm” be deleted from Article III, Section 1.
 - 2. R. Bleichner questioned why under Article III, Section 3 coroners are part of the Advisory Board of Directors. He stated coroners do have police powers in some instances but are very different from law enforcement officers. Bleichner stated he has absolutely no problem with the coroners’ offices participating in training.
- C. Beck stated he is still planning a few road trips around the MTU 8 area to speak to departments heads to see if there is something MTU 8 could offer them that is currently not being offered. He also stated if there is any interest to hold Advisory Board meetings in other areas, let him know.
- D. R. Bleichner stated McKinley commented at the August Advisory Board meeting that other departments needed to do their part in providing instructors to the MTU. R. Bleichner stated they just sent an officer to EVOG instructor certification as their previous instructor is no longer with the department. Normal PD’s PPCT instructor also recently left the department. Normal PD is currently soliciting again for a PPCT instructor.
- E. R. Bleichner asked what the status is of looking at other defensive tactics courses. He said he would be willing to spearhead a group to look into other defensive tactics options. It was suggested the group consist of PPCT instructors and administrators.

VIII. Curriculum

- A. Traffic Crash Reconstruction (Phase 3): October 23 – Nov. 02, 2012
- B. Sex Offenders: Investigation, Treatment, Civil Commitment & Registration: October 29 & 30, 2012
- C. Developing Performance Leadership for Supervisors: October 31 & November 01, 2012
- D. High Tech Investigative Techniques: November 13, 2012
- E. Advanced High Tech Investigative Techniques: November 14, 2012
- F. Sexual Assault: A Law Enforcement Response: November 16, 2012
- G. Crisis Communications for Dispatchers: November 19 & 20, 2012
- H. Detecting Deception: The Science of Behavior & Emotions: November 20, 2012
- I. Basic Juvenile Officer Certification: November 27 – 30, 2012
- J. Cell Extraction: December 10 & 11, 2012
- K. C.R.I.M.E. 1-2-3: December 11, 2012
- L. Customer Service the 9-1-1 Way: December 13, 2012
- M. Active Shooter: A Dispatcher Response: December 14, 2012
- N. Homicide Investigation: From the Crime Scene to the Courtroom: December 18 - 20

IX. No executive session was held

- X. Public Input
 - A. Wilson reviewed ILEAS training courses being offered

- XI. Motion to adjourn made by Davis and seconded by R. Bleichner – all in favor – motion carried

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room CCB 1406.