

Tri-River Police Training Region

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Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of September 24, 2025 Meeting

The September 24, 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
Chief Michael Imhof
Matt Brooks for Chief Adam Bogart
Chief Leanne Chelepis
Anthony Lazzaroni for Chief Scott Koerner
Ryan Dobczyk for Chief Edward Clark
Chief Micah Nuesse
Rob Baikie for Chief Robert Dykstra
Sherrie Blackburn for Chief William Evans
William Garrison for Chief Ryan Gulli
Chief Al Swinford
Nick Keedy for Chief Mike Rompa
Chief Justin Meyer
Anthony Novak for Chief Robert Miller
Steven Formenti for Sheriff Mike Kelley
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher
Hilary Davis, ILETSB Representative

Members absent:

Chief Adam Zink
Chief Alicia Steffes
Chief John Arizzi
Chief Brandt Hromadka
Chief Fred Hayes
Sheriff Ken Briley

Others in attendance:

Eric Allen, Braidwood PD
Phil Tyree, Braidwood PD
Jason Louthan, Mokena PD
Danielle Malone, Shorewood PD
Jeffrey Chapman, ILETSB Representative
Bradley Hertzmann, Tri-River, Executive Director
John Perona, Tri-River, Police Training Coordinator
Becky Burnett, Tri-River, Administrative Assistant

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Anthony Novak made a motion to approve the August 27, 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 9/24/2025, a copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

Highlights:

- Tri-River classes held: (3) Defensive Driving classes \$13,728.00, Exploring the Sexual & Violent Offender \$5,200.00, Adaptive Decision Making \$1,400.00
- IDOT Grant classes held: (0) \$0.00
- H.S. Grant classes held: (0) \$0.00
- ILETSB/CIT/SRO/LHI Grant classes held: (1) \$2,446.20
- FY26 Grant reimbursements: IDOT \$0.00, CIT/SRO/LHI \$0.00, HS \$0.00

- **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

No Report

- **TRAINING:**

No Report

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OLD BUSINESS:

FY26 Membership Dues

- We still have 3 Associate Member agencies who have not paid. We've sent multiple emails and Director Hertzmann also left voicemails for all 3 Chiefs. We did hear back from South Suburban College, who advised they no longer wish to be members. We informed them they will be officially voted out at next month's meeting. The other 2 agencies (Harvey and Chicago Heights) will be notified by mail of the intent to vote them out next month as well if we do not hear from them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Training Schedule

- John Perona passed out a list of courses with low enrollment. We have 4 classes in October that will be cancelled if we do not receive the minimum enrollment for grant reimbursement.
 - 2 Tactical Emergency Casualty Care classes (10/13 & 10/14) need a minimum of 15 enrolled in each. We currently have 5 in each class. Even if we combined both into 1 class, we still wouldn't have enough registrants.
 - Yoga for First Responders needs 10 enrolled, and we have 6. This is a CIT grant funded class. The CIT grant was the only specialty grant not cut. If you have a few minutes, check out the video (link is available on the class description).
 - Reid Advanced needs a minimum of 15. We are at 8.
- A special alert message from ILETSB was shared as well that explains the officer portal and contained links to access it.
- John does look at course evaluations for suggestions and recommendations. Please let us know if there are classes or topics you are interested in.

SEPTEMBER 2025 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS FOR REVIEW:

A motion was made by Anthony Novak, seconded by Chief Meyer, and carried by all members present by roll call vote to approve September's bills. Motion passed.

- Total payments \$52,759.93

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Chief Arnold announced Brian Poulsen has been promoted to Deputy Chief of Shorewood PD and introduced Commander Danielle Malone as the new Training Coordinator.
- Missey Schumacher introduced Deputy Chief Matt Brooks, appointed by Chief Bogart to represent Channahon PD.

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- Hilary Davis shared a few announcements/takeaways from the September Quarterly Board Meeting in O'Fallon:
 - The Certification Review Committees have been established. People have been trained and judges have been selected to participate in the hearings that will take place for the decertification of officers in that status. The panel is a combination of different representatives from different entities, following the guidelines in the SAFE-T Act. They are a mixture of law enforcement personnel, public, and private entities. The process will begin in the next couple of months, so expect to be hearing about officers going through decertification hearings.
 - ILETSB started approving simulators for virtual-based training. All programs have a general outline that your instructor can utilize and work with your MTU to get approval (1-Hour increments). Different scenarios will cover different mandates.
 - The Autism Awareness course is with the developer and will be available in OLN by the end of the year. Officers will have 2 full years to comply with the mandate.
 - Verification emails will be going out in a few weeks (mid-late October). Make sure all of your officers have logged on to the Officer Portal. Officers with the last name beginning from A-G will have to verify their compliance. Make sure they are showing green for all mandates before they log in to verify.
 - A question was asked about whether the LEDI managers for each agency or the agency head will be notified when an officer goes in to verify. Hilary was unsure, but said it wasn't a bad idea to ask officers to take a screenshot and put it in their file.
 - ILACP is partnering with the Executive Institute to provide executive level training. You may notice 4 courses showing up when you log in. You don't have to take these courses, but they are there to provide training more specific to what upper-level Command Staff do.
 - Curriculums at academies have banned SIG P320's, and they are also banned from most ranges. This is due to ongoing issues/controversy. If you have this as your department weapon, it may not be allowed at academies.
 - Massey training is now available to ILACP members. You can log in and request to take this training.
- Congratulations to Chief Chapman of Dolton PD, who is also back with ILETSB on a part-time contract.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date is set for October 22, 2025, at our office location at the Plainfield Police Department Community Room, 14300 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chief Arnold made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ryan Dobczyk, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

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Submitted by:

Transcribed by:



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