

MINUTES
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
September 24, 2009

The September meeting of the Western Illinois Police Training Unit Advisory Board was held Thursday, September 24, 2009 at Packinghouse Dining Company in Galesburg, Illinois.

Those present: Marion Brown, Henderson County Board; Kelly Cheesman, Knox County Circuit Clerk; Dave Christensen, Galesburg Police Department; David Clague, Knox County Sheriff's Office; Sal Garza, City of Galesburg; John Jefferson, Hancock County Sheriff's Office; Rich Nichols for 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; John Levingston, Part-time Officer Program Coordinator; and Scott Schaefer, Police Training Specialist, Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

Those absent: Greg Bacon, Knox County Board; Curt Barker, Macomb Police Department; Chris Butcher, Macomb Police Department; Martin Edwards, Warren County Sheriff's Office; Mike Elam, Fulton County Board; 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; and John Turnbull, Warren County.

Guests present: John Schlaf, Knox College Police Department.

Chairman Zeigler called the meeting to order at 12:17 p.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2009 meeting was made by Jefferson, seconded by Christensen. Motion passed.

Cheesman read the financial report. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Van Brooker, seconded by Clague. Motion passed.

German gave the Training report. There were nine items to report on. 110 people attended these classes with 80 counting for soft match. Soft match earned for these classes totaled \$10,688.92. The soft match requirement for the fiscal year is \$131,082.52. We are at 22.29 percent of meeting the soft match requirement.

German reported on upcoming classes. September 29, 2009 will be Blood Borne Pathogens/CPR/First Aid at the Monmouth Police Department. There are five registered.

Twelve are needed or the class will have to be cancelled. Kevin Del Mastro from Peoria will be teaching the class. October 6, 2009 will be Asset Forfeiture at Western Illinois Police Training Unit. There are eleven registered. 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-nine registered and the class is limited to thirty. This class is funded by the Coroners Grant. Jefferson inquired if any coroners are attending. German responded two, Thomas from Knox County and Underwood from Warren County. October 17, 18, 24 and 25, 2009 will be the 40-hour Mandatory Firearms Training. There are twelve registered. October 20 and 21, 2009 will be Grade Crossing Collision Investigation at Western Illinois Police Training Unit. There are five registered. German stated this is a good course; they ride the train, work a mock accident, explain the different railroad cars and learn how to shut an engine off. German stated every officer should take this class as there are a lot of misconceptions about what need to be done and the paperwork involved. October 26 and 27, 2009 will be Illinois Vehicle Code at the Macomb Police Department. There are nine registered. This class has been reduced from three days to two days. This is the same course that is taught at the Illinois State Police Academy. Trooper Dickey will be the instructor. German stated he is a good speaker and this is an excellent class. November 3 and 4, 2009 will be Criminal Drug Patrol: Conducting a Complete Traffic Stop in Carthage. German thanked Jefferson for his assistance in procuring the classroom. November 10, 2009 will be Criminal Case Law Update and Freedom of Information Act from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. taught by Don Hays. There are eleven registered and will be held at the Monmouth Police Department. November 17 and 18, 2009 will be A.R.I.D.E. – Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement. This will be taught by Master Sergeant Tony Lebron. This class is a go between DWI Drug Enforcement and HGN.

German stated there was a problem with the Breath Analysis Operator class that was being held. The limit on the class was twenty-five, he booked twenty-seven. However, some people showed up that were not registered. German stated he did not turn them away, but there were not enough manuals so copies were hurriedly made. Also, there was a standby list of six or seven people for this class.

German stated he rescheduled the Comprehensive Approach to Child Sexual Abuse Investigation to February 9, 2010. German stated Chief Dan Langloss, Dixon Police Department has been hired by other MTUs and received good reviews.

German gave the Coordinator's report. German stated a newspaper article on the history of Hawthorne Center has been framed is hanging in the hallway at Western Illinois Police Training Unit. German stated having the patches framed locally was cost prohibitive. Julia Moll, Canton Park District Police Department, will be framing them for us.

German provided a copy of an e-mail from Craig Shaw, Fairview Police Department, concerning early release of prisoners.

German provided highlights from the State Board meeting held September 2 and 3, 2009 in Springfield. Dan Nelson, Legal Counsel, for the State Training Board has resigned. German stated training has been reduced by approximately twenty-five percent and training is down to 1983 levels. German stated the TACCSF is down. There has been a three percent reduction in tickets being written. There has also been a two percent

reduction in grants being received by the State Training Board. The Governor's office swept the FY10 State Training Board funds. The State Training Board should be alright financially with the lower training and staff reductions. German stated the MTUs' budgets may change do to director retirements. German stated funding for direct service contracts such as the MTU and the Media Resource Center was approved at the September meeting.

Schlaf inquired in many officers were using the Media Resource Center since it is located at Western Illinois University in Macomb. Levingston responded some of the part-time instructors get some information from them. However, the information is dated and they use it mainly for support material. Jefferson stated it is a hassle to go there as there is not any parking, so he does not use it. Schaeffer stated he was not certain how many street level officers know it exists. Schlaf requested what they can do to make it better. German stated there is a link on the State Training Board web site and on the Western Illinois Police Training Unit web site. Munson stated if you do not want to actually go to the Media Resource Center WIPTU staff can assist in ordering the tapes and some of the tapes are also available through the WIPTU videos.

German stated there is a court case against the State Training Board, Hyzy vs. ILETSB. This case should be close to being resolved. Another case involving the State Training Board is Moore vs. Trent et al. This case concerns a correction officer not being allowed to carry a concealed weapon. The case is in litigation.

German stated PA96-230 allows probation officers to carry a concealed weapon off duty.

German stated moving the State Training Board is on hold.

German stated the State Training Board has another problem facing them is the additional funding of the Police Training Institute. The problem is the housing of the officers and a signed contract and not utilizing all the requested housing due to a reduction in enrollment. PTI's enrollment is down forty-five percent. Director Kilpatrick has reduced staff and the University of Illinois has reduced their funding support of PTI but this still isn't enough to cover the shortfall. German stated whatever the State Board does will set a precedence for the other training academies. Some of the other options are to close academies or to charge for housing. German stated there is only so much money to go around. Schlaf stated the chiefs and sheriffs need to watch this issue as it could have some trickle down effect.

Schlaf stated the contract for housing is whether the rooms were occupied or not. Training has fallen off so much, which leaves the majority of the rooms empty. Schlaf stated he is going to ask for a copy of the contract to see if the State Training Board's name is on the contract. He stated he does not want to vote on this issue until he has this question answered and he does not want to see this happen again. Schlaf stated he does not want the landlord being paid twice for the rooms.

Zeigler inquired if he saw any potential in increasing training due to the stimulus funds. Schlaf responded that might happen. Zeigler stated it may turn around, but his department will not be able to receive any of those funds.

Schlaf stated currently departments are reimbursed a certain percentage of the officers' salary. The reimbursed money goes back to the cities general funds. Schlaf stated he would rather have the money for tuition.

Schlaf also stated that many of the MTU directors do not provide all the State Board information that German is providing to this Advisory Board. Zeigler added his compliments to the WIPTU staff. When he attended the budget review meeting with State Training Board staff they commented on how everything had been submitted and it only took about twenty minutes to review. The afternoon meeting with another MTU would take about three hours for them to review.

German stated the bi-annual personnel rosters were due to the State Training Board. German stated he has received a listing of delinquent departments. Those departments are:

- Astoria Police Department
- Dallas City Police Department
- Gulfport Police Department
- Williamsfield Police Department

- Abingdon Police Department (EDI)
- East Galesburg Police Department (EDI)
- Hancock County Coroner (EDI)

King reminded everyone when submitting these rosters to double check the Social Security numbers and the spelling of names.

Schaefer stated another purpose of the rosters is to protect the agencies. He stated you do not want officers listed on the rosters that have moved on.

German stated the simunitions equipment is ready to be used. Macomb Police Department has requested to use it but they have not set a date yet. German stated to call him and schedule a date for using the equipment. He or WIPTU staff will bring it to you and at the end of the collect the equipment and the paperwork.

German stated there are still some old part-time training tapes to be given away. He stated these are a good resource and Macomb Police Department has requested some.

German stated the new chiefs' orientation will be October 26 – 30, 2009 at MTU 10 in Springfield. He stated if you need further information it is available on the State Training Board web site.

German inquired if Jefferson had any new law information he would like to discuss. Jefferson stated there are new laws concerning cell phone use in school and construction zones. Jefferson also stated on the early release issue, the sheriffs will be proposing that the chief judges will allow sheriffs to do the same on the early release. Jefferson encouraged everyone to contact their representatives, whether they agreed or disagreed.

German stated at the last meeting a couple of new laws were discussed. He stated PA96-0270 pertains to non-highway vehicles and PA96-0653 pertains to slow speed vehicles.

German reported there are no expected absences. The next meeting will be October 29, 2009 at Western Illinois Police Training Unit beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Zeigler gave the Chairman's report. He stated he received a telephone call from Logan County concerning the five people who were killed. Flyers have also been sent out on what to look for. A couple of the things to look for is someone being treated at the hospital for knife wounds and a truck with pipes coming out of the bed, like semi diesel pipes, with primer. They are not certain if this was drug or swinger related.

Levingston gave the Part-time Training and Court Security Officer Training report.

Levingston stated the next POWER test is scheduled for November 7, 2009 and paperwork must be submitted by October 30, 2009. This is the last POWER test to allow an officer to be enrolled in Phase 19 which will begin at the end of November or the beginning of December.

Levingston stated part-time classes are going well.

Levingston stated the court security training is about done.

Levingston stated there are low numbers in the class. The enrollment is down like everyone else's. Levingston stated he is hoping to see an increase because budget wise it is less expensive to hire and train a part-time officer.

Levingston stated the Part-time Phase 18 graduation dinner will be scheduled for the end of the year or the first of the next year.

Schaefer gave the State Report. Schaefer stated the State Training Board has received an official eviction notice. The office will be moving the middle of October. He stated the office will be moved into the CMS Building. Schaefer stated there are some problems and concerns with the logistics of the computer equipment. He did not have the address but will provide it.

New Business: Garza requested how to he can lend his voice to this organization. Zeigler responded to set up a meeting with German to discuss his request.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Christensen, seconded by Brown. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Munson
Secretary