

MINUTES
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
December 20, 2007

The December meeting of the Western Illinois Police Training Unit Advisory Board was held Thursday, December 20, 2007 at Sirloin Stockade in Galesburg, Illinois.

Those present: Kelly Cheesman, Knox County Circuit Clerk; Dave Christensen, Galesburg Police Department; David Clague, Knox County Sheriff's Office; Martin Edwards, Warren County Sheriff's Office; John Jefferson, Hancock County Sheriff's Office; Emil Johnson, Monmouth Police Department; Mark Lumbeck, Henderson County Sheriff's Office; Bob Mapes, Hancock County; Jeff Standard, Fulton County Sheriff's Office; Rick Van Brooker, McDonough County Sheriff's Office; and Brad Zeigler, Monmouth Police Department. Others present: Kenneth German, WIPTU; Vicki Munson, WIPTU; and Joyce King, WIPTU.

Guests present: Alice Mapes; Becky Christensen; Margo Davilau, Galesburg Police Department; Marion Brown; Terry Parks, Canton Park District Police Department; Mary Wolf, Knox County Circuit Clerk's Office; and Brad Ward, Fulton County Sheriff's Office.

Those absent: Curt Barker, Macomb Police Department; Curt Eisenmayer, Henderson County; Jeff Fritz, Canton Police Department; Mike Galloway, Macomb Police Department; Rod Heinze, City of Canton; Edward Ketcham, Fulton County; Allen Pickrel, Knox County; Scott Schwerer, McDonough County; Gary Smith, City of Galesburg; John Turnbull, Warren County. Also absent was John Levingston, Part-time Officer Program Coordinator.

Chairman Lumbeck called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2007 Advisory Board meeting was made by Mapes, seconded by Cheesman. Motion passed.

Cheesman read the financial report. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Christensen, seconded by Van Brooker. Motion passed.

German gave the Training report. German stated there were seventeen items to report. 190 people attended these trainings with 183 counting for soft match. Soft match for these classes totaled \$22,681.37. Soft match earned to date totals \$84,988.42. The soft match requirement for the fiscal year is \$121,381.87.

German reported on upcoming classes. The third part of the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing class will be December 22, 2007. This is through the part-time program and there

is one full-time officer taking it with the part-time class. January 15 and 16, 2008 will be Homicide Death Investigation in Quincy. Currently there are about eight registered from our unit. We are cosponsoring this class with MTU 9. German stated he would like to put on this class within the next year or two. These classes are funded by the death certificate fee and you must apply for this grant to hold a class. January 17 and 18, 2008 the same class will be in Litchfield. There are a couple from our unit attending on those dates. January 22, 2008 will be the rescheduled Vehicle Code Update and Trial Evidence taught by Don Hays at WIPTU. This was originally scheduled for December 11, 2007 but due to bad weather the instructor cancelled. There were twenty-eight registered for the December class, hopefully these people will reregister. Currently there are only two registered for this class. February 11 – 14, 2008 will be Juvenile Officer Course at WIPTU. Currently there are only five registered. February 19 – 22, 2008 will be Breath Analysis Instrument Operator at WIPTU. Currently there are four registered. February 25 and 25, 2008 will be Advanced Cyber Terrorism at WIPTU. February 28, 2008 will be Warrant Preparation and Execution in Canton. Currently there are five registered. March 24, 2008 will be BAO Recertification from 9:00 a.m. – Noon at WIPTU. Currently there are five registered. March 26, 2008 will be Civil Liability Review at the Macomb Police Department.

German gave the Coordinator's Report. German stated Levingston is currently in Methodist Hospital in Peoria. He has a collapsed lung and congestive heart failure. He is improving and should be released in a few days.

German stated the instructor for the December 8, 2007 part-time class did not show up. Due to the weather turning bad German stated he released the students early.

German stated last Saturday, December 15, 2007 was the SFST class for the part-time class and Cindy Levingston, John's wife, unlocked the doors, etc. and will do it again this weekend.

German gave some highlights from the State Board meeting held December 5 and 6, 2007 in Chicago. A resolution was passed that only MTUs and academies are the only ones to teach mandatory firearms training. Financially the State Board is holding steady on \$20 million per year. This is due in part to Dr. Jurkanin working with the clerks and collecting fines. They should be gaining about a half million per year if there are no changes in funding other agencies.

German stated it was reported that a lot of the training demands are down in taking grants which allows for the gain and also the grant recovery act.

German stated some of the police academies, there are only five now since the Illinois State Police Academy does not do basic training, are looking at a three to nine percent tuition increase.

German reported on the State Board's legal issues, Hyzy v. ILETSB. Hyzy challenged the ILETSB and the decision in favor of the ILETSB is not subject to any further judicial review. There is no new legislation.

German reported on the Electro-Muscular Disruption Technology Task Force meeting. They are studying the pros and cons. The Board is establishing baseline training as a guideline. They will have a program at the March 2008 Board meeting.

German stated one of the State Board members requested a letter be sent to the Illinois State Police Academy asking them to reopen their academy for recruit training to other departments. After discussion it was left up to Director Trent to contact the State Training Board.

German reported on the EDI applications. We are up to a total of twenty-two for the MTU 6 departments.

German stated he was requesting the Advisory Board's input. Office Specialists is offering an off site automated generated backup to a computer on their premises. German stated the downside to this was the cost will be approximately \$360 per year. German stated presently we have a backup tape and Munson takes that home. After discussion Lumbeck suggested German do research and bring this up at the next Advisory Board meeting. A motion was made by Jefferson, seconded by Edwards to have German do research on computer backup storage and present it at the next Advisory Board meeting. Motion passed.

German stated staff is working on the annual report which is due January 1st every year to the ILETSB.

German reported on expected absences. The office will be closed December 25, 2007, December 31, 2007 and January 1, 2008 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The next Advisory Board meeting will be January 31, 2008 hosted by Sheriff Clague in Knox County beginning at noon.

Edwards inquired if there would be any interruption with the part-time or court security training due to Levingston's being in the hospital. German responded no.

Lumbeck gave the Chairman's report. He thanked Zeigler for chairing the meeting in November. Lumbeck reported that his wife is fine and it was not a heart attack.

German gave the Part-time Training and Court Security report. January 12, 2008 will be the first court security class. We are going forward with the class and have six enrolled.

German stated the part-time program is web based and he is just getting familiar with the program and opening the training modules. He will have Levingston's wife open the building on Saturday.

German stated there are thirteen in Phase 15 of the part-time program. German stated there is one student that is going through and taking the test to fast. He is always one of the first ones to finish. He is getting a seventy but German would like to see a higher score. German stated if a problem develops he will bring this issue to the Advisory Board.

No State Report was available.

There was no New Business.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Mapes, seconded by Van Brooker. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Munson
Secretary