

**MINUTES**  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
December 18, 2008

The December meeting of the Western Illinois Police Training Unit Advisory Board was held Thursday, December 18, 2008 at the Prairie Inn in Galesburg, Illinois.

Those present: Marion Brown, Henderson County Board; 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; Mark Lumbeck, Henderson County Sheriff's Office; Jeff Standard, Fulton County Sheriff's Office; Dan Taylor, Canton Police Department; and Rick Van Brooker, McDonough County Sheriff's Office. Others present: Kenneth German, WIPTU; Vicki Munson, WIPTU; Joyce King, WIPTU; and John Livingston, Part-time Officer Program Coordinator.

Those absent: Curt Barker, Macomb Police Department; Mike Galloway, Macomb Police Department; Rod Heinze, City of Canton; Edward Ketcham, Fulton County; Bob Mapes, Hancock County; Allen Pickrel, Knox County; Scott Schwerer, McDonough County; Gary Smith, City of Galesburg; Joe Switzer, Monmouth Police Department; John Turnbull, Warren County; and Brad Zeigler, Monmouth Police Department.

Guests present: Terry Parks, Canton Park District Police Department; Margo Davila, Galesburg Police Department; John Schlaf, Knox College Police Department; Doug Lafary, Fulton County Sheriff's Office; Steve Lumbeck, Mary German, Cindy Livingston, Kristy Jefferson, and Becky Christensen.

Chairman Lumbeck called the meeting to order at 10:53 a.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2008 Advisory Committee meeting was made by Clague, seconded by Taylor. Motion passed.

Cheesman read the financial report. Cheesman stated the Community Bank is now the Tompkins State Bank. The change in name does not affect the certificate of deposit. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Brown, seconded by Jefferson. Motion passed.

German gave the Training report. There were twelve items to report on. 179 people attended these classes with 311 counting for soft match. Soft match earned for these classes totaled \$19,495.15. Soft match to date totals \$65,530.91. The soft match requirement for the fiscal year is \$115,826.98. We are at 56.58 percent of meeting the soft match requirement.

German reported on upcoming classes. Today and tomorrow is the Illinois Vehicle Code. There were thirty registered and twenty-nine attended. January 6, 2009 will be Use of Force Update at the Canton Park District. Currently there are four registered for

this class. January 13, 2009 will be Police Stress: Walking the Thin Blue Line at WIPTU. Currently there are eight registered. January 16, 2009 will be Criminal Law Review for Illinois Peace Officers in Carthage. The instructor will be Kevin Burke. January 21, 2009 will be Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Training in Macomb. There will be two sessions. The first session has three registered and the second session has four registered. February 7, 2009 will be Search and Seizure at the Warren County Public Library in Monmouth. Currently there are fourteen registered. February 24 and 25, 2009 will be Criminal Drug Patrol: Conducting Complete Traffic Stops. This will be taught by Ed Delmore and a location has not been chosen. March 18, 2009 will be Motor Vehicle Theft in Canton. April 10 and 11, 2009 is the Executive Development Workshop in East Peoria. WIPTU is co-hosting so there is no tuition, but you are responsible for the room charge.

German provided a handout for Canine Police Legal Update on February 11, 2009 at the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield.

German gave the Coordinator's report. We are working on the annual report that is due January 1, 2009 to the ILETSB.

German stated the State Board has a new chairman. It is Tim Davlin, Mayor of Springfield. The new vice chairman is Brent Fischer, Sheriff, Adams County.

German provided some State Board meeting highlights. German stated at the Curriculum Committee and at the Board meeting it was brought up that the ILETSB is sending out surveys on the number of hours that the basic law enforcement training should be. Staff will evaluate the surveys when they are returned.

German stated the State Board is not funding MTU 3's line item for legal expenses, even though they had done so in the past.

German stated the State Board reminded everyone that the forty-hour mandatory firearms training can only be taught by the MTUs and the academies.

German stated at the State Board meeting it was noted that basic training is down all over the state. No one is hiring.

German stated PA95-1000 deals with fund sweeps. The sweeps will not affect this year's budget.

German stated pay increases and Dr. Jurkanin's evaluation were discussed. The State Board is using the CMS rates like last year. German stated the local Advisory Board will need to decide on the bonus and the percentage based on evaluations of the employees. The maximum is \$200.00 per month and up to a seven percent bonus.

German stated the training needs assessments have been mailed. These need to be returned by January 2, 2009. On these please list the classes that you would like

WIPTU to put on in the next fiscal year. German stated he tries to put on the highest requested classes. This information from the returned training needs assessments is also needed to prepare a report for the ILETSB.

German stated with the change in Chairman, Lumbeck will be removed from the bank accounts and Zeigler will be added.

German reported expected absences. The office will be closed December 25, 2008, January 1 and 2, 2009. The next meeting will be January 29, 2009 in Warren County with Sheriff Edwards hosting.

German stated this is Lumbeck's last meeting as Chairman. In January Zeigler takes over as Chairman and the Vice Chairman will be Jefferson. German thanked Lumbeck for serving five years as Chairman.

German requested those that attended the November meeting complete the paperwork on the FOID presentation by Master Sergeant Atchison.

Lumbeck gave the Chairman's report. Lumbeck introduced Brown. He is the Chairman of the Henderson County Jail Committee and will now be representing Henderson County at the WIPTU Board meetings.

Levingston gave the Part-time Training report. Levingston stated the Phase 17 is going well. There are nine students in the class.

Levingston stated in the past, several people have had to retest after failing the POWER test. He reminded everyone that six months from the date of hire the officer must pass the POWER test or they cannot enroll in the part-time program.

Levingston stated he is trying to get a final count for the Court Security training. He stated he has about five needing training at this time. If you have someone needing this training please contact him.

The State Report was given by Schlaf. The State Board met in Chicago on December 10 and 11, 2008. Schlaf stated Sheriff Justus was not reappointed by the Governor, which caused the change in Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Schlaf stated the surveys concern the 400 hour versus the 480 hour training for basic law enforcement. Some thoughts are that the smaller departments may not have the manpower to let an officer go to training longer than ten weeks. Schlaf requested everyone to respond to the surveys. He believes their opinion will play a great deal in the way the number of hours goes.

Schlaf stated the legal fees for MTU 3 were denied as they could be used to sue the ILETSB and this did not go over real big.

Schlaf stated the POWER test may have to be looked at down the line. In the future it may not be used as a hiring standard. The thought is that they may be losing a lot of good candidates because they cannot pass the POWER test.

New Business: None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Munson  
Secretary