

Tri-River Police Training Region

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Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of April 22, 2026 Meeting

The April 22, 2026 Tri-River Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 8:32 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:

Nick Keedy for Chief Mike Rompa
Phil Tyree for Chief Eric Allen
Chief Michael Imhof
Chief Marc Reid
Ryan Dobczyk for Chief Edward Clark
Sherrie Blackburn for Chief William Evans
Chief Al Swinford
Chief Justin Meyer
Chief Brian Benton
Anthony Lazzaroni for Chief Scott Koerner
Chief Robert Miller
Mimi Bejda for Chief Brandt Hromadka
Brian Poulsen for Chief Phil Arnold
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher

Members absent:

Chief Adam Bogart
Chief Leanne Chelepis
Sheriff Ken Briley
Chief John Arizzi
Chief Ryan Gulli
Chief Alicia Steffes
Chief Micah Nuesse
Chief Robert Dykstra
Mark Revis, Will County Board
Sheriff Mike Kelley
Chief Adam Zink
ILETSB Representative

Others in attendance:

Anthony Novak, Plainfield PD
Jason Louthan, Mokena PD
Bradley Hertzmann, Tri-River, Executive Director
John Perona, Tri-River, Police Training Coordinator

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Nick Keedy made a motion to approve the March 25, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Anthony Lazzaroni and carried by all members present. Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chief Benton provided those in attendance with an overview from Zoom call with Paul Petty from the Illinois Training and Standards Board. They discussed their upcoming FY27 budget, including the upcoming raises for employees of Tri-River, which was going to be 4%. Paul inquired about how salaries are decided and if there are any specific requirements for the positions. Paul explained that the State has a salary range for positions and depending on the person's experience, knowledge, and training could start at the low, middle, or high end of the salary range. Paul compared each Mobile Training Units (MTUs) salaries and hours of training. According to Paul's spreadsheet, Tri-River outperformed others and the number of training hours and the average costs associated with those training classes and thus saves the State a significant amount of money. Paul suggested that the advisory board consider assigning a merit raise for Director Hertzmann on top of the 4% and believes it would be accepted. Director Hertzmann added that the State has a desire to establish a set of titles for those working within a MTU and create salary ranges for each position. Chief Miller suggested that the board consider asking for merit raises for all three Tri-River employees. Village President Schumacher raised concerns for future consolidation. It was decided to place this item on next month's agenda for board discussion.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **PERSONNEL:**

No Report

- **FINANCE:**

Director Hertzmann reviewed the Financial Reports dated 4/22/2026. A copy of each was distributed. (Reports will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

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April Highlights:

- Tri-River classes held: 24 Hour First Line Supervision class \$3,202.08 and Crime Scene Investigation 2 course \$12,998.35
- ILETSB/CIT/SRO/LHI Grant classes held: (2) \$18,665.65
- FY26 Grant reimbursements: IDOT \$18,900.00, CIT/SRO/LHI \$38,752.52, HS \$0.00
- Payment from CPD in-service fund \$94,000.00

- **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

No Report

- **TRAINING:**

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer of 2017 Ford Explorer to the City of Joliet

- Director Hertzmann advised that they have taken possession of the new 2026 Ford Explorer. He advised of the agreement with the City of Joliet, who handles all the routine maintenance and repairs with the vehicles belonging to Tri-River that once a vehicle is no longer needed, they transfer ownership to the City of Joliet. Director Hertzmann asked for a motion to approve the transfer of ownership of the vehicle to the City of Joliet. A motion was made by Chief Miller, seconded by Commander Bejda, and carried by all members present. Motion passed.

Upcoming Training Schedule

- John Perona passed out a list of courses with low enrollment
 - The classes listed are grant-funded and will be cancelled if we do not reach minimum enrollment.
 - He also mentioned that officers continually ask for stress-related, mental health-related, and retirement-related courses. There's an upcoming course, Resilient Life, that meets all three of those subjects and has availability.
 - He advised the membership that the recent Truck Weight Enforcement class was cancelled. A new class will be forthcoming in August through a new vendor.
 - Director Hertzmann added that approximately nineteen (19) grant funded classes were cancelled in the current budget year due to low enrollment. He added that Tri-River logged approximately 90,000 training hours in the previous budget year and estimated 75% of those hours were from in-service training.

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