

**MINUTES**  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
June 25, 2009

The June meeting of the Western Illinois Police Training Unit Advisory Committee was held Thursday, June 25, 2009 at the Western Illinois Police Training Unit, 1801 Windish Drive in Galesburg.

Those present: Dave Christensen, Galesburg Police Department; Sal Garza, City of Galesburg; John Jefferson, Hancock County Sheriff's Office; Mark Lumbeck, Henderson County Sheriff's Office; W. Dan Taylor, Canton Police Department and Brad Zeigler, Monmouth Police Department. Others present: Ken German, Director, WIPTU; Vicki Munson, Officer Manager, WIPTU; Joyce King, Records Clerk, WIPTU; John Levingston, Part-time Program Coordinator, WIPTU and Scott Schaefer, Training Specialists, Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standard Board. Those absent: Kelly Cheesman, Knox County Circuit Clerk; Bob Mapes, Hancock County; and Rick Van Brooker, McDonough County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Zeigler called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Zeigler requested action on the minutes from the April 30, 2009 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Lumbeck, seconded by Christensen. Motion passed.

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

German gave the Training Report. German stated he was providing the total for FY09. 1,178 people attended these trainings and 972 of them counted for soft match. Soft match earned for the fiscal year totaled \$152,223.96. Total soft match required to meet the conditions of the grant is \$124,853.21. German stated we have earned 121.92% and have surpassed the amount needed for soft match.

German reported on upcoming classes. July 7, 2009 will be Law Enforcement Flying Armed at the Monmouth City Hall from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The location was changed from the Monmouth Police Department as there are 39 registered for the class.

July 21, 2009 will be BAO Recertification from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Macomb Police Department.

August 4 – 7, 2009 will be Certified Juvenile Officer class at Western Illinois Police Training Unit. There are seven registered.

August 13, 2009 will be Sex Offender Registration at the Canton Park District. Craig Burge will be teaching this class. There are eighteen registered.

August 15, 2009, September 26, 2009 and October 3, 2009 will be Standardized Field Sobriety Testing. Each class will be on a Saturday and is offered through the part-time program.

August 19, 20 and 21, 2009 will be DOA Death Investigation class. This should be funded by the coroners grant. The instructor has a conflict with these dates, so the dates may be changed. There are twelve registered. No coroners are registered. German requested the coroners be reminded that this course is being funded from their fund. This training also counts towards the twenty hours of training the coroners are required to have.

August 28, 2009 the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council is sponsoring Mark Wynn-On-Scene Investigation; Beyond the Obvious; & Finding and Helping the Hidden Victim for two sessions. The first session will be at Spoon River College in Canton and the second session will be at Wesley United Methodist Church in Macomb. German stated that if the state budget for human services is cut this training may be cancelled.

September 8, 2009 will be The Winning Edge: Preparation for Violence Encounters at the Canton Park District.

September 18, 2009 will be Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance Checks at the Macomb Police Department.

September 22 – 25, 2009 will be Breath Analysis Operator. This will be at WIPTU. Currently there are twenty-three registered and the class is limited to twenty-four.

October 17, 18, 24 and 25, 2009 will be the 40-hour Mandatory Firearms Training.

German reminded everyone to check the WIPTU web site for class updates.

German stated the current fiscal year ends June 30, 2009 and July 1, 2009 begins the next fiscal year.

German inquired if there were any training requests for the coming fiscal year.

German states some of the simunitions equipment has been received.

German gave the Coordinators Report. German stated salary request updates have not been received from the following departments: Abingdon, Alexis, Altona,

Blandinsville, Colchester, Cuba, Dallas City, East Galesburg, Farmington, Gulfport, Lewistown, London Mills, Maquon, Monmouth and Vermont.

Lumbeck stated Henderson County is providing patrol in Gulfport. Gulfport will not be hiring an officer until the breach of contract case is settled.

German stated at the budget review meeting with staff from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board the question was raised about using the average salary of officers or the Department of Labor's average salary for law enforcement. An answer was not received from the request last year, so it was asked again at the year's budget review. The response from ILETSB was that an average could be used, but once decided upon the average or actual rate had to be utilized, you could not switch between the two. German stated staff is in the process of figuring an average department salary and looking up the DOL average law enforcement salary. German stated after this information is gathered he will present it to the Board. German stated there would be three options to compare, using the actual salary, using the average of WIPTU departments or using the DOL average.

German stated a couple of years ago a request had been made for all the WIPTU agencies to submit a patch. The patches would be framed and displayed at WIPTU. The following departments have not submitted a patch: Altona, Cuba, Dallas City, Dunfermline, Galesburg School District, Gulfport and London Mills. German stated that if patches are not received from these departments by the next Board meeting on July 30, 2009 he will proceed with the framing of the patches that have been received.

Christensen stated Galesburg School District does not have a patch.

German provided some law updates. The first one is SB 1817 concerns auxiliary deputies and provided that they may receive compensation as set by the county board.

German stated SB 552 deals with military buyback before employment. HB 3963 deals with COLA increase for widows of fallen police officers. HB 5840 deals with returning to the same rank and pay after disability leave.

German stated there is a bill adding correctional officers to the public employment disability act.

German stated the following are from the FOP and their opinion on various bills. Support HB 9355 deals with in obtaining DNA in a felony arrest situation. Support HB 71 deals with texting while driving. Oppose HB 45 which would let a prisoner age fifty out of jail. Oppose SB 1381 deals with medical marijuana. They also oppose condoms in prison.

Jefferson stated he is on the Legislative Committee of the ISA and most of the bills that FOP opposes they also oppose.

German stated the concealed carry bill is probably not going to pass.

German stated July 9, 2009 will be a special ILETSB Board meeting. They will be voting on the new director. There are five candidates. The meeting will be held in Springfield at the FOP Offices.

German gave some highlights from the State Board meeting. Sheila Albright and Dr. Jurkanin were given distinguished service awards. Part-time retesting and scoring was discussed and approved by the Curriculum Committee and the State Board. When a part-time officer needs to retest it must be in a proctored setting and the failing test score will be used for the student's overall class average. Mandated training is the lowest in twenty to twenty-five years. Due to the drop in basic training there may be some funding available for non-basic training reimbursement. German stated the State budget has not been passed. The State Board is hoping to have approval on budgets by the fall. Last year the budgets were not approved until March. The State Board offices will be moving. The office will be relocated to the west side of Springfield. The move to the new building should be done within 120 days, depending on building permits. There is over \$2 million in the camera grant fund, but only \$180,000 has been appropriated per year. Moffitt is working on this matter. There will be a new chiefs' orientation in October 2009 in MTU 10.

German reported expected absences. German stated the office will be closed July 3, 2009 in observance of Independence Day. Munson will be on vacation July 8, 2009 through July 10, 2009. The next Advisory Board meeting will be July 30, 2009 in McDonough County at DeLaney's in Bushnell with Sheriff Van Brooker hosting.

Schaefer stated in a meeting with Fitzpatrick, PTI, there are eighteen recruits in a class. This is lowest they have seen. Schaefer stated that Chicago only had fifty-three in their class.

Christensen inquired if this was attributable to the economy. Schaeffer responded yes. Schaeffer stated part of the funding increase for PTI is lodging.

Taylor inquired about the COPS grant. Schaeffer stated he has not heard much about that.

Lumbeck inquired what the total cost is for PTI. Schaefer responded about \$4,000 plus \$2,000. Jefferson inquired if part of the fine money goes towards that. German responded yes, Blagovich put the ISP into the TACCSF and took them out of the general funds.

Zeigler gave the Chairman's Report. Zeigler stated the CEO of OSF Holy Family Medical Center in Monmouth stopped in to talk with him about the mental health issue. People have to be taken to Rockford or the Quad Cities. The CEO requested an officer standby in the hospital with the ones that are violent. Zeigler stated this will be an issue

so we need to make sure that funding is available. The sheriffs used to transport but the mental health providers need to have a contract for transportation.

Schaeffer stated ambulance responding to this type of call may have a response time of two to three hours.

Zeigler stated without funding the alternative schools may be closed. July 1, 2009 many social services will be done, Bridgeway has been laying off counselors. This is a real dilemma, so we need to get the funding fixed.

Christensen stated there are also funding issues with the child advocacy centers. He stated they may have six months reserve funding but after that they will go away. German stated there is a bill to provide funding for the child advocacy centers.

Levingston gave the Part-time Training Report and the Court Security Officer Training Report. Levingston stated the graduation dinner for Phase 17 was held on Saturday. There were nine graduates and six were able to attend. Schaeffer was the guest speaker and gave a moving address.

Levingston stated there are now five in the part-time program and three in the court security program.

Levingston stated the next POWER test will be August 8, 2009.

Lumbeck inquired if the new people in the part-time training will have the court security training under their belt. Levingston responded no. He had to combine the classes due to the low numbers. Some of the classes only required by part-time do not pertain to court security and the court security are not required to take all the part-time classes, but the court security students also have to view some court specific video tapes.

Lumbeck inquired when the part-time student graduates will he have all the court security training. Levingston responded no, since the part-time student did not watch the court specific video tapes. However, a waiver could be applied for. Lumbeck inquired if the waiver application was submitted to Levingston. Levingston responded no, it should be submitted to Jan Allen at ILETSB.

Jefferson inquired if they needed to go through this to work in the courthouse. Levingston responded yes but not for part-time.

Schaefer gave the State Training Board report. Jefferson inquired if reserve officers need to be qualified. German responded that full and part-time need to be qualified every year and this information submitted by June 30<sup>th</sup> every year. Since they are showing up on the firearms roster German would say yes. Schaeffer stated it is the same for states attorneys and coroners that carry.

Lumbeck stated he sometimes had difficulty getting officers qualified since they use ISP District 14. German stated if he was having difficulty in scheduling he could have sent them to the qualification he held on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Jefferson stated if Lumbeck had problems with scheduling to contact him about using their facility.

Jefferson inquired if you have to qualify with your duty weapon or all weapons. Lumbeck responded if his deputies carry an off duty weapon they have to also qualify with that weapon. Zeigler responded he thought that was policy set by each department.

Schaeffer stated to read the qualification section it is, 50 ILCS 710/2.5.

New Business: None.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion to adjourn was made by Lumbeck, seconded by Taylor. Meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Munson  
Secretary