

MINUTES
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
July 30, 2009

The July meeting of the Western Illinois Police Training Unit Advisory Board was held Thursday, July 30, 2009 at DeLaney's in Bushnell, Illinois.

Those present: Curt Barker, Macomb Police Department; Marion Brown, Henderson County Board; Dave Christensen, Galesburg Police Department; Martin Edwards, Warren County Sheriff's Office; John Jefferson, Hancock County Sheriff's Office; Jeff Standard, Fulton County Sheriff's Office; 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; Kelly Cheesman, Knox County Circuit Clerk; David Clague, Knox County Sheriff's Office; Mike Elam, Fulton County Board; Sal Garza, City of Galesburg; Mark Lumbeck, Henderson County Sheriff's Office; Bob Mapes, Hancock County; Kevin R. Meade, City of Canton; Scott Schaefer, Police Training Specialist, Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board; Scott Schwerer, Fulton County; Joe Switzer, Monmouth Police Department; and John Turnbull, Warren County.

Guests present: Cindy Levingston, Merv Hilliard, Bushnell Police Department; Jeff Spence, Warren County Sheriff's Office; Rick Nichols, Canton Police Department and Chris Butcher, Macomb Police Department.

Chairman Zeigler called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2009 meeting was made by Brown, seconded by Standard. Motion passed.

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

German gave the Training report. There were three items to report on. 83 people attended these classes with 79 counting for soft match. Soft match earned for these classes totaled \$5,038.02. The soft match requirement for the fiscal year is \$131,082.52. We are at 3.84 percent of meeting the soft match requirement.

German reported on upcoming classes. August 4 through 7, 2009 will be Juvenile Officer Certification Class at WIPTU. There are fifteen registered. August 13, 2009 will be Sex

Offender Registration and Community Notification at the Canton Park District. There are thirty-eight 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 25, 2009 will be Criminal Case Law Update and Freedom of Information Presentation by Don Hays at Monmouth Police Department. 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. There are two registered for the morning session and one registered for the afternoon session. This is offered with IFVCC and they will have more registrations. Wynn is an excellent speaker. September 8, 2009 will be The Winning Edge: Mental Preparation for Violent Encounters at the Canton Park District. There are five registered. September 15, 2009 will be Comprehensive Approach to Child Sexual Abuse Investigation at WIPTU. There is one registered. This will be taught by Chief Dan Langloss, Dixon Police Department. September 17, 2009 will be Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance Checks at the Macomb Police Department. There are two registered for this class. September 22, 2009 through September 24, 2009 will be Breath Analysis Instrument Operator at Western Illinois Police Training Unit. Currently there are twenty-six registered with six on stand-by. September 29, 2009 will be Blood Borne Pathogens/CPR/First Aid at the Monmouth Police Department. October 6, 2009 will be Asset Forfeiture at WIPTU. This will be taught by Dant Foulk from the Will County States Attorney's Office. October 14, 15 and 16, 2009 will be DOA Death Investigation at Western Illinois Police Training Unit. There are twenty registered. German stated this may be the last year for classes due to a loss of funding from the Coroners Grant. October 17, 18, 24 and 25, 2009 will be the 40-hour Mandatory Firearms Training. October 20 and 21, 2009 will be Grade Crossing Collision Investigation at WIPTU.

German gave the Coordinator's report. German read a letter from Chief Michael Galloway, Macomb Police Department announcing his retirement effective August 31, 2009. Curt Barker has been promoted to Acting Chief and Chris Butcher has been appointed to Acting Sergeant. Butcher will also be serving as the Mayor's proxy to the WIPTU Advisory Board. Barker stated he intends to be involved with WIPTU more than in the past. German requested to meet with Barker and Butcher to go over how WIPTU operates. Standard inquired if it would be beneficial for training officers to attend this presentation. German responded yes and he would let Standard know when it has been scheduled.

German stated the attendance rosters and evaluations are on the web site. German stated this may be printed off for use with in-house training.

German stated there are several changes at the State Training Board. Dr. Jurkanin has retired. Kevin McClain has been hired as the Executive Director and will begin his duties on August 3, 2009. Chevyoune Haig-Wood will be retiring effective July 29, 2009. Chuck McDonald and Sheila Albright have also retired. German stated with Wood's leaving Jennifer Wooldridge, Manager of Operations/Chief of Staff has assumed her duties. So Wooldridge is overloaded trying to do several jobs.

German stated Governor Quinn has swept several funds pertaining to the State Training Board. The biggest was \$5 million was swept from the Traffic and Criminal Conviction

Surcharge Fund plus money for comp payments that are not related to the State Training Board. The CIT fund has been swept but German will need to check on whether any funds were left for training. \$2.6 million was swept from the Camera Grant Fund. The Coroner's Grant Fund was swept and only enough money was left to fund the current fiscal year's classes.

German stated CMS has not approved the lease for the relocation of the State Training Board offices. This means the move is on hold.

German stated the state mileage reimbursement rate was raised to \$0.55 per mile effective July 1, 2009.

German stated the simunitions equipment has been delivered. German stated he needed to assemble some of it before it would be ready for use. German stated departments wanting to use the equipment will need to submit dates to him. German stated he would try to maintain replacement rounds.

German stated the new chiefs training is scheduled for October 26, 2009 through October 30, 2009 in Springfield. Christensen stated the class covered a lot of good information and would recommend attending it.

German reported there are no expected absences. The next meeting will be August 27, 2009 at WIPTU beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Zeigler gave the Chairman's report. He stated all dues for this fiscal year have been paid.

Levingston gave the Part-time Training and Court Security Officer Training report. Levingston stated another court security officer was dropped from training.

Levingston stated the next POWER test is scheduled for August 8, 2009 and paperwork must be submitted by July 31, 2009. The next POWER test is scheduled for November 7, 2009.

Levingston stated the next part-time officer training will begin in December 2009.

Levingston stated he spoke with a representative at the Illinois State Police about the AMBER Alert Program. She stated that if you have an emergency to call the AMBER Alert office. She also stated that ISP will not take over a case unless requested by the reporting department. If you have any questions about the program contact the AMBER Alert office.

Levingston stated that some officers might not have had the SFST (HGN) training in the academy and they would be welcome to attend the three Saturdays for this training.

No State Report.

New Business: Jefferson stated domestic violence firearms violence cards were available from IFVCC. If you need some contact WIPTU.

Jefferson encouraged everyone to attend the Mark Wynn training. He stated Wynn is a good speaker and the training is free.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Van Brooker, seconded by Standard. Meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Munson
Secretary