Tri-River Police Training Region

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Advisory Board
Minutes of November 18, 2026 Meeting

The November 18, 2026 Tri-River Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Anthony Novak in the Community Room at the Plainfield Police Department, and a quorum of members and proxies was established.

Members in attendance:

Sherrie Blackburn for Chief Robert Brown
Chief Al Swinford
Chief Leanne Chelepis
Chief John Arizzi
Chief Marc Reid
Dustin Seale for Chief Alicia Steffes
Chief Eric Allen
Danielle Peters for Chief Jason Barten
Matt Brooks for Chief Adam Bogart
Brandon Tilton for Chief Micah Nuesse
Dan DePaolo for Chief Scott Koerner
Chief Robert Miller
Dave Moran for Chief Michael Imhof
Mimi Bejda for Chief Brant Hromadka
Hilary Davis, ILETSB Representative

Members absent:

Chief Edward Clark
Chief Justin Meyer
Chief Brian Benton
Chief Sean Koren
Chief Ryan Gulli
Chief Robert Dykstra
Chief Adam Zink
Sheriff Mike Kelley
Sheriff Ken Briley
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher
Mark Revis, Will County Board

Others in attendance:

Anthony Novak, Plainfield PD
Luke Ostreko, Plainfield PD
Bradley Hertzmann, Tri-River, Executive Director
John Perona, Tri-River, Police Training Coordinator
Becky Novak, Tri-River, Administrative Assistant

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Chief Reid made a motion to approve the October 28, 2026 meeting minutes, seconded by Chief Miller and carried by all members present. Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Benton apologized for not being present. He should be in attendance for next month's meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Vice-Chairman Novak went around the room for introductions and welcomed all to the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **PERSONNEL:**

  No Report

- **FINANCE:**

  Director Hertzmann reviewed the Financial Report dated 11/18/2026. A copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

  November Highlights:

  - Tri-River classes held: Justice for Your Wallet $1,800.00, Firearms Instructor $10,549.00, Crime Scene Photography $3,802.22
  - IDOT Grant classes held: (0) $0.00
  - H.S. Grant classes held: (0) $0.00
  - ILETSB/CIT/SRO/LHI Grant classes held: (7) $25,796.73
  - FY27 Grant reimbursements: IDOT $0.00, CIT/SRO/LHI $13,070.00, HS $0.00
  - Received FY27 2nd Quarter ASSIST Grant Payment: CPD In-Service Fund $100,000.00 & Tri-River/MTU 16 $145,848.57

- **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

  No Report

- **TRAINING:**

  No Report

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OLD BUSINESS:

JJC Training Facility – Morris, IL

- Director Hertzmann sent out a survey email to all Tri-River member agencies asking for thoughts/feedback on the potential future Tri-River facility in Morris, and received mixed feedback. He reached back out to JJC to try and get more information to share with the membership, but received nothing besides "there is competing interest for that space." He will keep everyone informed of any additional information on this topic.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crime Scene Investigation courses – Not covered by LHI Grant (Motion needed)

- (2) Crime Scene Investigation 1 & 2, (1) Crime Scene Photography
    - Heather Hansen's Blue Line CSI courses have previously been covered by LHI grant funding. For some reason, all CSI courses are no longer covered by grant funding. Since we typically book our classes a full year in advance, we had already booked these classes and already held CSI 1 and Crime Scene Photography before finding this out.
    - If we want to continue with the remaining (3) CSI courses this fiscal year, we will have to use our own reserve funding to pay for them. This will be around $10-11,000.00 each. If The Advisory Board doesn't agree with this, we could cancel the Patrol Rifle course and use that money to absorb the cost of the CSI course.
    - Deputy Chief Brooks mentioned the importance of more officers being trained in Crime Scene Investigation. When the Will/Grundy Major Crimes Task Force has a callout, they are having trouble filling the necessary spots.
- A motion was made by Chief Allen, seconded by Sherrie Blackburn, and carried by all members present by roll call vote to give Director Hertzmann permission to use Tri-River resources to pay for the CSI courses this fiscal year.

Upcoming Training Schedule

- John Perona passed out a list of upcoming classes with availability, including a couple grant-funded classes that will be cancelled if we do not meet the minimum enrollment, such as Resilient Life for Cops.
- The Bulletproof Mind can hold 100 people, and we have a lot of space left. Newer officers might not know who Lt. Col. Grossman is, but it would be worth sending any officer. His presentation changes each time with new statistics and new material.
- Juvenile Interrogation and Delinquency will probably count toward Juvenile Officer recertification if that becomes an ILETSB requirement.
    - Sgt. Ostreko inquired on the likelihood of Juvenile Officer recertification being online. Hilary Davis said it was very likely, due to the volume of juvenile officers in the State of Illinois.
- Joe Mitchell's class, "Defensible Discipline for Arbitration" will likely be held again, due to overwhelming demand.

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NOVEMBER 2026 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS FOR REVIEW:

A motion was made by Chief Arizzi, seconded by Mimi Bejda, and carried by all members present by roll call vote to approve November's bills. Motion passed.

- Total payments $73,256.66

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Hilary Davis made a few comments:

- She encouraged agencies to attend the ILETSB Quarterly Board Meetings, taking place in Oakbrook on 12/9 and 12/10, even just to see how ILETSB operates.
- Chief and Deputy Chief hours are due in December. If you go to ILETSB's website under "Resources" then "Forms and Information" you will find information on Annual Police Chief and Deputy Police Chief Training. If new chiefs have any questions, she is happy to walk them through the process.
- ILETSB hired new legislative counsel to make sure ILETSB is in compliance with statutes.
- Autism and Trauma Informed Response are possibly up for inclusion in verification.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date is set for December 16, 2026, at our office location at the Plainfield Police Department Community Room, 14300 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chief Reid made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Miller, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.

Submitted by:	Transcribed by:
M.M.B. #221	Rebecca M Novak
Matt Brooks, Secretary, Advisory Board	Becky Novak, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River

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