

Law and Justice Commission

MTU 8

Minutes

October 8, 2013

Members Present:

Dale Sparks	Michael Donovan	Tim Stanesa	Bill Caisley
Pat O'Grady	Brent Wick	Mike Reidy	
Rick Davis	Eric Klingele	Scott Schaefer	
Mike Scott	Randy Wilson	Nichol Bleichner	

Staff Present:

Mark Kotte Denelle Hetrick

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis 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 Scott and seconded by Sparks to approve August 13 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried
- IV. Financial Report: Motion to approve August & September expenses made by Reidy and seconded by Klingele – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
- V. Correspondence

A. Director stated he had a conversation with Pat Hahn, the ILET SB Manager of In-Service Training. He said Hahn told him there would be reorganization of some MTU's, specifically MTU 9, MTU 10, & MTU 11. MTU 11 will become a satellite of MTU 10. Kotte said during the conversation Hahn noted Clinton Police Dept. is a member of MTU 8. Hahn stated it is against policy for a department to be a member of an MTU outside of their region; but they can be a member of more than one MTU. Kotte stated he told Hahn MTU 8 has departments in the region that are members of other MTUs and are not MTU 8 members. Kotte hold Hahn MTU 8 doesn't want to force a department to join MTU 8. Hahn said if it's not a problem with MTU 8, he won't force it.

Bleichner stated if this is a policy of ILET SB, it should be enforced across the board.

Reidy stated Clinton Police Dept. would rather stay with MTU 8 but they will not pay dues to more than one MTU. Reidy stated he is upset he hasn't been contacted by the Training Board regarding this matter.

Davis suggested MTU 8 and Clinton Police Dept. send correspondence to ILET SB voicing concerns.

It was asked if there was a possibility, since ILET SB is in the process of reorganizing, of DeWitt County becoming a part of MTU 8's region.

VI. New Business

- A. Director stated the staff had hoped to receive Death Investigation grant funding approval to hold a Reid Interview & Interrogation course but funding was not approved. MTU 8 only received funding approval to hold a Lead Homicide Investigator course. The fee for the Reid course is \$13,800. Kotte asked if the Board wanted to proceed with holding the Reid course even though other courses may have to be cut from the course plan. Hetrick stated MTU 8's excess local funds is currently around \$70,000; and it is recommended at least one quarter's worth of funding (\$50,000) be reserved. The Board could utilize a portion of the excess local funds to fund the course. Hetrick also stated the MTU could go back to ILETSB and request funding or partial funding of the course be considered if all of the Death Investigation funds are not utilized. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with holding the course. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Bleichner to schedule the course and leave to the discretion of the staff as to how best fund the course - voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea - motion carried.
- B. Director asked if the Board would like to continue to hold Saturday courses as enrollment has been low. Kotte stated Saturday courses are held primarily as a way to serve part-time officers. Wilson stated Chief Petrey would like the MTU to continue to hold Saturday courses. Bleichner stated possibly holding a 4-hr. Search & Seizure course and a 4-hr. Law Update course on a Saturday may be more appealing. Saturday courses will continue to be held.
- C. Director's report on September 4-5 State Training Board meeting
1. Training Board modified the policy of certifying courses. Courses used to have to be 24-hours or more to be considered for certification. This has been modified to 8-hours or more. Kotte stated the MTU was told by ILETSB to submit all courses planned to be held between January-June 2014 for certification. Kotte stated this is quite a bit of extra work for the staff. Schaefer stated the goal of certification is for courses to hold more weight in court. Klingele suggested requesting the assistance of instructors to obtain the information needed to submit courses.
 2. It was asked that the MTU's follow the chain of command when contacting the Training Board
 3. Funding for basic training and in-service training was discussed; and the money is there to fund basic training and the MTUs
 4. SR0337 - ILETSB is currently working on convening an Alcohol Impairment Task Force to study and evaluate data and then present to the Board a recommendation for an alcohol impairment model policy for police agencies in Illinois. They hope to have something to present regarding the task force at the December 2013 Board meeting
 5. Schaefer stated starting next year, TASER training records may be required. He stated he would look for TASER training to possibly be part of basic training. Wick stated yearly re-certification is recommended by TASER.

HB0131 - Requires police training in the use of electronic control devices. Provides that beginning January 1, 2014 and ending

December 31, 2015, the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board shall randomly inspect police departments of units of local government and university police departments concerning the use of electronic control devices by law enforcement officers of the departments to determine whether the officers received appropriate training in their use. He would look for TASER training to possibly be part of basic training. Wick stated yearly re-certification is recommended by TASER.

- D. Director stated the next scheduled meeting date for the Advisory Board would be December 10. The State Training Board meeting is scheduled for December 11-12. Kotte recommended the MTU Advisory Board meeting be scheduled for December 17 instead. The board was in favor of holding the next meeting on December 17.
- E. Director requested Advisory Board members RSVP when the meeting agenda is sent out. It would be helpful to know ahead if the number of people expected to attend will meet the quorum.
- F. Scott asked Schaefer if ILETSB currently offers online training. Schaefer stated the Executive Institute offers some online training.

VII. Old Business

- A. Reminder to all Police Chiefs & Deputy Police Chiefs regarding State mandated training – 20 hours annually (Public Act 94-354).
- B. Director stated the MTU received approval from the Secretary of State's Office to move forward with destroying documents and has received a list of items that may be destroyed. Kotte stated there are hard copies the Board may want to keep that are not required to be kept. Kotte stated digitizing was originally brought up when the MTUs records were moved from storage at the range. Since then, the records have been at Hudson Police Dept. and there is plenty of room there to store them. Kotte asked if the Board wants to move forward with digitizing records from previous fiscal years or if the Board wants to keep old records as is and move forward with digitizing from this fiscal year forward. Sparks suggested destroying what they say can be destroyed and then digitize the rest. Bleichner suggested possibly getting an intern to digitize. Kotte stated he will go through the records and see what records that need to be kept remain. He will then come back to the Board.

VIII. Curriculum

- A. Sex Offender Registration & Restriction Enforcement: Oct. 11
- B. Passenger Train Emergency Response: Oct. 15
- C. Foundations for Strategic Awareness: Oct. 17
- D. Leadership Skills for Challenging Times: Oct. 22 – 24
- E. C.R.I.M.E. 1-2-3: Nov. 07
- F. Tactical Vision: Nov. 13
- G. Psychological Narrative Analysis: Nov. 14
- H. Complacency-Cannibalism & Critical Thinking: How to Avoid a Toxic Workplace for TC's: Nov. 18
- I. Active Shooter: A Dispatcher Response: Nov. 19
- J. The Many Faces of PTSD & Dedication Distress: Nov. 21

- K. Criminal Minds: Understanding the Violent Predator: Nov. 22
- L. Drug Recognition and Signs & Symptoms: Dec. 05
- M. Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Certification: Dec. 9-11
- N. Mental Health Issues for First Responders: Dec. 13
- O. Supervisor Liability: Dec. 18 & 19

- IX. No executive session was held
- X. Public Input - None
- XI. Motion to adjourn made by Wilson and seconded by Wick – all in favor – motion carried

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17 at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room CCB 2012.