

# Law and Justice Commission

## MTU 8

### Minutes

September 9, 2014

#### Members Present:

Rick Davis	Mike Scott	Eric Klingele	William Caisley
Nichol Bleichner	Dale Sparks	Rusty Thomas	Brendan Heffner
Larry Mowery	Aaron Woodruff	Mike Emery	
Jim Woolford	Mark Doran	Tony Childress	
Pat O'Grady	Rick Bleichner	Chris Lane	

#### Staff Present:

Mark Kotte                      Denelle Hetrick

#### Members of the Public Present:

Geoff Dodds                      Randy Wilson

- 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. Davis read a letter from Mark Kotte stating he will be retiring from MTU 8 with an end of employment date of 12/31/14. Davis thanked Kotte for his work at MTU 8.
- IV. Motion was made by Emery and seconded by Sparks to approve June 10, 2014 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried
- V. Financial Report: Motion to approve June and July expenses made by Doran and seconded by R. Bleichner – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
- VI. Election of Vice Chairman - Davis opened nominations back up for any additional nominations. There were none. Motion was made by Woolford and seconded by R. Bleichner to close nominations - all in favor - motion carried. Mark Doran will be Vice Chairman for FY2015.
- VII. Final Discussion/Resolution on personnel matter investigation regarding alleged misuse of MTU 8 van - Davis stated the Advisory Board has had a few meetings regarding this matter and it was time to make a decision. Motion was made by Mowery and seconded by O'Grady to take no further action against Mark Kotte given that he submitted his letter of retirement - voice roll call vote taken -  
Ayes - Mowery, Woolford, O'Grady, Scott, Sparks, Woodruff, Davis, Lane, Caisley  
Nays - Doran, R. Bleichner, Emery, Childress, Heffner  
Motion carried

VIII. Woodruff stated he had heard the State Training Board had opened their own investigation regarding the personnel matter. Davis stated the State Training Board did not contact him regarding them doing their own investigation. He had heard this from a third party as well. Davis stated he had planned to ask the representative from the State Training Board about this at the meeting but they were not present.

IX. New Business

A. Director reported on a budget meeting he and Davis attended at the State Training Board office in Springfield on July 30, 2014.

1. MTU 8's FY2015 proposed budget was accepted
2. Discussed purchasing a vehicle for smaller agencies to use as an EVOC vehicle. Asked the State Board if they would fund the purchase of the vehicle. The State Board said it would be considered if funds were available. Director stated another possibility would be to use funds from MTU 8's excess local funds to purchase a vehicle. Director stated it needs to be kept in mind along with a purchase of a vehicle for EVOC comes maintenance that would include tires and brakes at the end of every course. Director stated MTU 8 could ask the State Board to partially fund the purchase of the vehicle.
3. Discussed replacing the van. The State Board stated this would need to be added to next fiscal year's budget. Director stated MTU 8 could possibly use an EVOC vehicle as the MTU 8 vehicle.

There was further discussion regarding a vehicle for MTU 8. Director stated there may not be much use for a separate vehicle as the van doesn't get used much. Davis asked if some of the \$70,000+ in excess local funds could be used to purchase a vehicle. Director stated if that is what the Advisory Board would like to spend the money on, it would need to be approved by the State Training Board. Director stated he feels the State Training Board should at least partially fund a vehicle.

- B. Review of FY14 final budget numbers - There were no questions regarding the final FY14 budget.
- C. Director stated the IROCC qualification will be held on October 2 at the BPD range. The fees are \$75 to shoot one gun and \$100 to shoot two. Emery asked who establishes the fee. Kotte stated the State Training Board sets the fee and the money goes to MTU 10 as they oversee the IROCC program. Kotte stated MTU 8 usually hires Kevin Henderson as the instructor and MTU 8 is then reimbursed for his fee by the IROCC program.
- D. Status of the MTU 8 van - Director stated he is predicting the van may last one more year. The last repair was \$971.50 to replace the suspension. Davis stated he questions if it is roadworthy. Kotte stated he drove it up to the suburbs for the last quarterly State Training Board meeting and it did fine but another issue with the van could arise at any time. Director added that he was advised several years ago by a local mechanic who has worked on the MTU 8 van that it is detrimental to let the van sit without driving it.

- E. Director stated Rob Kosack with Bloomington Police Dept. will be attending an EVOC instructor course held by MTU 3 in October and will be a new instructor for MTU 8. Kotte thanked Chief Heffner for providing a new instructor.
- X. Old Business
  - A. Reminder to all Police Chiefs & Deputy Police Chiefs regarding State mandated training – 20 hours annually (Public Act 94-354).
- XI. Curriculum
  - A. Director stated some courses coming up currently have low enrollment. He encouraged everyone to take a look at these courses.
  - B. Director thanked Normal Police Dept. for the two instructors who will be instructing the Basic Patrol Rifle course in October.
  - C. Director stated MTU 8 needs additional active shooter instructors. It is preferred the instructors have a background in tactics and are firearms instructors. There is an Active Shooter course being held on November 4-6, 2014 at ILEAS in Urbana.
- XII. Executive Session - Emery requested to go into executive session. Staff and all those who are not voting members were asked to leave the room. Entered executive session at 1:45 p.m. Adjourned from executive session at 1:59 p.m.
- XIII. No public input was requested
- XIV. Motion to adjourn meeting made at 2:04 p.m. by R. Bleichner and seconded by Doran - all in favor - motion carried

**Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room CCB 1406.**