

# Law and Justice Commission

## MTU 8

### Minutes

June 10, 2014

#### Members Present:

Dale Sparks	Eric Klingele	Rick Davis
Pat O'Grady	Brent Wick	Pat Hahn
Nichol Bleichner	Mike Emery	Beth Kimmerling
Randy Wilson	Mark Doran	

#### Staff Present:

Mark Kotte                      Denelle Hetrick

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Davis 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 Bleichner and seconded by Sparks to approve April 8 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried
- IV. Financial Report: Motion to approve April and May expenses made by Kimmerling and seconded by Klingele – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
- V. Correspondence
  - A. Director stated a request dated June 8 from Chief Silvey of the Ellsworth Police Dept. was received requesting old kick pads that have been replaced by MTU 8 be donated to Ellsworth Police Dept. The Director explained the old kick pads can either be disposed of, given to another governmental agency, or donated. Motion was made by Doran and seconded by Bleichner to donate the old kick pads to Ellsworth Police Dept. - all in favor - motion carried
- VI. New Business
  - A. Director reported on State Training Board meeting held on June 4-5, 2014:
    1. Below 100 presentation was given by Lt. John Bennett
    2. SFST Instructor Refresher presentation was given by Tony Lebron
    3. There are adequate funds available to fund ILETSB and the MTUs for FY2015. Four (4) new positions were approved for ILETSB
    4. Bills presented:
      - a. SB3225 - Provides that the ILETSB shall conduct or approve a training program in veterans' awareness for law enforcement officers of local government agencies. Provides that the purpose

of the program shall be to identify issues relating to veterans and to provide guidelines for appropriate responses to such issues.

b. HB5688 - Law Enforcement Officer Bulletproof Vest Act.

Provides that each law enforcement agency within the State shall provide a bulletproof vest for every law enforcement officer of that agency who is employed as a new recruit by that agency as part of the officer's initial equipment issue. Matching funds may be available from either the U.S. Department of Justice or the State.

c. HB4417 - Changes the name of the Act to the Peace Officer and Probation Officer Firearm Training Act. Provides that the

training requirements of the Act also apply to probation officers.

Provides that probation officers may only carry weapons while in the performance of their official duties.

5. Basic training numbers are up. There is approximately \$17 million in the fund for basic training.

6. Hahn spoke about the course certification process. Stated all courses held by the MTUs must be certified by ILETSB. ILETSB is encouraging all outside vendors to go through MTUs first and attempt to coordinate with MTUs. If coordination with an MTU doesn't work out, the outside vendor can then approach ILETSB for approval. Stated this is consistent with old policy.

B. Director stated the IMRF preliminary employer rate notice for calendar year 2015 is 16.13%. The rate for 2014 was 18.64%.

C. FY2015 dues were mailed on June 9.

D. Director stated he, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman will be attending a budget meeting with the State Training Board in Springfield after they set a date. The State Training Board would like to schedule meetings between July 8 and August 7 on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

E. Hahn stated the MTUs operate under the authority of the State Training Board and the State Training Board maintains oversight of the MTUs. ILETSB tries to maintain a hands-off approach as far the operation of each individual MTU goes unless the Board feels it is necessary to do otherwise. Stated the State Training Board has had some issues with MTU 8. He stated Davis, Sparks and Kotte were met with recently at the Training Board office regarding some issues. Hahn stated the Board feels there is a conflict of interest with Sparks being on MTU 8's Executive Board as he is the Chief of Hudson Police Dept. and Kotte is the Mayor of Hudson. Sparks stated this issue has come up at prior Advisory Board meetings and the last time it came up, the Advisory Board didn't see it as a conflict of interest. Davis asked Hahn if someone made a complaint to the State Training Board and Hahn stated that they didn't receive a complaint. Hahn stated the State Training Board feels it is best Sparks is not on the Executive Board and recommends he should resign from the position as of today. Sparks stated he will resign from the position as of today and he will give the MTU a resignation letter. Klingele thanked Sparks for his service. A motion was made by Kimmerling and seconded by Wilson to accept Sparks' resignation from the Executive Board - voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea - motion carried.

- F. FY2015 Election of Officers - Motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Bleichner to elect the remaining slate as presented - voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea - motion carried.

FY2015 Officers:

Chairman - Chief Rick Davis  
Vice Chairman - Open  
Treasurer - Coroner Beth Kimmerling  
Secretary - Captain Nichol Bleichner

- G. Nominations were opened for Vice Chairman. Mark Doran was nominated by Wilson and seconded by Emery. Motion was made by Kimmerling and seconded by Sparks to close nominations for Vice Chairman - all in favor - motion carried.

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 digitizing of documents in complete and are on two CDs. Copies of the disks will be made and stored off-site.

VIII. Curriculum

- A. Director stated someone from ISP contacted the MTU and asked if there was any interest in them instructing a Basic Firearms Instructor course, a Patrol Rifle Instructor course, or a Patrol Rifle Certification course. There would be no charge for the courses other than lodging and meals for the instructors. Some interest was shown in the Patrol Rifle Certification course. Staff will put out an email to get additional feedback regarding interest in the Patrol Rifle Certification course.
- B. Director stated The Warrior's Edge and Cell Block Survival have recently been added to the schedule. The Warrior's Edge will be held on June 24 and Cell Block Survival will be held on June 25.
- C. Doran asked if there has been any research done on finding some instruction regarding training for a Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) investigator. Director stated he has not been able to find any training and feels it may be difficult as the subject matter has such a limited audience.
- D. Davis stated he recently attended ALICE training in Peoria and a few officers from Normal Police Dept. also attended.

IX. Public Input

- A. Wilson, on behalf of ILEAS, stated:
  - 1. High speed broadband, through First Net, is available to public safety agencies in case of emergency. ILEAS has been allocated money to get it up and running.
  - 2. There is a new mutual aid agreement. The old agreement stated emergency situations only; under the new agreement aid can now be on stand-by for planned events. Wilson stated new signed agreements are starting to come in. If anyone has any questions contact him.

- X. Motion to adjourn meeting made at 2:00 p.m. by Emery and seconded by Bleichner - all in favor - motion carried

XI. Executive Session regarding personnel issues began at 2:10 p.m. and ended at 2:45 p.m. Staff and all those who are not voting members were asked to leave the room.

**Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room CCB 1406.**