

MINUTES
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
January 28, 2010

The January meeting of the Western Illinois Police Training Unit Advisory Board was held Thursday, January 28, 2010 at Cerar's Barnstormer Restaurant in Monmouth, Illinois.

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

Guests present: Lieutenant Jerry Kinney, Monmouth Police Department; Julie Richardson, Monmouth Police Department; Chief Deputy Scott Bentzinger, Hancock County Sheriff's Office; and Chief Deputy Bruce Morath, Warren County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Zeigler called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2009 meeting was made by Martin, seconded by Jefferson. Motion passed.

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

German gave the Training report. There were three items to report on. 54 people attended these classes with 53 counting for soft match. Soft match earned for these classes totaled \$3,120.72. The soft match requirement for the fiscal year is \$131,082.52; soft match to date is \$92,734.07. We are at 70.74 percent of meeting the soft match requirement.

German reported on upcoming classes. February 9, 2010 will be Comprehensive Approach to Child Sexual Abuse Investigation at WIPTU. Currently there are twenty-one registered. February 16, 17 and 18, 2010 will be Comprehensive Review of Forensic Interviewing, Interrogation and Interpersonal Communications Methods at WIPTU. Currently there are twenty-eight registered.

February 23, 2010 will be School Violence, Law Enforcement Preparation and Response at Carl Sandburg College. German stated letters were sent to all local schools inviting them to attend with law enforcement personnel. February 25, 2010 will be Freedom of Information Act in Canton. Currently there are ten registered. German stated there are a lot of changes taking effect this year. There were requests for an eight-hour class on this subject, so this is fulfilling this request. Don Hays will be teaching and this is an excellent resource if you have questions. March 2, 3 and 4, 2010 will be Breath Analysis Operator at Macomb Police Department. This class is limited to twenty-four and there are fifteen registered. May 7 and 8, 2010 will be the Executive Development Workshop: Mastering Today's Leadership Challenges in East Peoria. We are a sponsoring MTU so officers from our unit will not have to pay tuition to attend. Lodging will need to be paid for by the departments. May 8, 9, 15 and 16, 2010 will be Mandatory Firearms Training. Registration deadline is April 21, 2010. October 16, 17, 23 and 24, 2010 will be Mandatory Firearms Trainings Registration. German stated he just scheduled Bruce Talbot for a Designer Drug/Drug Abuse Awareness on March 18, 2010. No location has been set.

German stated February 26, 2010 he will be assisting Doug Ray, Security Director, Carl Sandburg College, with a tabletop exercise. Galesburg Police Department, Knox County Sheriff's Office and GHAS will be participating in the exercise. German stated Ray is in charge of all the CSC satellite campuses.

German stated Monmouth Police Department has scheduled a Crime Scene class to be taught by Rod Scherpe. German stated Scherpe has not contacted him for the date and time. German stated he will be contacting to set the date and time. This class will be open to all law enforcement and will be held at the Monmouth Police Department.

German gave the Coordinator's report. German stated the semi-annual personnel rosters were received from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Please double check the information listed. On the Galesburg roster Dave Christensen is listed as a lieutenant and not chief. German reminded everyone if someone has left make certain to submit a Separation Form E to ILETSB and delete the name from the personnel roster.

German stated the Training Needs Assessment Surveys are due February 5, 2010. German stated these are easy to complete and are voting for classes you would like to see put on. German stated the information is used to create a chart so he can see the top requested classes.

German inquired if Jefferson had any new laws to report on. Jefferson stated there are new laws pertaining to anyone under 19 years of age not allowing them to texting or use a cell phones while driving.

Jefferson stated Sheriff Neal Williamson was sued for sexual harassment. Williamson was not aware of the problem and the lawsuit found against him. The chiefs and sheriffs are liable/responsible for any staff below them, even if the chief or sheriff is unaware of a problem. Jefferson encouraged everyone to make certain their staff is aware of their department's policy and to not allow any type of sexual harassment.

Jefferson stated there was concern about the early release of prisoners by the sheriffs and their jails being overrun, but the Governor has stopped the early releases.

German reported on expected absences. The office will be closed February 15, 2010 for President's Day. The next meeting will be February 25, 2010 at WIPTU at 10:00 a.m.

Zeigler gave the Chairman's report. Zeigler stated he received ten responses about changing the meetings to every other month. Seven responses were to meet every other month, two to meet every month, and one indicated no preference.

After discussion there was a motion to change the Bylaws to hold Advisory Board meetings bimonthly and Advisory Council meetings on an as needed basis made by Lumbeck, seconded by Jefferson. Motion passed.

Proposed wording change to the WIPTU Bylaws:

Article XIII. Meetings

Section 1. The regular meetings of the Advisory Board shall be scheduled bimonthly unless otherwise ordered by the Board. The Advisory Committee meetings will be held on an as needed basis as ordered by the Board.

Motion passed to vote on the proposed changes at the March 25, 2010 meeting.

Levingston gave the Part-time Training report. Levingston stated the next POWER test will be February 6, 2010 and the deadline is January 29, 2010. Currently there is no one requesting to take the test.

Levingston stated Phase 19 currently has eight students and one Court Security Officer.

Levingston stated he expects changes to be made in the program but does not know when.

Schaefer gave the State Report. Schaefer stated to check cyberdriveillinois for information on 2009-2010 law updates. The web site also has the new Illinois Vehicle Code.

Schaefer stated January 1, 2010 the law concerning parole carrying concealed but no plan has been made for that yet, so they are not allowed to carry at this time.

New Business: Cheryl Blythe, Director, Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council gave a brief presentation. Blythe stated Jefferson is Chairman, of the IFVCC Law Enforcement and Courts Committee. Blythe stated she has partnered several times with WIPTU to provide training. Blythe stated there are visor cards for domestic violence and firearms available. If you need these contact WIPTU or her. Blythe stated in August 2009 Mark Wynn, Lieutenant, Retired, gave a presentation. There is a DVD and folder with information of this training. If you would like a copy please contact WIPTU or her. She stated there is also a CD on Elder Abuse Protocol. It is also available in a paper format if you would prefer that instead of the CD. If you would like a copy of the CD contact WIPTU or her. Blythe stated she also has sample forms of the Order of Protection in English and Spanish. If you need copies please contact her. Blythe's telephone number is 309-837-4398 and the fax number is 309-836-8336. Her e-mail is fvcc9@hotmail.com.

Blythe provided handouts on some of the major changes in domestic violence laws.

Blythe stated there is a person in the Illinois Attorney General's Office that is available to give training on Stalking laws. She inquired if this is something they would be interested in. The training is one-hour training. German inquired about the cost. Blythe responded she thought just mileage. Zeigler stated he would like to see this training offered through WIPTU.

German stated he has not received the budget application from ILETSB. He stated it should be received in the near future and would need to be approved and submitted by April 1, 2010.

German stated a classroom has not been specified for the February 23, 2010 training at CSC. Once he has that information those registered will be contacted with that information.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Edwards, seconded by Lumbeck. Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Munson
Secretary