

**MINUTES**  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
March 25, 2010

The March meeting of the Western Illinois Police Training Unit Advisory Board was held Thursday, March 25, 2010 at Asian Buffet in Canton, Illinois.

Those present: Bob Bucher, Fulton County; Kelly Cheesman, Knox County Circuit Clerk; Andy Tolle for Dave Christensen, Galesburg Police Department; David Clague, Knox County Sheriff's Office; Martin Edwards, Warren County Sheriff's Office; Scott Bentzinger for John Jefferson, Hancock County Sheriff's Office; Jeff Standard, Fulton County Sheriff's Office; Joe Switzer, Monmouth Police Department; and W. Dan Taylor, Canton Police Department.

Those absent: Greg Bacon, Knox County Board; Curt Barker, Macomb Police Department; Marion Brown, Henderson County Board; Chris Butcher, Macomb Police Department; Sal Garza, City of Galesburg; Mark Lumbeck, Henderson County Sheriff's Office; Bob Mapes, Hancock County; Kevin R. Meade, City of Canton; Scott Schwerer, McDonough County; John Turnbull, Warren County; Rick Van Brooker, McDonough County Sheriff's Office; and Brad Zeigler, Monmouth Police Department.

Others present: Kenneth German, Western Illinois Police Training Unit; Vicki Munson, Western Illinois Police Training Unit; Joyce King, Western Illinois Police Training Unit; and John Levingston, Part-time Officer Program Coordinator.

Guests present: Denise Colclasure, Canton Police Department; Deputy Chief Rick Nichols, Canton Police Department; Chief James Tunney, Dunfermline Police Department; Chief Terry Parks, Canton Park District Police Department; and Deputy Darold Richardson, Fulton County Sheriff's Office.

Due to Zeigler's and Jefferson's absence Edwards was elected Chairman Pro-Tem.

Edwards called the meeting to order at 12:44 p.m.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2010 meeting was made by Standard, seconded by Taylor. Motion passed.

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

German gave the Training report. There were sixteen items to report on. 333 people attended these classes with 259 counting for soft match. Soft match earned for these classes totaled \$63,423.64. The soft match requirement for the fiscal year is \$131,082.52; soft match to date is \$156,157.71. We are at 119.13 percent and have exceeded the soft match requirement.

German reported on upcoming classes. March 30, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. until noon is Search and Seizure Update taught by Michael Doubet in Lewistown. There eighteen registered. April 6 and 7, 2010 will be Illinois Vehicle Code in Lewistown taught by Trooper Jason Dickey. This is the same training that is taught at PTI. The reviews are always that it should be a day longer, whether it is two or three days long. There are seventeen registered. April 7, 2010 will be TASER Certification at the Macomb Police Department from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. It will be taught by David Burnham. 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. There are ten registered.

March 18, 2010 was Current Trends in Drug Abuse taught by Bruce Talbot. There was an article on the class in the Galesburg Register Mail.

March 26, 2010 will be Underage Drinking Enforcement and Court Practices Seminar from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the University of Illinois Extension Knox Agri Center in Galesburg. Sergeant Scott Friedlein, Champaign Police Department; Judge Jeffery Ford, 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court; and Mark Palmer, Attorney, Evans, Froehlich, Beth & Chamley will be speaking.

Northwest Illinois Criminal Justice Commission, MTU 1, in Dixon will be sponsoring Canine Patrol. WIPTU will pay for local officers to attend this training. It is scheduled for April 14, 2010.

Law Enforcement Training Advisory Commission, MTU 10, in Springfield is sponsoring Police Suicide Awareness on April 13, 2010.

German gave the Coordinator's report. German stated the Training Needs Assessment Surveys were due February 5, 2010. Forty-four surveys were mailed out and twenty-five were returned. This information is used to prepare a report for the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. It is also used to plan upcoming training.

German stated the semi-annual personnel rosters were due February 15, 2010 to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. The following departments need to submit the roster: Fulton County State's Attorney, London Mills Police Department, Plymouth Police Department, Stronghurst Police Department, East Galesburg Police Department, Hancock County Coroner, and Hancock County Sheriff's Office.

German provided highlights from the ILESTB State Board meeting. Neither he nor any of WIPTU staff was able to attend, so the information was provided by other MTU directors. Board member Mayor Welch, Country Club Hills, expressed concern about no one checking on the chiefs training hours, which is mandated. Executive Director McClain stated this would be followed up at the Illinois Chiefs meeting. Edward stated he is having a meeting with someone from the State to look at his training. Standard stated he met with someone about two months ago.

The 2010 Traffic and Criminal Conviction Surcharge Fund is at \$20 million which is down about a half-million and is down about \$1 million from last year.

The enrollment through the MTUs is at or below fifty percent and is expected to continue to be down because of the economy.

The applications for the 2010 Camera Grant awards are being accepted through April 21, 2010 on the ILESTB web site. The awards will now be made by the ILETSB. They have divided the state into three regions: North, South, and Central. They announce the awards in June 2010. They will

award about fifteen to sixteen grants throughout the state. Taylor inquired if there are reporting requirements after receiving a camera grant. German responded yes. Parks stated he received one and was required to keep information on file for two years.

An update on the PTI housing request was made. Last year PTI had a number of housing units rented and they were not used. The Director of PIT requested money to cover the decrease in funds. ILETSB awarded PTI \$66,000.00 for last year and \$40,000.00 for this year to help out with their housing costs again. Most all of the academies have this problem.

Director McClain is watching the following legislation. HB5301 deals with public safety diver license plates. The money would provide training, standards, equipment and facilities to all public safety disciplines, with the primary focus would be toward volunteer responders. The money would be paid out by the ILETSB. The State Training Board is fighting this bill since this is not police related.

SB3294 deals with amending the Police Training Act to require full-time and part-time officers to be licensed instead of certified. The bill is dead at this time.

SB3510 would allow State's Attorneys and Assistance State's Attorneys to carry a concealed weapon.

German stated the current fiscal year budget was approved in March 2010. German stated the Budget Committee met March 16, 2010. He provided pie charts on the three budgets that were prepared for submission. The first budget has no pay raises, the second budget had a one percent pay raise and the third has a three percent reduction.

A motion to approve the three budgets as presented and submit them to the ILETSB was made by Standard, seconded by Clague. Motion passed.

Edwards inquired if there was any problem with getting the money from the State. German responded, no, they are providing funding on a quarterly basis. Tolle inquired if there had been any holdbacks since there has been in other areas. German responded no, the money comes from a different fund. Tolle inquired if the money was from ticket fees. German responded that was correct.

German stated at the last meeting a bylaw change was discussed and the change in wording had been sent in the minutes. Edwards requested the new wording be read. The new wording would be as follows:

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.

German stated the by-law change would change the meetings to six times a year.

A motion to approve the change to the by-laws was made by Taylor, seconded by Bentzinger. Motion passed.

German reported on expected absences. German will be on vacation March 27, 2010 through April 5, 2010. The next meeting will be May 27, 2010 at noon hosted by Chief Christensen, Galesburg Police Department.

Levingston gave the Part-time Training report. Levingston stated there are ten people in the program. The next class will begin in June 2010. The next POWER test will be June 5, 2010 and the deadline to submit all paperwork is May 28, 2010. This will be the last POWER test before the beginning of the next part-time class.

Levingston stated there is one student in the Court Security Officer training. That student is working with the part-time class for the majority of his training. The officer is from Adams County. Levingston stated that he would do court security training with the next part-time class if someone has an officer that needs the court security officer training.

There was no State Report. German stated he was advised by Scott Schaefer, Police Training Specialists, ILETSB, he will no longer be able to attend the Advisory Board meetings.

New Business: None.

With no further business to discuss a motion to adjourn was made by Tolle, seconded by Clague. Meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki L. Munson  
Secretary