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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
May 28, 2009

The May meeting of the Western Illinois Police Training Unit Advisory Board was held Thursday, May 28, 2009 at The Pink Tavern in Lomax, Illinois.

Those present: Marion Brown, Henderson County Board; Andy Tolle for Dave Christensen, Galesburg Police Department; Martin Edwards, Warren County Sheriff's Office; Brad Cludray for John Jefferson, Hancock County Sheriff's Office; Scott Schaefer, Police Training Specialist, Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board; 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; Mike Elam, Fulton County Board; Mike Galloway, Macomb Police Department; Sal Garza, City of Galesburg; Mark Lumbeck, Henderson County Sheriff's Office; Bob Mapes, Hancock County; Kevin R. Meade, City of Canton; Scott Schwerer, Fulton County; Jeff Standard, Fulton County Sheriff's Office; Joe Switzer, Monmouth Police Department; Dan Taylor, Canton Police Department; and John Turnbull, Warren County.

No guests were present.

Chairman Zeigler stated there was not a quorum so no actions could be made at this meeting. All information would be informational. The meeting began at 12:17 p.m.

German gave the Training report. There were thirteen items to report on. 152 people attended these classes with 119 counting for soft match. Soft match earned for these classes totaled \$21,586.04. Soft match to date totals \$151,115.76. The soft match requirement for the fiscal year is \$124,853.21. We are at 121.03 percent of meeting the soft match requirement. We have exceeded the soft match requirement.

German reported on upcoming classes. June 6, 2009 will be Mandatory Range Qualification for Active Police Officers. There are three registered. This class is for officers to meet the yearly qualification requirement by June 30th. July 7, 2007 will be Law Enforcement Flying Armed from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Monmouth Police Department. Ron Shownes is the instructor. July 21, 2009 will be Breath Alcohol Recertification from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Macomb Police Department. There are eight registered. August 4 through 7, 2009 will be Juvenile Officer Certification Class at WIPTU.

There are four registered. August 13, 2009 will be Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification at the Canton Park District. There are fourteen registered. August 15, 2009, September 26, 2009 and October 3, 2009 will be Standardized Field Sobriety Test at WIPTU. These are Saturdays and are being offered through the part-time program. August 19, 20 and 21, 2009 will be DOA Death Investigation at Western Illinois Police Training Unit. There are ten registered. The cost of this class is over \$10,000.00 and should be covered by the Coroner's Grant. August 28, 2009 will be On-Scene Investigation/Beyond the Obvious/Finding and Helping the Hidden Victims: Responding to Children at the Scene will be offered two times. The first session will be from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the Spoon River College in Canton. The second session will be from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Macomb. The instructor will be Mark Wynn. September 17, 2009 will be Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance Checks at the Macomb Police Department. German stated the lead person has to have this class to conduct checks. September 22, 2009 through September 25, 2009 will be Breath Analysis Instrument Operator at Western Illinois Police Training Unit. Currently there are twenty-two registered. October 17, 18, 24 and 25, 2009 will be the 40-hour Mandatory Firearms Training.

German gave the Coordinator's report. German stated salary updates had been sent to all departments. This information is needed to compute soft match. The following departments have not returned their salary updates: Abingdon Police Department, Alexis Police Department, Altona Police Department, Astoria Police Department, Blandinsville Police Department, Colchester Police Department, Cuba Police Department, Dallas City Police Department, East Galesburg Police Department, Farmington Police Department, Gulfport Police Department, Hamilton Police Department, Henderson County Sheriff's Office, LaHarpe Police Department, Lewistown Police Department, London Mills Police Department, Maquon Police Department, Monmouth Police Department, Vermont Police Department, Warren County Sheriff's Office and Western Illinois University Office of Public Safety.

Brown stated Gulfport currently does not have an officer, but they should be hiring one.

German had Munson read an e-mail that had been forwarded by Cheryl Blythe, FVCC Coordinator. The e-mail dealt with retaining funding for domestic violence and sexual assault services at 2009 levels with no cuts and requesting the State Representatives and State Senators be contacted.

German stated Zeigler, Munson and he attended a budget review meeting in Springfield at ILETSB. Chevy Wood, John Krein and Sue Knox, from ILETSB, were also at the meeting. Zeigler stated Knox stated we are one of the few MTUs that get everything in on time. Zeigler commended WIPTU staff for doing a good job. Zeigler stated the meeting took less than thirty minutes and ILETSB staff stated the next MTU they were meeting with would take three hours.

German provided updates on some legislation. Senate Bill 85 would make gun owners liable for injuries or property damage done by using a firearm if the transfer was not legal. Senate Bill 259 deals with shooting ranges liability for environmental contamination. Senate Bill 1275 prohibits firearms dealers from selling more than one handgun to an individual in any thirty day period. Senate Bill 1721 deals with a ban on selling or giving

away semi-automatic weapons, attachments, .50 caliber rifles and cartridges and large capacity ammunition feeds. Senate Bill 1848 deals with special licensing of handgun dealers. Senate Bill 1976 deals with county sheriffs issuing permits to carry concealed firearms. The applicant must complete training developed by ILETSB. Schaefer stated he was not certain if they have talked to ILETSB about this. House Bill 48 deals with handgun sales between individuals without a background check by a federally licensed firearms dealer. House Bill 367, House Bill 462 and House Bill 245 all deal with concealed carry. House Bill 687 deals with mandatory liability insurance of \$1 million for all firearms owners.

Schaefer stated if the concealed weapon goes through the Board members should think about what type of training ILETSB will need to give the officers.

German stated the attendance roster and evaluation form are on the WIPTU web site. German stated if you put on any in-house training you will need to complete these forms. German reminded everyone if in-house training is submitted you also need to submit a course outline, synopsis, handouts or a print out of a power point presentation and an instructor resume.

German stated he had received an e-mail from Phil Brankin, Director, MTU 3, that he had applied for Dr. Jurkanin's position.

German stated the sump pump was purchased for \$150.00 and has been installed. German stated the \$700.00 was paid and the termite system has been installed. German stated the only problem he foresees in the future is the floor in the break room. There is a soft spot that may need to be taken care of down the road.

German stated the simunitions equipment has been ordered. German reminded everyone to notify him when they wanted to use this equipment for training so he could bring it to them, along with rosters and evaluations for soft match. German stated they would be able to issue certificates from WIPTU if he is notified in advance.

German stated the fiscal year ends June 30th, so he is working on zeroing it out.

German reported expected absences. German stated staff will be attending the State Board meeting on June 3 and 4, 2009. The next meeting will be June 25, 2009 at WIPTU beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Zeigler gave the Chairman's report. He thought the budget review meeting went well.

Levingston gave the Part-time Training report. Levingston reported he will be running a special entry into the part-time program. The POWER test for the special entry will be June 6, 2009 in Macomb followed by the orientation at WIPTU. He stated the reason for doing this was the big influx of part-time officers being hired that needed training and there was only one part-time officer in the current phase.

Levingston stated the officers have to pass the POWER test on June 6, 2009 to be admitted to Phase 18. If they do not pass they will have to wait until Phase 19 for training.

Levingston gave the Court Security Officer Training report. The class began with nine and is down to four. Levingston stated because of the small number for this and the part-time program he is doing some of the classes together.

Brown inquired if any changes had been made to the POWER test. Levingston responded there has been discussion to changing the POWER test to be more task oriented but nothing has changed yet. Levingston stated there probably will not be any changes until after the new director is hired and the office is moved.

Levingston stated everyone in the programs is doing a good job.

Levingston stated he was contacted by Jan Allen, ILETSB, with several names of Court Security Officers that had not been trained. Levingston stated upon checking his records they were able to eliminate twenty-five to thirty names of court security officers that had been trained through WIPTU.

Schaefer stated he did not have anything new to report for the State Report.

New Business: German stated the simunitions ammo costs about \$0.50 per shot. He will try to sustain the ammo but if it becomes too expensive he may have to charge the departments for the use of the ammo.

Martin inquired about the Form E on a status change for one of his employees. The employee is going from court security to jailor. Does he need to submit one Form E terminating the employee as a court security officer and a second Form E appointing the employee to jailor? Schaefer responded yes.

There was an inquiry made about training showing up in the ILETSB computer system for an officer. Schaefer responded most training does not show up on the State system, only State Board certified courses show up on the state system.

German stated there are two types of certificates issued. One is from WIPTU and is tan in color. The other is from the State Training Board and is white. German stated WIPTU is a backup for the departments training files. German added that it will also show training if they have been with another department.

With nothing further to discuss the meeting was ended at 1:12 p.m.