

Law and Justice Commission

MTU 8

Minutes

April 14, 2015

Members Present:

Mark Doran	Mike Kemp	Rick Bleichner	Scott Schaefer
Nichol Bleichner	Dale Sparks	Brendan Heffner	
Jon Sandage	Jason Collins	Tony Childress	
Greg Allen	Eric Klingele	Pat Hahn	

Staff Present:

Robert Siron Denelle Hetrick

Members of the Public Present:

Randy Wilson

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Doran 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 N. Bleichner and seconded by Sparks to approve February 10, 2015 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried
- IV. Financial Report: Motion to approve February and March 2015 expenses made by R. Bleichner and seconded by Childress – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
- V. Correspondence
- VI. New Business
 - A. Siron stated he attended the quarterly State Training Board meeting in March.
 - i. Sean Smoot gave a presentation on 21st Century Policing. Information regarding 21st Century Policing can be found on the PBPA website.
 - ii. HB4054, which has passed out of committee, was discussed. This bill would create a Coroner Training Board which will have the power to establish application, training, and certification standards for coroners, and to review and approve annual training curriculum for coroners. It would remove the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board from overseeing coroner training. This would remove the 25% of the Death Certificate Surcharge Fund from ILETSB which is used for the purpose of training coroners, deputy coroners, and forensic pathologists, and police officers for homicide investigations.
 - B. Siron stated the FY2016 grant request has been submitted to ILETSB. The overall budget is roughly 1% less than FY2015 due to eliminating the van.

Hahn stated they are hearing the budget should remain about the same for ILETSB but they should know for sure in June.

- C. Siron stated after the last course FTO certification in Champaign, a Deputy from McLean Co. Sheriff's Office complained about the course stating he took little away from the course and the instructor treated the people attending the course poorly. A few Officers from Bloomington Police Dept. had some negative remarks regarding the last FTO Update course as well. Doran suggested Siron speak to Bruce Sokolove about the issues and Siron will do so.
- D. Siron stated he was contacted by Courtsmart. They presented a proposal that would allow all members of MTU 8 to access Courtsmart monthly bulletins through MTU 8's website for a flat fee of \$2,000. There was no interest.
- E. FY2016 Slate of Officers:
 - i. Chairman – Doran was nominated by Sandage and seconded by Kemp. Motion was made by R. Bleichner and seconded by N. Bleichner to close nominations for Chairman – all in favor – motion carried
 - ii. Vice-Chairman – N. Bleichner was nominated by Doran and seconded by Kemp. Motion was made by R. Bleichner and seconded by Childress to close nominations for Vice-Chairman – all in favor – motion carried
 - iii. Secretary – Kemp was nominated by N. Bleichner and seconded by Sandage. Motion was made by Sparks and seconded by Collins to close nominations for Secretary – all in favor – motion carried
 - iv. Treasurer – Sandage was nominated by Kemp and seconded by Childress. Motion was made by Sparks and seconded by N. Bleichner to close nominations for Treasurer – all in favor – motion carried
- F. Heffner stated Bloomington PD, Normal PD, McLean Co. Sheriff's Office, and ISU PD will be hosting a Law Enforcement Educational Summit on April 29, 2015 at the National Guard Armory in Bloomington. The educational summit will allow for the public to see things from a law enforcement prospective. The final planning meeting will be held on April 22, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. for anyone who would like to assist.

VII. Old Business

- A. Reminder to all Police Chiefs & Deputy Police Chiefs regarding State mandated training – 20 hours annually (Public Act 94-354).
- B. Application of Ellsworth PD to join MTU 8 - After some discussion, it was decided to work on an adjustment to the by-laws to address the situation of an employee of the MTU also being a sitting member on the Advisory Board. This issue was tabled until the June meeting.

VIII. Curriculum

- A. Hetrick stated the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing course scheduled for June 2-4, 2015 and the Calibre Press Street Survival Seminar scheduled for June 8-9, 2015 in Urbana have been added to the schedule since the last training schedule was distributed.

- B. Klingele asked about the possibility of having a Police Cyclist Refresher course to review basic skills. Charlie Summers will be contacted to see if he would be interested in putting together a refresher course.
 - C. Doran asked about the possibility of having FATS training. N. Bleichner stated ISU has acquired a FATS machine. They are in the process of getting it set-up and running.
 - D. Hahn stated he has been named the Drug Recognition Expert Program Coordinator by IDOT. Hahn has named Tony Lebron the Assistant DRE Coordinator. Hahn stated a DRE program has just started in Peoria. They will plan to have a course in either the Southern or Northern part of the State next.
- IX. Executive Session - No executive session was requested
- X. Public Input - Wilson stated IACP Bureau of Justice Assistance has begun accepting applications for the bulletproof vest program. The application deadline is May 13, 2015. Wilson also stated the ILEAS Conference will be held on April 26-28, 2015 in Springfield.
- XI. Motion made by R. Bleichner and seconded by Sparks to adjourn - all in favor - motion carried

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room CCB 1406.