

MINUTES
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
November 19, 2009

The November meeting of the Western Illinois Police Training Unit Advisory Board was held Thursday, November 19, 2009 at Herbst Landing in Canton, Illinois.

Those present: Kelly Cheesman, Knox County Circuit Clerk; Andy Tolle for Dave Christensen, Galesburg Police Department; David Clague, Knox County Sheriff's Office; Mike Elam, Fulton County Board; Sal Garza, City of Galesburg; Jeff Standard, Fulton County Sheriff's Office; Dan Taylor, Canton Police Department; 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; Marion Brown, Henderson County Board; Chris Butcher, Macomb Police Department; Martin Edwards, Warren County Sheriff's Office; John Jefferson, Hancock County Sheriff's Office; Mark Lumbeck, Henderson County Sheriff's Office; Bob Mapes, Hancock County; Kevin R. Meade, City of Canton; Scott Schwerer, Fulton County; Joe Switzer, Monmouth Police Department; John Turnbull, Warren County; and Rick Van Brooker, McDonough County Sheriff's Office.

Guests present: Lieutenant Doug Lafary, Fulton County Sheriff's Office and Denise Colglasure, Canton Police Department.

Chairman Zeigler called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2009 meeting was made by Garza, seconded by Cheesman. Motion passed.

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

German gave the Training report. There were thirteen items to report on. 231 people attended these classes with 200 counting for soft match. Soft match earned for these classes totaled \$38,801.95. The soft match requirement for the fiscal year is \$131,082.52; soft match to date is \$85,494.79. We are at 65.22 percent of meeting the soft match requirement.

German reported on upcoming classes. German stated he is working on scheduling classes for the next six months. He currently does not have any classes scheduled for December or January.

February 9, 2010 will be Comprehensive Approach to Child Sexual Abuse Investigation at WIPTU. Currently there are eight registered. February 16, 17 and 18, 2010 will be Comprehensive Review of Forensic Interviewing, Interrogation and Interpersonal Communications Methods at WIPTU. Currently there are four registered. February 23, 2010 will be School Violence, Law Enforcement Preparation and Response. This class has not been advertised yet. German stated he would like to have participation from the police, school personnel and paramedics. March 2, 3 and 4, 2010 will be Breath Analysis Operator. May 7 and 8, 2010 will be the Executive Development Workshop: Mastering Today's Leadership Challenges. We are a sponsoring MTU so officers from our unit will not have to pay tuition to attend. May 8, 9, 15 and 16, 2010 will be Mandatory Firearms Training. Registration deadline is April 21, 2010. August 10, 11 and 12, 2010 will be Breath Analysis Operator. October 16, 17, 23 and 24, 2010 will be Mandatory Firearms Training. May 14, 15, 21 and 22, 2011 will be Mandatory Firearms Training.

German inquired if there were any suggestions for training in the next few months. German stated he had a request from Knox County for Field Training Officer and Monmouth Police Department has requested TASER Refresher training.

German stated the Asset Forfeiture class was good training and received a lot of positive comments.

German stated the DOA: Death Investigation class also had a lot of positive feedback from the participants. This class was funded by the Coroners' Grant.

German stated October 26 and 27, 2009 was the IVC class at Macomb Police Department. It was taught by Trooper Jason Dickey and was a very good class.

German gave the Coordinator's report. German received a telephone call from Andy Lascody, Sikich, concerning German's vacation hours that have been carried over. The Personnel Manual states that only five days may be carried over and he has twenty-seven days of vacation carried over. Lascody requested that German make the Board aware of this. German stated he will be using some of the vacation time in January when he goes to Rome.

German stated a few months ago the possibility of using the Illinois Department of Employment Security wages versus actual wages to calculate soft match was discussed. German provided the current IDES rates for those present to review. German stated by using these figures it would allow soft match to be made easier. An inquiry was made if using the IDES wage rate would require a higher soft match amount. German responded no, the soft match is based on the budget request, which is ten percent. Schafer inquired if there was a more current IDES wage rate. German responded no, their web site was checked this morning the rates shown had not changed from those provided at the meeting.

A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Tolle, to use the Illinois Department of Employment Security Occupational Wages for the purpose of calculating soft match and to continue collecting actual wage information. Motion passed.

Garza inquired if any of the railroad police attend training. German responded no. King stated in the past several years, they have attended maybe five classes. Garza requested an extra set of flyers be sent to him to forward to the BNSF personnel. King responded she did mail the flyers to their office, but would send Garza another set.

German stated the ARIDE class was held the past two days and was taught by Tony Lebron, Illinois State Police. German stated during the class an inquiry was made if this class could serve as the SFST refresher. Lebron stated he has proposed this to IDOT but has not received confirmation to his inquiry. If IDOT does approve the request certificates from WIPTU will be sent with that change.

German stated the State Board meeting will be held December 9 and 10, 2009 in Chicago. There is no ASSIST meeting; however, staff will be attending the committee meetings on Wednesday and the Board meeting on Thursday.

German stated Munson has begun working on the annual report which is due January 1, 2010.

German stated the State Training Board has a new address it is 4500 South Sixth Street Road #173 in Springfield.

German stated PA96-230 allows parole officers to carry a concealed weapon off duty but they have to take the mandatory firearms training. Schaefer stated they may not have to take the MFT class because it is part of their training. He stated the State Board does not typically work with parole officers. The law takes effect January 1, 2010. The State Board will come out with a policy before the end of the year.

German stated the simunitions equipment is ready to be used. Galesburg Police Department has used it and the training went well. German stated he could see a difference in the participants' attitude when they began using the equipment. He encouraged all the departments to use it. German stated he will not interfere with the training unless the participants are acting reckless or doing excessive firing. German stated he would remain during the training to keep track of the equipment and collect the paperwork.

Standard stated Fulton County and Canton Police Department are working on getting together to do a training. He stated after the first of next year they will set up a training session.

German stated the rifle magazines also use the 9mm ammo. He will be returning the rifle ammo and has ordered 1,000 rounds of 9mm ammo.

German stated one set of the old part-time training tapes was taken by the Macomb Police Department. There are still a couple of sets remaining if any other departments are interested in them. If not they will be disposed of.

German reported on expected absences. He will be gone November 20, 2009. The office will be closed November 26 and 27, 2009 for Thanksgiving. The next meeting will be December 17, 2009 at Best Western Prairie Inn beginning at 10:00 a.m. This will be a brunch.

Zeigler gave the Chairman's report. Zeigler stated the State Board requires the local Advisory Boards' to meet a minimum of four times a year. The WIPTU Bylaws require meeting every month. Zeigler suggested changing the WIPTU Bylaws to meet every other month or quarterly. Clague stated he thought meeting every other month would be fine. Zeigler requested a poll be taken as to what the members thought. Zeigler agreed with Clague that meeting every other month would be plenty.

Zeigler stated the Freedom of Information Act training was held at his department. He stated this was a good training and a lot of information will be changing at the first of the year.

Levingston gave the Part-time Training and Court Security Officer Training report. Levingston stated Phase 18 of the Part-time training will be ending December 12, 2009. Phase 19 Part-time Orientation will be December 5, 2009. He stated there will be nine officers in Phase 19.

Levingston stated he had a request for Court Security Officer Training from Adams County in Quincy. If any sheriffs have officers needing this training please contact him.

Schaefer stated he did not have anything further for the State Report.

New Business: Garza inquired about the compliance checks that they are not being done to generate revenue but for safety. He also requested some type of elected officials training on how to handle the public reference these checks. Zeigler stated he also receives many calls about the checks. Since they have been using the grants for these checks they will be trying to provide more statistics and information that these checks do make the community safer. Zeigler did not know if they could sponsor a training program. Zeigler inquired if Clague would be doing the checks next year. Clague responded yes. Zeigler stated he would be glad to sit down with Garza and discuss these checks.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Clague, seconded by Tolle. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Munson
Secretary