

MINUTES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
August 27, 2009

The August meeting of the Western Illinois Police Training Unit Advisory Committee was held Thursday, August 27, 2009 at the Western Illinois Police Training Unit, 1801 Windish Drive in Galesburg.

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

Chairman Zeigler called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m.

Zeigler requested action on the minutes from the July 30, 2009 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Van Brooker, seconded by Clague. Motion passed.

Cheesman read the Financial Report. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Standard, seconded by Christensen. Motion passed.

Cheesman stated the Certificate of Deposit will mature on August 30, 2009. There was discussion on changing to six months instead of a year and calling around for interest rates. A motion to change from a twelve month to six month certificate of deposit was made by Clague, seconded by Jefferson. Motion passed.

German gave the Training Report. German stated he was reporting on seven items of training. 148 people attended these trainings and 126 of them counted for soft match. Soft match earned to date totals \$22,272.06. Total soft match required to meet the conditions of the grant is \$131,082.52. German stated we have earned 16.99% of the amount needed for soft match.

German reported on upcoming classes. 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 he will be providing refreshments for the training.

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

September 15, 2009 will be Comprehensive Approach to Child Sexual Abuse Investigation at WIPTU. Currently there are five registered.

September 17, 2009 will be Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance Checks at the Macomb Police Department. Currently there are six registered. German stated this training is mandatory if your department will be doing alcohol or tobacco compliance checks. The lead officer on these checks must have had this training.

September 22 – 24, 2009 will be Breath Analysis Operator. This will be at WIPTU. Currently there are thirty-four registered and the class is limited to twenty-four, so there are ten on the waiting list.

September 29, 2009 will be Blood Borne Pathogens/CPR/First Aid at the Monmouth Police Department. Currently there are no registrations for this class.

October 6, 2009 will be Asset Forfeiture at WIPTU. Currently there are four registered for this class. Dant Foulk, Assistant State's Attorney, Will County will be the instructor.

October 14, 15 and 16, 2009 will be Wicklander-Zulawski D.O.A. Death Investigation at WIPTU. Currently there are twenty-six registered and class is limited to thirty. Only two coroners, Mark Thomas, Knox Count and Bill Underwood, Warren County, have registered for this class. This class is funded through the Coroners' Grant. This may be the last year for these classes to be funded through this grant as it was swept by the Governor.

October 17, 18, 24 and 25, 2009 will be the 40-hour Mandatory Firearms Training. Currently there are eight registered.

October 20 and 21, 2009 will be Grade Crossing Collision Investigation at WIPTU. Currently there are two registered.

October 26 and 27, 2009 will be Illinois Vehicle Code at the Macomb Police Department. Currently there are two registered. This class will be taught by Jason Dickey, Illinois State Police. He taught this class last year and received rave reviews on his teaching skills and the knowledge that was provided in the training. German stated Dickey also teaches this at PTI.

November 3 and 4, 2009 will be Criminal Drug Patrol: Conducting Complete Traffic Stops. German stated he would like to talk with Jefferson about finding a location in his county to hold the training. Jefferson stated the company is still open where they held the last class. Jefferson stated he would see about using that room again.

November 10, 2009 will be Criminal Case Law Update and Freedom of Information Presentation at the Monmouth Police Department. Currently there are five registered. Don Hays, Senior Counsel, Illinois Appellate Prosecutor's Office, Retired, will be teaching this class.

German provided an e-mail concerning a police sniper course at the Springfield Police Academy. This training is free of charge and will be held September 21 – 25, 2009.

German gave the Coordinators Report. German stated the unit purchased shelving units for the storage unit. These will keep the boxes off the floor and provide easier access to archived records.

German stated there are some 2004 ERGs available. He stated although they were updated in 2008 there is not a great deal of difference between the two. He also has a few 2008 ERGs available. If you need some of these books please contact him.

German reminded everyone the personnel rosters were due August 15, 2009. If you have not submitted these to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board please do so as soon as possible.

German stated September 9, 2009 he will be giving a presentation at the Macomb Police Department beginning at 9:30 a.m. This will be an overview of WIPTU.

German stated all the simunitions equipment has been delivered. He needs to get the serial numbers from the pistols and rifle barrels; they will then be ready for departments to use. German stated to contact him to schedule dates to use the equipment. German stated he will bring the equipment to the department along with attendance rosters and evaluations.

German stated on the WIPTU site there is a page for department links. The link to Hancock County Sheriff's Office and Monmouth Police Department are not working. He requested updated addresses. German stated that if your department is not listed to provide the link information so the web site could be updated.

German stated the part-time training switched to web based training and there are several sets of training tapes in storage. These tapes are available to any department that would like to use, otherwise they will be destroyed and disposed of. Livingston stated some tapes such as criminal law, traffic law and juvenile law would not be current. However, the tapes on patrol, communication, building searches, etc. are still applicable. These would also be a good resource to train auxiliary officers with. German stated they could also be used to develop your own training. Livingston stated these are professionally done tapes, not someone with a camera in the back of a classroom.

German reported on a new law PA 096-0269 concerning community colleges. This law allows them to join mobile training units. It also stated non-sworn officers must have eight-hours of training per year. This law only covers community colleges.

German reminded everyone about the new chiefs' orientation October 24 – 30, 2009 in Springfield at MTU 10. German stated if you need further information it is available at www.iletsbei.com.

German reported expected absences. German stated September 1-3, 2009 the office will be closed while staff is at the ILETSB Board meeting in Springfield. The office will be closed July September 7, 2009 in observance of Labor Day. Munson will be on vacation September 9 - 14, 2009. The next Advisory Board meeting will be September 24, 2009 in Knox County at Packinghouse Dining Company in Galesburg with Sheriff Clague hosting.

Zeigler stated he did not have anything for the Chairman's Report.

Livingston gave the Part-time Training Report and the Court Security Officer Training Report. Livingston stated the next POWER test will be November 7, 2009. This is the last POWER test before Part-time Phase 19 begins.

Levingston stated one of the part-time students will be deployed to Afghanistan. When the officer receives his orders a copy will be sent to Jan Allen, ILETSB, with a request to freeze his training clock. Once the officer returns a decision will be made on whether his training should be resumed where he left off or to start the training over again.

Levingston stated court security training will be completed at the end of October 2009.

No State Training Board report was available.

New Business: Jefferson inquired if anyone else had read the new off road vehicles law. If the vehicle is not capable of going over 25 mph, such as golf carts, they can be driven on secondary roads and in town. They need proof of insurance. Jefferson stated he had questions about this law and wondered if anyone else had questions. Zeigler inquired if they were required to have lights. Jefferson responded he did not see that in the law.

German stated the eavesdropping law had an exemption for law enforcement when videotaping on a traffic stop.

There being no further business to come before the Board a motion to adjourn was made by Jefferson, seconded by Christensen. Meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Munson
Secretary