

# Law and Justice Commission

## MTU 8

### Minutes

June 7, 2011

#### Members Present:

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|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Beth Kimmerling | Rusty Thomas   | Brent Wick    | David Warner |
| Dale Sparks     | Pat O'Grady    | Jeff Hamilton | Hugh Roop    |
| Dale Newsome    | Marty Meredith | Mark Doran    | Rick Davis   |
| Sharon Sweeney  | Scott Schaefer | Tim Henson    | Mike Emery   |
| Robert Siron    |                |               |              |

#### Staff Present:

Mark Kotte                      Denelle Hetrick

- I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Siron at 1:05 p.m. at Heartland Community College in Normal, IL
- II. Roll call and establishment of quorum: Sign-in sheet passed around and quorum established.
- III. Motion was made by Sparks and seconded by Sweeney to approve March 8 meeting minutes – all in favor - motion carried
- IV. Correspondence
- V. New Business
  - A. Director's report on June 1-2 State Training Board meeting
    1. No ASSIST meeting was held
    2. Basic training is down at all academies
    3. John Krein, Chief Fiscal Officer, stated the surcharge funds received are enough to balance the budget
    4. The Board is working to approve death investigation grant requests soon
    5. Training Board thought it had the authority to do waivers for the Lead Homicide Investigator but it did not. It was then passed for them to proceed with the waiver process.
    6. Clerk of Cook County is now on the Board
    7. Camera Grant recipients should be notified within the next week
    8. Supplemental funding will go to the academies for infrastructure needs. \$188,000 will be split amongst the academies.
    9. The following bills were mentioned:
      - a. HB98, SB1639: Permitting currently employed and retired State correctional officers and county correctional officers to conceal and carry – Bill did not pass
      - b. SB2163: Requiring full-time and part-time police officers to be licensed rather than certified, 4 year license – Bill did not pass

- c. HB1078, SB1195: Creates an Illinois Police Canine Certification Act and Certification Board – Passed with modification
10. There was much debate regarding the future of PTI.
    - a. Schaefer stated the last correspondence sent out by PTI stated the new scheduled date for PTI to close is June 2012.
    - b. Schaefer stated Western Illinois University is interested in having an academy but nothing is set. An independent CPA firm will analyze PTI and WIU.
    - c. Schaefer stated there are five (5) other academies in the state besides PTI and the ISP academy. He urged Chiefs and Sheriffs to look into all academies.
  11. The Board certified Lead Homicide Investigator courses.
    - a. Director stated MTU 8 has contracted with IPTM. MTU 8's course will be held on October 10-14. MTU 12 in Urbana has also contracted with IPTM and will be holding a course on October 17-21.
    - b. The 40-hr course must be attended in the same week. It cannot be broken up.
    - c. Schaefer stated Lead Homicide Investigators will need to take 32-hours of continued education over a three (3) year cycle but this can be broken out.
    - d. Waivers will be sent out in the near future
- B. Director stated the IMRF ARC rate for 2012 will be 21.21%. Up slightly from the rate of 20.71% for 2011.
- C. FY2012 dues were mailed at the beginning of June
- D. Director stated the State Training Board has not yet scheduled budget meetings with the MTU's. Teleconference meetings are being considered.
- E. Election of officers for FY2012
1. Siron stated he will be retiring in July so he would like to remove his name from the slate.
  2. Nominations were then opened for Vice Chairman
    - a. Greg Scott was nominated by Wick and seconded by Kimmerling.
    - b. Dale Sparks was nominated by O'Grady and seconded by Davis
    - c. Ballot vote was taken with Sparks winning 7 to 5
  3. Motion was made by Doran and seconded by Emery to elect the slated officers – roll call vote was taken with all voting yea – motion carried
  4. Following the review of the Financials, Emery stated after some thought he felt it would be a conflict of interest to have Sparks serve on the Executive Board with Kotte being the Mayor of Hudson. Schaefer suggested a revote. Sparks stated he would step down.
  5. Nominations were opened again for Vice Chairman. Greg Scott was nominated by Wick and seconded by Kimmerling. A motion was made by Doran and seconded by Emery to close nominations for Vice Chairman – all in favor – motion carried

6. Motion made by Thomas and seconded by Davis to seat the current slate as of June 7 – all in favor – motion carried
  - Chairman – Brent Wick
  - Vice Chairman – Greg Scott
  - Treasurer – Beth Kimmerling
  - Secretary – Dale Newsome
- F. Sgt. Bonnie Bushing and Kendall Evans gave a presentation regarding the Cook County Sheriff's Police Training Academy. Sgt. Bushing stated Triton College provides 24 hrs. in college credits for attending the academy which has a 400 hr. minimum curriculum (10 weeks). \$1925 communter fee includes ammuniton. Meals and lodging (off-site) are optional. Veteran's benefits of up to \$4000 available. If departments send their officers to the Cook County Academy, the Academy will work with the departments in offering seats in other in-service courses.
- G. Brent Koester with PROTEC gave a presentation regarding the overview of Rapid Medical Response courses. Made the point that the class is for every officer not just SWAT. The course has received good reviews from attendees. This is a grant funded course and every officer who attends receives a medical pack, which includes items they are trained to use during the class.
- H. Hiring Jeff Elston as lead PPCT instructor: Director stated Jeff Elston is retiring on June 10. Elston has been the Instructor Trainer and has recertified instructors. Director stated Elston has made the offer to continue to be MTU 8's Instructor Trainer and instruct PPCT courses for a fee. Director stated the MTU would utilize him approximately 17 days per year.
  1. Meredith asked if the MTU usually utilized active officers when at all possible. Kotte stated he feels there is no one else at that level of experience.
  2. Emery asked when Elston was last recertified. Hetrick stated it was in mid-March
  3. Emery stated he feels this would not be the best way to spend training dollars and this is not the way things have been done in the past. Stated another in-house PPCT instructor should be chosen. Feels if the MTU has excess funds perhaps membership fees should be reduced.
  4. It was asked if there are current PPCT instructors that are qualified and interested. Siron stated Dave Quinn would be interested and Bloomington PD would support this.
  5. Hetrick stated a number of the MTU's current PPCT instructors will need to be recertified by November and PPCT usually only has Instructor Trainer Certification once per year. Therefore the Board may need to look at utilizing Elston or another Instructor Trainer to recertify instructors until another in-house Instructor Trainer can be certified.
  6. It was directed that MTU staff schedule a meeting with all current PPCT instructors regarding appointing a new Lead PPCT Instructor. Following this meeting, a special meeting of the Advisory Board will be called to select the next Lead PPCT Instructor.

VI. Financial Report

- A. Emery voiced concern regarding the amount of money spent for the Director to attend IMRF meetings. Emery stated it cost the MTU \$365 for the Director to attend a 2-hour meeting in Oakbrook at the end of April. He also stated the MTU has spent over \$2100 for the Director to attend IMRF meetings since he was hired. Emery stated most of the IMRF information should be available online and the local representative from IMRF is more than willing to answer questions. Emery also questioned why the MTU was paying mileage for the Director to attend these meetings when the MTU owns a van. Kotte stated he doesn't feel the van should be used outside of Bloomington/Normal as it has been neglected and needs maintenance which is budgeted to be done next fiscal year. Kotte also stated he had to attend the conferences as he was a new authorized agent and the training was required. Kotte stated IMRF should be rolling out webinars soon so this should cut down on his need to attend the meetings. Emery stated he was the Chairman from 2000-2006 and does not recall previous Directors going to authorized agent meetings.
- B. Meredith stated a lot of money is being spent on Kevin Burke's courses and his officers don't want to go to the training. He questioned if there were other instructors the MTU could consider. It was recommended to continue to have Burke instruct but also find another instructor to instruct some courses as well.
- C. Motion to approve March, April, May expenses made by Sparks and seconded by Henson – voice roll call vote taken with all voting yea – motion carried

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. CURRICULUM

- A. Incident Response to Bombings – June 22
- B. Managing the Property & Evidence Room – August 15-16
- C. Sex Crimes – August 19-20
- D. Mental Health Issues & First Responders – Sept. 8
- E. FTO Certification – Sept. 12-16
- F. EVOC – Sept. 19-23 & Sept. 26-30
- G. Sex Offender Registration – Oct. 6
- H. Lead Homicide Investigator – Oct. 10-14
- I. Emotional Survival – Oct. 24
- J. FATS Simulator – Oct. 29-Nov. 6

IX. No executive session was held

X. Motion to adjourn made by Sparks and seconded by Kimmerling – all in favor – motion carried

**Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. at Heartland Community College, Room CCB 1406.**