

Law and Justice Commission

MTU 8

Minutes

August 11, 2015

Members Present:

Mark Doran	Rick Bleichner	Chad Gragert
Nichol Bleichner	Eric Klingele	Pat Hahn
Jon Sandage	Kathy Davis	Scott Schaefer
Greg Allen	Tony Childress	

Staff Present:

Robert Siron Denelle Hetrick

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by 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 was not established.
- III. New Business
 - A. Hahn stated with no State budget in place he is telling the MTUs to hope for the best but prepare for the worst. Siron stated MTU 8 currently has just over \$103,000 in the account with \$77,000 being excess local funds. Possible to do business as usual for the first quarter of the fiscal year with planned spending of just over \$16,000 for instructional fees and approximately \$36,000 in personnel costs. If a budget isn't passed by the end of the first quarter, courses planned beyond September may need to be cancelled. EVOC will take place in October. Siron also stated all grant funding (such as death investigation, homeland security, & IDOT grants) are also suspended until a State budget is passed.
 - B. Siron stated a centralized, web-based database for the MTUs has been rolled out. Hahn stated there are bugs that need to be worked out and it is a work on progress.
 - C. N. Bleichner asked if there is a way to eliminate the need for those attending courses from having to complete an attendance form every time they attend a course. Siron stated the MTU staff will look into it.
 - D. Hahn acknowledged N. Bleichner and presented her with a certificate from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board for her work in getting MTU 8 headed back in the right direction.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Reminder to all Police Chiefs & Deputy Police Chiefs regarding State mandated training – 20 hours annually (Public Act 94-354).
 - B. Schaefer stated it is time for agencies to submit personnel rosters again.
 - C. Siron stated Ellsworth PD has joined MTU 10.

V. Curriculum

- A. Hahn stated the 32-hour lead homicide investigator recertification was coming up on the end of the first four year cycle.
- B. There was some discussion regarding concerns over HB4054 which is now at the Governor's office for signature.
- C. Siron asked if there is interest in holding a FOIA/Open Meetings Act course. Interest was shown.
- D. Siron asked if there is interest in holding a 40-hour Firearms Instructor course. No interest was shown. Most agencies have officers attend PTI or Adamax for the course.
- E. Siron stated the MTU is having difficulty with PPCT instructors committing to instruct.
- F. Siron inquired how much interest there was at this time in holding an FTO certification course at MTU 8. It was decided MTU 8 will co-host a course with MTU 12 in Urbana.

VI. Executive Session - No executive session was requested

VII. Public Input - None

VIII. Doran adjourned the meeting.

Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room CCB 2012.