

**Law and Justice Commission  
MTU 8**

Minutes

June 15, 2021

Members Present:

Mark Doran	Travis Cornwall	Aaron Woodruff	Chad Witkowski
Mike Kemp	Jason Williamson	Shane Hackman	
Dale Sparks	Jim Woolford	Rob Kosack	
David Belvery	Josh Dingler	Matt Lane	

Staff Present:

Robert Siron	Denelle Hetrick
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Members of the Public Present:

Randy Wilson

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Doran 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 was established.
- III. Motion was made by Dingler and seconded by Belvery to approve the 4/13/21 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried.
- IV. Financial Report: Motion to approve April & May 2021 expenses made by Kemp and seconded by Lane – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried.
- V. New Business
  - A. Election of Board Executive Officers for FY 2022 – Motion to elect the current slate of Officers for FY 2022 was made by Woolford and seconded by Woodruff – all in favor – motion carried.
  - B. Siron attended the June 9-10, 2021 ILETSB Board meeting in Springfield. He stated there was a closed special meeting of the Executive Board. Brent Fisher was placed on administrative leave with an investigation pending. Keith Calloway will be the acting Executive Director. Eric Pingolt is retiring at the end of the month.

Legislation passed for \$1.00 to be added for every auto policy in the State to fund law enforcement training. It is estimated this should be \$10-15 million in funding. When adding these funds to surcharge funds it is estimated this should be a total of \$30 million in funding. Expenses such as salaries and rent for ILETSB will be coming out of general funds.

Siron stated MTU 8's current funding from the State is on average \$250,000. If the funding amount is raised, that amount would need to be matched in local funds. It has been discussed at the State level to possibly change the formula however.

With the trailer bill to the SAFE-T Act being passed, mandates would not go into effect until January 1, 2022 if the Governor signs the bill. The curriculum for these mandates has not been set by ILETSB yet.

CPR has to be a certification course. As of now, the training would need to be completed annually. ILETSB is working to get this changed to go along with the American Heart Association or Red Cross length of certification.

ILETSB will be increasing staff size from 19 to 40 by next year; and to 85 by the following year.

ISP is developing a form for mental health but the ISP Director has not seen the form yet.

ILETSB is talking about giving access to LETM (the database the MTUs utilize) to officers as they will have to self-report their training hours. LEDI may track hours. This is still being worked on and discussed.

There has been some discussion about the Board not allowing officers to miss any portion of a course for them to obtain credit for attending the course. This was raised in a Coordinators meeting by Deputy Director Calloway.

The next ILETSB Board meeting will be on September 8-9, 2021 in Decatur.

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- C. Woolford stated Rep. Tom Bennett stated he voted no for the trailer bill because the bill was rushed to the floor and he wants to see more work done on it. The Sheriff's Association was also opposed.
- D. Siron announced Mark Edwards, the longtime Director of MTU 12, passed away. Kevin Koontz will become the Director.

VI. Curriculum

- A. MTU 8 may have a lighter than usual training schedule in the Fall, especially regarding courses that would cover material for the new mandates that go into effect January 1, 2022.

VII. Executive Session – No executive session was requested

VIII. Public Input – Wilson stated the ILEAS Conference will be held in March 2022 at the Crown Plaza in Springfield. ILEAS will be holding a Mobile Field Force class on October 12-15, 2021 at the ILEAS Training Center.

IX. Motion made by Dingler and seconded by Lane to adjourn - all in favor - motion carried

**Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room NRC 1201.**