

Tri-River Police Training Region

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Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of October 22, 2025 Meeting

The October 22, 2025 Tri-River Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 8:31 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
Danielle Malone for Chief Phil Arnold
Matt Brooks for Chief Adam Bogart
Marc Reid for Chief Fred Hayes
Chief Leanne Chelepis
Dustin Seale for Chief Alicia Steffes
Mimi Bejda for Chief Brandt Hromadka
Ryan Dobczyk for Chief Edward Clark
Chief Micah Nuesse
Rob Baikie for Chief Robert Dykstra
Sherrie Blackburn for Chief William Evans
Chris Reynolds for Chief Al Swinford
Pat Kinsella for Chief Mike Rompa
Jim Sinovich for Chief Justin Meyer
Anthony Novak for Chief Robert Miller
Rick Onsen for Sheriff Ken Briley
Steven Formenti for Sheriff Mike Kelley
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher
Hilary Davis, ILETSB Representative

Members absent:

Chief Adam Zink
Chief Michael Imhof
Chief Scott Koerner
Chief Ryan Gulli
Chief John Arizzi

Others in attendance:

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

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Micah Nuesse made a motion to approve the September 24, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Mimi Bejda 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.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **PERSONNEL:**

No Report

- **FINANCE:**

Director Hertzmann reviewed the Financial Report dated 10/22/2025, a copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

Highlights:

- Tri-River classes held: (2) Defensive Driving classes \$8,580.00, Marine Officer \$1,746.10, Animal Cruelty and its Link to Domestic Violence \$1,260.38, FTO Certification - Sokolove \$8,100.00, Internal Affairs Investigations \$7,120.00
- IDOT Grant classes held: (2) \$2,928.12
- H.S. Grant classes held: (3) \$12,701.46
- ILETSB/CIT/SRO/LHI Grant classes held: (3) \$23,493.44
- FY26 Grant reimbursements: IDOT \$0.00, CIT/SRO/LHI \$10,569.06, HS \$0.00
- Issued (2) checks from CPD In-Service Fund, CK# 4565 for \$83,078.08 & CK# 4566 for \$271,362.82
- FY25 Fiscal Audit completed by WRDR, CK# 4580 issued for \$15,200.00

- **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

No Report

- **TRAINING:**

No Report

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None

- South Suburban College informed us they decided not to renew.
- Numerous emails and an official letter were sent to both Harvey and Chicago Heights. We didn't receive any response from either agency. The letter informed them we would be voting to terminate their membership at today's meeting. Neither agency was in attendance.
- A motion was made by Matt Brooks, seconded by Sherrie Blackburn, and carried by all members present by roll call vote to remove South Suburban College, Harvey, and Chicago Heights from their membership with Tri-River.

- Request received from Broadview PD to join as an Associate Member. They have 30 full-time officers, totaling a \$3,000.00 membership fee for FY26.
- A motion was made by Marc Reid, seconded by Sherrie Blackburn, and carried by all members present by roll call vote to approve their membership.
- Becky will send them an invoice, and their membership will become active once payment is received and our IGA is signed.

- John Perona passed out a list of courses with low enrollment
 - He also informed our members to submit registrations for the Crash 1 and Crash 2 classes if they are interested, because we have numerous non-member agencies on the waitlists and we will be allowing them in soon, pursuant to Northwestern's 60-day cancellation requirement.
 - He made special mention of the (2) De-Escalation Instructor classes we currently have available, for anyone needing hours in this mandate.
 - The Motorcycle Gang course would be good for patrol officers. It can be useful for traffic stops or festivals where they may show up in large numbers.

- Total payments \$464,913.74

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OPEN DISCUSSION:

Hilary Davis shared a few announcements

- The camera grant opened up on Friday and will remain open until 5pm on 12/31/2025.
- In about 6 weeks, the Chief/Deputy Chief hours reporting period will open. There are 4 ILACP trainings available on OLN if anyone is looking for additional hours.
- She is making rounds to all agencies in her area to make sure everyone is on the same page with the verification process.

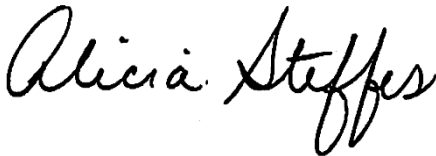
NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date is set for November 19, 2025, at our office location at the Plainfield Police Department Community Room, 14300 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ryan Dobczyk made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim Sinovich, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Submitted by:



Chief Alicia Steffes, Secretary, Advisory Board

Transcribed by:



Becky Burnett, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River