

Tri-River Police Training Region

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Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of August 27, 2025 Meeting

The August 27, 2025 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:

Jason Louthan for Chief Brian Benton
Brian Poulsen for Chief Phil Arnold
Chief Michael Imhof
Chief Adam Bogart
Chief John Arizzi
Anthony Lazzaroni for Chief Scott Koerner
Tim Perry for Chief Micah Nuesse
Rob Baikie for Chief Robert Dykstra
Mimi Bejda for Chief Brandt Hromadka
Nick Keedy for Chief Mike Rompa
Chief Justin Meyer
Chief Robert Miller
Sheriff Ken Briley
Steven Formenti for Sheriff Mike Kelley
Hilary Davis - ILETSB Representative

Members absent:

Chief Adam Zink
Chief Edward Clark
Chief Alicia Steffes
Chief William Evans
Chief Ryan Gulli
Chief Leanne Chelepis
Chief Fred Hayes
Chief Al Swinford
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher

Others in attendance:

Anthony Novak, Plainfield PD
Luke Ostreko, Plainfield PD
Tanya Paquette, Grundy County Sheriff's Office
Bradley Hertzmann, Tri-River, Executive Director
John Perona, Tri-River, Police Training Coordinator
Becky Burnett, Tri-River, Administrative Assistant

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Chief Miller made a motion to approve the July 23, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Chief Bogart and carried by all members present. Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

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

VICE-CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **PERSONNEL:**

No Report

- **FINANCE:**

Director Hertzmann reviewed the Financial Report dated 8/27/2025, a copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

Highlights:

- Tri-River classes held: Acting Patrol Officer in Charge \$2,209.46, Duty Pistol Optics \$2,800.00, Building a Better Police Report \$850.00, Sexual Assault Investigator \$850.00, ITOA Ballistic Shield Instructor \$12,500.00, (2) Mandatory Firearms Waiver courses \$800.00
- IDOT Grant classes held: (0) \$0.00
- H.S. Grant classes held: (0) \$0.00
- ILETSB/CIT/SRO/LHI Grant classes held: (5) \$13,136.88
- FY25 Grant reimbursements: IDOT \$2,811.44, CIT/SRO/LHI \$0.00, HS \$0.00
- Received FY26 1st Quarter ASSIST Grant Payment: Tri-River \$152,845.31, CPD In-Service Fund \$100,000.00

- **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

No Report

- **TRAINING:**

No Report

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OLD BUSINESS:

Website Upgrade - launched 8/12/2025

- Director Hertzmann demonstrated the new website on a projector screen and pointed out the various pages and functions. Each agency's training coordinator (or whoever is deemed authorized to register personnel for our classes) should create an account.
- We encourage all to browse and familiarize yourselves with the new website. Please let us know if there is anything valuable you'd like added. We can inquire with the vendor on making changes/additions, although they could come at an additional cost.
- An agency inquired if they could view a list of their registered personnel, but the website is not capable of that function. Each agency will need to keep track of their registrations and personnel.

FY26 Membership Dues

- We are waiting on payment from 4 Associate Member agencies. Director Hertzmann sent emails to them yesterday informing them their registration capabilities have been suspended until payment is received.

Reconsider Potential Membership of Correctional Officers

- This topic was brought up at last month's Advisory Board meeting, and the outcome of the discussion was that no action would be taken. We would not be moving forward with membership of Correctional Officers.
- Sheriff Briley asked us to bring the topic back up for reconsideration.
 - Grundy County Sheriff's Office is having issues with juvenile custody, so they reached out to Bob Bowen from IDOC's Jail and Detention Standards asking what would be required to certify their jail to house juveniles.
 - One of the specific requirements is to have the Corrections Officers attend the 32-hour Juvenile Specialist Skills Program, currently certified through ILETSB. They said they had to send their Correctional Officers to other MTUs to attend this course.
 - There are also other ILETSB certified courses geared toward Correctional Officers. They are asking MTU 16 to consider holding these courses. They mentioned several MTUs that are already providing certified Corrections courses.
- Director Hertzmann gave an overview of last month's discussion.
 - The statute detailing what MTUs are designed to do was passed out. The statute is very clear. We provide training for sworn law enforcement officers. Additionally, there was a meeting in Springfield a couple years back with an ILETSB Attorney, who reminded everyone the MTUs are directed to teach sworn law enforcement, and even cautioned them from allowing ANYONE else to attend classes.
 - It was pointed out that other MTUs provide training for Corrections. However, the reason being, some of their sworn deputies work double duty, both on the road as law enforcement officers and in Corrections, so they are still being trained as law enforcement officers. These MTUs may also not be as fiscally

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- sustained as MTU 16, so they needed the extra dues/funding from Corrections.
- If we brought on Correctional Officers as members, we would need to earmark money for Corrections-related courses. With our current funding issues, we do not have any extra money to do so. We aren't sure if it makes sense for us to put on classes for just 1 agency.
 - Correctional Officers have no ILETSB required training after attending a Correctional Officer Academy.
 - We allow Correctional Officers to attend our training classes if there is room after all sworn officers have been added from the waitlist, and we will continue this practice.
 - If we open this door, will that lead to dispatchers or court officers (for example) requesting to become members and provide training specific to them?
 - Sheriff Briley said he was told by Paul Petty that training mandates and/or required training are forthcoming for both Correctional Officers and Court Security Officers.
 - Hilary Davis said there is an important distinction to be made here. Courses may be certified by ILETSB, however, MTUs are not responsible or tasked with holding these courses. They are not required to host them.
 - Steve Formenti was asked how Will County trains their Correctional Officers, and he said they handle their training through in-service. He was asked how they get their courses certified, and he said they don't. It's not required. However, Will County does not house juveniles, so they don't have to meet the same requirements Grundy County is currently facing. However, if mandates are truly coming in the future for Correctional Officers, maybe at that point Tri-River could look into adding Corrections in as members, since it would be 3 agencies in need instead of just 1.
 - An opportunity was given to make a motion to allow Correctional Officers in to Tri-River Membership. No motion was made. We will not be moving forward with this request at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force registrations

- Although Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force is not its own Police Department, we have allowed them to register officers assigned to the unit, because they are all from our Member Agencies. Recently, one agency informed us that their officers had to be registered through their department, and not the Task Force.
- With the new website, there are further complications with having the Task Force submit registrations, so it's a good time to bring this to the Board for a decision. Are we going to continue to allow this?
- For those agencies who have an officer on the Task Force, you should know that if your officer is registered by them, this counts as one of your agency's (typically 2) initial spots.
 - The comment was made, "When there are too many hands in the pot, things fall through the cracks." It should just be a Training Coordinator handling registrations for an entire agency, regardless if they are on a Task Force or specialty unit.

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- ## Upcoming Training Schedule

- AUGUST 2025 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS FOR REVIEW:**

- Total payments \$61,952.63

- Hilary Davis made a few announcements:
 - If you log into LEDI, and you see red for De-Escalation or High-Risk Traffic Stop mandates, it doesn't necessarily mean that person is expired in that mandate. They are just expired for the number of hours that have dropped off. If you see red, it means SOMETHING has expired for that mandate. The date shown is the date that officer must make up the number of hours that have fallen off. ILETSB is working with IT to make it clearer. Right now, you can't easily see when the next hours are expiring or how many. Most likely they will be adding a new report to show this. She encouraged all to run the "Out of Compliance" report in LEDI, which shows the true picture of who is actually expiring within the number of days you enter.
 - In January, when officers have to start going in to verify, they need to be green in all categories in order to be considered compliant with State statute.
- Director Hertzmann will be having surgery on 9/9, and will be out for some time.
- We received a spreadsheet from ILETSB with MTU compliance rates. We are doing very well. We were in the top of almost all categories.
- Sgt. Ostreko asked what the proper procedure is for recording long-term leave in LEDI. Hilary Davis said she would send him the form to complete.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date is set for September 24, 2025, at our office location at the Plainfield Police Department Community Room, 14300 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chief Miller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mimi Bejda, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Submitted by:

Transcribed by:



Chief Alicia Steffes, Secretary, Advisory Board

Becky Burnett, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River