

# *Tri-River Police Training Region*

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## **Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of January 28, 2026 Meeting**

The January 28, 2026 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  
Matt Brooks for Chief Adam Bogart  
Chief Leanne Chelepis  
Chief Phil Arnold  
Dustin Seale for Chief Alicia Steffes  
Chief Al Swinford  
Mimi Bejda for Chief Brandt Hromadka  
Chief John Arizzi  
Brandon Tilton for Chief Micah Nuesse  
Nick Keedy for Chief Mike Rompa  
Anthony Lazzaroni for Chief Scott Koerner  
Ron Vironda for Chief William Evans  
William Garrison for Chief Ryan Gulli  
Jim Sinovich for Chief Justin Meyer  
Chief Robert Miller  
Rick Onsen for Sheriff Ken Briley  
Hilary Davis, ILETSB Representative

### **Members absent:**

Chief Robert Dykstra  
Chief Edward Clark  
Chief Michael Imhof  
Chief Fred Hayes  
Chief Adam Zink  
Sheriff Mike Kelley  
Mark Revis, Will County Board  
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher

### **Others in attendance:**

Anthony Novak, Plainfield PD  
Luke Ostreko, Plainfield PD  
Chris Luttrell, Joliet Junior College PD  
Jason Louthan, Mokena PD  
Danielle Malone, Shorewood PD

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

Anthony Novak made a motion to approve the December 17, 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 1/28/2026, a copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

Highlights:

- Tri-River classes held: ILETSB - Firearms Waiver Course \$400.00, 40 Hour Instructor Development \$8,377.50
- IDOT Grant classes held: (3) \$9,232.95
- H.S. Grant classes held: (2) \$9,330.17
- ILETSB/CIT/SRO/LHI Grant classes held: (2) \$17,350.00
- FY26 Grant reimbursements: IDOT \$0.00, CIT/SRO/LHI \$30,632.10, HS \$13,335.17
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- POLICY AND BYLAWS:

No Report

- TRAINING:

No Report

Mobile Training Region #16 – Funding assistance provided through the ASSIST Program Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board

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## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## NEW BUSINESS:

## Request to order new 2026 Ford Explorer through Suburban Purchasing Cooperative

- A replacement vehicle for Director Hertzmann was included in the budget this fiscal year. He currently has a 2017 Ford Explorer. He received a quote from Currie Motors for \$44,973.00.
- A motion was made by Chief Miller, seconded by Chief Arnold, and carried by all members present by roll call vote to approve the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer at the quoted price.

## Upcoming Training Schedule

- John Perona passed out a list of courses with low enrollment
  - Any class with an asterisk is grant-funded and will be cancelled if we do not receive minimum enrollment.
  - The NHTSA - DWI Detection & SFST class, scheduled from 3/16 - 3/18 is going to be postponed. We were notified yesterday that ILETSB is calling for any DUI/SFST in-house instructors to attend a refresher class. There will be multiple available, but ours will be on 3/18 at the Plainfield Fire Protection District. We will share more information when we receive it.
  - Our Annual Training Coordinators' Meeting is scheduled for 3/27 at 10 am at the Will County Sheriff's Office. We will send out an official invitation soon.
  - We are working on scheduling another "Avoiding Preventable Use of Force" class. The last one we held was very well received and well attended.
  - Reminder to turn in your Training Surveys by February 14<sup>th</sup>. This is your opportunity to tell us what classes and training you're looking for.

## **JANUARY 2026 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS FOR REVIEW:**

A motion was made by Chief Chelepis, seconded by Matt Brooks, and carried by all members present by roll call vote to approve January's bills. Motion passed.

- Total payments \$77,140.57

## **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Hilary Davis mentioned a few things

- She reminded everyone tomorrow is the last day for verification for officers whose last name ends in A - G. There is a verification tab in LEDI so you can see who has completed this process and what their answers were. If anything was answered incorrectly, there is an email address listed to send correspondence to.
- LEDI rosters are due. Please get this done in the next couple of days.

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- The ILETSB website now has instructions on how to make an officer inactive.
  - A question was asked about whether officers in an inactive status still have police powers. She verified they DO NOT, and you should notify your officers of this if they are in an inactive status.
- Karina's Law and Massey Act training are available on OLN. These may be used for Chief's hours but are also informative for all.
- There is a Form-S that Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs should have access to. This is used to correct information an officer may notice on his/her officer portal (dates of service, employment history, etc.) as they are going through the verification process.

Director Hertzmann informed everyone of an upcoming surgery. He is hoping to return in time for February's meeting, but if not, we may end up postponing it until March.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:**

The next meeting date is set for February 25, 2026, at our office location at the Plainfield Police Department Community Room, 14300 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chief Arizzi made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Anthony Lazzaroni, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Submitted by:

Transcribed by:



Chief Alicia Steffes, Secretary, Advisory Board

Becky Burnett, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River