

Law and Justice Commission

MTU 8

Minutes

February 11, 2014

Members Present:

Dale Sparks	Rick Davis	Tim Stanesa	Scott Schaefer
Pat O'Grady	Eric Klingele	Chris Lane	Patrick Hahn
Brent Wick	Randy Wilson	Mike Kemp	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 Sparks and seconded by Bleichner to approve December 17 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried
- IV. Financial Report: Motion to approve December & January expenses made by Bleichner and seconded by Sparks – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
- V. Correspondence
- VI. New Business
 - A. Director stated the 57% of the member agencies completed and returned the needs assessment.

Director noted Lead Homicide Investigator Certification ranked high in the assessment results but the February 2014 course had to be cancelled due to low enrollment. He asked if member agencies thought they would have enough interest to make a course go in the next fiscal year. Hahn stated the Training Board likes to have at least 20 in a class to fund a course. Hahn stated some MTUs are starting to hold Lead Homicide courses in alternating years. The consensus was to not schedule a Lead Homicide course in FY2015.

It was also noted Northwestern's 2-week First Line Supervisor course was rated high in the needs assessment. The MTU has included this course in the FY2015 course plan but has only budgeted to pay for 12 seats in the course.

Director stated Basic Juvenile Officer Certification rated highly on the needs assessment. Asked if this course was a true need as the basic academies are offering this course to new recruits. The Board decided not to hold this course in FY2015.

- B. Motion to approve the FY2015 Course Plan as presented with the exclusion of the Lead Homicide Investigator Certification was made by Klingele and seconded by Wick - voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
- C. Motion to approve the FY2015 Budget as presented was made by Sparks and seconded by Wilson - voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
- D. PPCT courses will continue to be held at the National Guard Armory in Bloomington in 2014.
- E. Concealed Carry Law training for in-service law enforcement officers - Director stated a PowerPoint and DVD with scenarios was developed by ILETSB. He asked the departments how they would like to see the training conducted. It was suggested the MTU possibly hold a train-the-trainer course and have departments send someone from their department to be trained and then go back to their department to conduct the training. A few Saturday courses could be held to cover officers from smaller departments and/or they could attend training held at larger agencies. The Board was in favor of this approach. The Director asked Hahn if the Training Board would give permission to the MTU to copy the DVD's for the trainers from each department. Hahn stated he would discuss it with the Director of ILETSB. Bleichner asked Hahn if concealed carry is currently being taught at the basic academies now. Hahn stated he would need to check with Cora Beem.
- F. Director stated at some point when Heartland was closed, an animal crawled into the engine and chewed threw wires. The van was towed and repaired for approximately \$1300 with just under \$800 of the expense being covered by insurance. He stated the Board needs to start thinking about what they would like to do when there is another large repair that needs to be made to the van as it has little book value. He stated there are three options: purchase a vehicle, lease a vehicle, or have employees use their personal vehicles and pay mileage. The third option works out to be about the same as what is currently have budgeted for insurance, mileage, and maintenance. He doesn't know how the employees' insurance would be affected with this option. The MTU currently has a non-owned vehicle policy. He stated an average of 4000 miles is put on the van per year. The van is primarily used for EVOC, transportation to State Training Board meetings and other meetings, etc. He would like the Board to think about these options so they are ready to discuss this further when the time comes.
- G. The MTU 8 offices will be moved to the Normal Readiness Center in late 2014 with a projected date of sometime in August. There will be classrooms available for use in the building as well.

VII. Old Business

- A. Reminder to all Police Chiefs & Deputy Police Chiefs regarding State mandated training – 20 hours annually (Public Act 94-354). The form that needs to be completed and mailed to ILETSB can be found on their website.
- B. Director stated digitizing of old records will be done by the end of the fiscal year.

VIII. Curriculum

- A. Director noted some upcoming courses:
 - 1. Sex Crimes – 2/19-2/20/14
 - 2. Prescription Drug Abuse & Diversion Investigations – 2/20/14
 - 3. Crisis Intervention Team Training – 3/10-3/14/14
 - 4. High Tech Investigative Techniques – 3/13/14
 - 5. Advanced High Tech Investigative Techniques – 3/14/14
 - 6. Instructor Development – 4/14-4/17/14
- B. K9 Narcotic Detection Certification to be held in March 11 & 18 at 10:00 a.m.
- C. Director stated there has been interest shown in possibly having ALICE training. Wick stated the McLean County Sheriff's Office has had several inquiries from rural schools. It was stated the school districts would need to be on board and departments would need to speak to school districts to find out their interest. Klingele stated Unit 5 has two administrators who have been trained in ALICE and Normal PD has plans to send people to evaluate the course. Bleichner asked if the ALICE approach conflicts with the Active Shooter courses currently being taught at the MTU. Wick recommended the MTU have an ALICE representative come in and speak to department administrators and administrators from school districts. The MTU staff will look into having a representative come to the area.
- D. Director stated Rick Beoletto approached the MTU with a course proposal for a Patrol Tactics course. This course utilizes the same concepts as an active shooter course but is based in a patrol setting and not in a building. Simunitions or airsoft would be used. The Director would prefer airsoft as it is less costly.

IX. No executive session was held

X. Public Input

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

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room CCB 1406.