

Tri-River Police Training Region

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Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of November 19, 2025 Meeting

The November 19, 2025 Tri-River Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chairman Brian Benton in the Community Room at the Plainfield Police Department, and a quorum of members and proxies was established.

Members in attendance:

Chief Brian Benton
Chief Phil Arnold
Matt Brooks for Chief Adam Bogart
Marc Reid for Chief Fred Hayes
Chief Leanne Chelepis
Chief Alicia Steffes
Mimi Bejda for Chief Brandt Hromadka
Ryan Dobczyk for Chief Edward Clark
Brandon Tilton for Chief Micah Nuesse
Anthony Lazzaroni for Chief Scott Koerner
Sherrie Blackburn for Chief William Evans
William Garrison for Chief Ryan Gulli
Chief Justin Meyer
Justin Dole for Chief Adam Zink
Anthony Novak for Chief Robert Miller
Hilary Davis, ILETSB Representative

Members absent:

Chief Michael Imhof
Chief Mike Rompa
Chief Al Swinford
Chief Robert Dykstra
Chief John Arizzi
Sheriff Ken Briley
Sheriff Mike Kelley
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher

Others in attendance:

Jason Louthan, Mokena PD
Bradley Hertzmann, Tri-River, Executive Director
John Perona, Tri-River, Police Training Coordinator
Becky Burnett, Tri-River, Administrative Assistant

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Anthony Lazzaroni made a motion to approve the October 22, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Chief Arnold and carried by all members present. Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Chairman Benton went around the room for introductions and welcomed all to the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **PERSONNEL:**

No Report

- **FINANCE:**

Director Hertzmann reviewed the Financial Report dated 11/19/2025, a copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

Highlights:

- Tri-River classes held: 32-hour San Jose Model FTO \$4,400.00, Adaptive Decision Making for LE \$1,400.00, De-escalation Instructor \$8,970.00, 40-hour Firearms Instructor \$10,509.00
- IDOT Grant classes held: (0) \$0.00
- H.S. Grant classes held: (0) \$0.00
- ILETSB/CIT/SRO/LHI Grant classes held: (5) \$34,875.06
- FY26 Grant reimbursements: IDOT \$0.00, CIT/SRO/LHI \$6,565.28, HS \$12,701.46

- **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

No Report

- **TRAINING:**

No Report

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None

- John Perona passed out a list of courses (some with low enrollment, some just to highlight)
 - The December De-escalation Instructor class has room for 11 more officers.
 - 15 classes listed (noted with an asterisk) will be postponed or cancelled if the minimum enrollments are not met.
 - The SRO Recertification course was previously 2 days in length. The instructor opted to create a 1-day course, removing the rapid deployment portion, since most officers receive that training mandate through in-house training. This class is scheduled for 12/19, and we have 0 enrolled. Check your SROs training hours and see if they need recertification.
 - Rescue Task Force Instructor Course was added to the calendar. The idea for this class is to have police and fire personnel train together, so they are on the same page at incidents/on calls. Officers who attend should be Rapid Deployment or Active Threat Response instructors. If you send officers to this class, we need your fire department personnel to attend as well.
 - Peer Support is always requested, and there is still plenty of space available.
 - ILETSB is still telling us Instructor Development will be a requirement for any instructors in your agency. Consider getting that accomplished now.
 - Instructors can use the outline templates provided on our website, but they still need to create a lesson plan for your agency.
- Verification is coming due. Before your officers go in to verify their training, make sure they are showing green in all mandates.

- Total payments \$131,112.44

- Chief/Deputy Chief hours reports are due by the end of the year. There are 4 ILACP training courses available on OLN if anyone is looking for additional hours.

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- The December ILETSB Quarterly Board Meeting is in Oakbrook. If you've never been to one, she highly recommends going. It's in the area and there are a lot of "heavy hitting" items on the agenda. She and Director Hertzmann will share any pertinent information, but it would still be beneficial for agencies to see the process.
- She met with IT to view a test of the verification process. It is a rather lengthy scroll-through process. Please have the officer read through *50 ILCS 705/8.4(b)* before completing the verification process. It is not simply affirming training. Each officer will need to answer questions on secondary employment, any misconduct, and other things detailed in this statute.
 - In December, an update will be sent out, and after the 1st week of January, the exact questions will be sent out to agencies, so everyone knows what to expect.
 - Officers will be able to request changes to their portal (changes in degrees, spelling errors, etc.) that do not affect employment.
- She has many agencies with officers whose Emergency Medical Response mandates expire in the Spring. She asked if we were running any TECC classes in the Spring.
 - Director Hertzmann said there is a "Basic Tourniquet Application" course outline available on our website (in the member agency login section) for use as an in-service class that meets that mandate.

Commander Novak reminded everyone that we still need a County Board Member on our Advisory Board, according to the bylaws. If anyone knows of someone who might be a good fit, please let us know.

Justin Dole inquired about Truck Enforcement classes. Director Hertzmann said these would be out-of-pocket/not reimbursable, but we will look into it.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

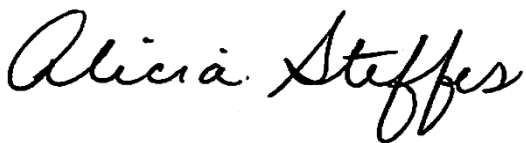
The next meeting date is set for December 17, 2025, at our office location at the Plainfield Police Department Community Room, 14300 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chief Chelepis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Arnold, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by:

Transcribed by:



Chief Alicia Steffes, Secretary, Advisory Board

Becky Burnett, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River

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