

MINUTES
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
March 26, 2009

The March meeting of the Western Illinois Police Training Unit Advisory Board was held Thursday, March 26, 2009 at Aurelio's Pizza in Macomb, Illinois.

Those present: Marion Brown, Henderson County Board; Dave Christensen, Galesburg Police Department; John Jefferson, Hancock County Sheriff's Office; Mark Lumbeck, Henderson County Sheriff's Office; Bob Mapes, Hancock County; Jeff Standard, Fulton County Sheriff's Office; Joe Switzer, Monmouth Police Department; Dan Taylor, Canton Police Department; Rick Van Brooker, McDonough County Sheriff's Office; and Brad Zeigler, Monmouth Police Department. Others present: Kenneth German, WIPTU; Vicki Munson, WIPTU; Joyce King, WIPTU; and John Levingston, Part-time Officer Program Coordinator.

Those absent: Greg Bacon, Knox County Board; Curt Barker, Macomb Police Department; Kelly Cheesman, Knox County Circuit Clerk; David Clague, Knox County Sheriff's Office; Martin Edwards, Warren County Sheriff's Office; Mike Elam, Fulton County Board; Mike Galloway, Macomb Police Department; Kevin Meade, City of Canton; Scott Schwerer, McDonough County; Gary Smith, City of Galesburg; and John Turnbull, Warren County.

Guests present: Wm. Terry Parks, Chief, Canton Park District Police Department; Julia Moll, Officer, Canton Park District Police Department; Susie Nichols, Project Director, Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute; and Jeff Fritz, Program Manager, Illinois Training and Standards Board Executive Institute.

Chairman Zeigler called the meeting to order at 12:36 p.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2009 Advisory Board meeting was made by Lumbeck, seconded by Taylor. Motion passed.

King read the financial report. A motion to approve the financial report as presented was made by Christensen, seconded by Jefferson. Motion passed.

German gave the Training report. There were eight items to report on. 169 people attended these classes with 160 counting for soft match. Soft match earned for these classes totaled \$37,609.00. Soft match to date totals \$127,635.13. The soft match requirement for the fiscal year is \$124,853.21. We are at 102.33 percent of meeting the soft match requirement. We have exceeded the soft match requirement.

German reported on upcoming classes. April 10 and 11, 2009 will be the Executive Development Workshop. There are twenty-two registered but we are only paying for twenty-one. We are co-hosting this in East Peoria. April 25, 2009 will be an IROCC shoot at the Galesburg Police Pistol Range. Currently there are four registered. April 28 and 29, 2009 will be Practical Lie Detection for Patrol Officers. The location has been changed. It will be held at Carl Sandburg College in Room 864. Currently there are thirteen registered, all from outside of WIPTU. This class has a maximum of twenty-five so sign up your officers as soon as possible. May 9, 10, 16 and 17, 2009 will be Mandatory Firearms Training. Currently there are thirteen registered. May 26, 2009 will be Law Enforcement Flying Armed from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at Monmouth Police Department. Currently there are three registered. German stated he may delay holding this class until after July 1, 2009. He stated he will need to check with the instructor before that change is made. August 13, 2009 will be Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification. No location has been decided on for that training. August 19, 20 and 21, 2009 will be DOA Death Investigation at Western Illinois Police Training Unit. September 22, 2009 through September 25, 2009 will be Breath Analysis Instrument Operator at Western Illinois Police Training Unit. Currently there are four registered.

German stated the March 18, 2009 Motor Vehicle Theft class had to be cancelled for a lack of registration. The Bloodstain class was also cancelled for lack of funding from the Coroners' grant.

German gave the Coordinator's report. German stated Scott Schaefer is the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Police Training Specialists for our area. He was unable to attend the meeting today as he was administering a state exam in Chicago. German stated some of you may know Schaefer from his employment with the Police Corps at Western Illinois University.

German read the letter from Director Jurkanin announcing his retirement effective May 1, 2009. The letter stated he will continue to serve through August 2009. Jurkanin's letter stated he has accepted a position at Middle Tennessee College.

German read an e-mail from John Bucci reference EDI. It reminded everyone to deactivate former employees. Bucci has retired from the ILETSB but is working part-time until a replacement is hired.

German introduced Susie Nichols, Program Director, ILETSB Executive Institute and Jeff Fritz, Program Manager Part-time Law Enforcement Academy and Homeland Security, ILETSB Executive Institute.

Nichols stated she has been with ILETSB for sixteen years. She stated the ASSIST program was Dr. Jurkanin's grassroots program. The web based academy was also the brainchild of his.

Nichols stated at the end of April 2009 a part-time coordinators' meeting will be held. This will be for two days. Nichols stated the company that developed the part-time training also does McDonalds training worldwide.

Fritz handed out upcoming classes through the Executive Institute. He stated the MTUs are a good place for training but they also offer training and it is usually free or at a low cost.

Fritz stated some current programs are the Police Role in the 21st Century. It meets once a month. They are currently meeting in Bloomington. Fritz stated the new chiefs training just concluded but will be held again in October 2009. Fritz stated Taylor just attended this training. Fritz stated they will begin having refresher training and it will be by invitation only. It will be held at the Stoney Creek Inn in East Peoria. The Identifying Emerging Leaders will be May 13 and 14, 2009 in Moline at the Stoney Creek Inn. This is open to everybody.

Fritz stated a new service is my space web site design. This may be another resource for recruiting. There is a fee for this service.

German stated the Budget Committee met March 17, 2009. German stated they went over each line item. State funds requested will be \$163,853.15, local funds will be \$32,770.63 and soft match funds needed \$131,082.52. Zeigler stated they followed the ILETSB guidelines on raises. He stated they requested they be given the maximum and we also had to submit a budget with a three percent decrease and another one with a one percent pay raise. A motion to accept the budget as presented was made by Lumbeck, seconded by Brown. Motion passed.

German stated "Bump Keys" are becoming popular. He ordered a set from the Internet and passed them around. The cost is about \$2.00 for one and a complete set costs approximately \$14.00. German stated he thought the web site was bumpkey.com.

German reported highlights from the ILETSB Board meeting March 4 and 5, 2009 in Bloomington. He stated law enforcement enrollment has dropped, some academies are running at sixty percent capacity.

German stated the Traffic and Criminal Conviction Surcharge Fund (TACCSF) is running at about \$20 - \$21 million and expenses are running at about \$19 million. Last fiscal year \$4,124,366.00 was paid to the mobile training units. In addition \$663,131.00 was spent from state and federal grants. There were 47,227 people trained last fiscal year.

German stated at one of the prior State Board meetings St. Clair Correctional Academy requested an increase in their tuition. After that the Police Training Institute also requested an increase in tuition. The St. Clair request was approved. At the March meeting PTI requested another tuition increase and gave a presentation as to why this increase was needed. After discussion the State Board will present a report on different options to increase funding for PTI at the June 2009 meeting. German stated this is a long term problem which will affect the State Board's budget and may also impact the funding of the MTUs.

German reported on legislation that was discussed. HB 020 – African American Sensitivity, this would add this subject to the basic law enforcement curriculum. HB 202 – Concealed Carry has not had any movement since February 2009. HB 282 – Missing Endangered Seniors is similar to AMBER alerts. Jefferson stated the Sheriffs' Association is opposing this bill. He stated the reason is they want to put it with the AMBER alert and it

would water it down and people would not pay attention to them because there would be so many of them. SB 027 – Silver Alert System is similar to the previous bill. HB 4620 – Family Personal Protection allows sheriffs to issue permits to people 21 years of age and over to carry concealed firearms. Jefferson stated the Sheriffs' Association had 85 percent of the vote to support this bill, however the Chiefs' Association voted not to support this bill. HB 648 – Traffic Stop Study this would allow the study without an end date. SB 0418 – deals with rail crossings. This would take the fines for this violation out of the TACCSF and just send the money to the local agency issuing the citation. It would also change it so these violations are not reported to the Secretary of State unless the fines went unpaid. The ILETSB is against this bill.

German stated the camera grant fund has approximately \$2.5 - \$3 million. However these funds have not been released. If the funds were released it would allow the purchase of thirty-seven cameras per MTU.

German reported expected absences. German stated he will be on vacation April 6 and 7, 2009. The next meeting will be April 30, 2009 at WIPTU beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Zeigler stated he did not any items to discuss for the Chairman's report.

Levingston gave the Part-time Training report. Levingston stated the State exam will be April 11, 2009. April 18, 2009 will begin Phase 18.

Levingston stated due to the low numbers he will be putting the Court Security Officer class and the Part-time Officer class together.

Levingston stated you may still enroll court security officers but not part-time officers.

Levingston reminded everyone that from the date of hire your officer needs to pass the POWER test and enroll in training.

There was no State Report.

There was no New Business.

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Van Brooker, seconded by Christensen. Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Munson
Secretary