

# *Tri-River Police Training Region*

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## **Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of February 24, 2021 Meeting**

The February 24, 2021 Tri-River Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Vice-Chairman Burica. This meeting was held virtually due to COVID-19. Roll was called by Jill Marr, and a quorum of members and proxies was established.

### **Members in attendance:**

Chief John Burica  
Sheriff Ken Briley  
Chief Shane Casey  
Chief Fred Hayes  
Chief John Severson  
Chief Robert Dykstra  
Chief Phil Arnold  
D/C Hilary Davis for Chief April Di Sando  
D/C Bradley Hertzman  
D/C Ron Huff for Chief Terry Lemming  
Commander Anthony Novak for Chief John Konopek  
Commander Randy Stumpf for I/C Timothy McCarthy  
Sgt. Steven Formenti for Sheriff Mike Kelley  
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher  
Keith Calloway, ILETSB Representative

### **Members absent:**

Chief Aaron Klima  
Chief Ken Kroll  
Chief Justin Meyer  
Chief Al Swinford  
Chief Dawn Malec  
I/C Brian Zarnowski  
Chief Mike Rompa  
John Perona, Training Coordinator

### **Others in attendance:**

Richard Fonck, Tri-River, Executive Director  
Jill Marr, Tri-River, Administrative Assistant

Chief Hayes made a motion to approve the January 27, 2021 meeting minutes. D/C Bradley Hertzmann seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Channahon PD - aye

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Crest Hill PD - aye  
Elwood PD - aye  
Frankfort PD - aye  
Grundy Co. SO - aye  
Lockport PD - aye  
Mokena PD - aye  
Morris PD - aye  
New Lenox PD - aye  
Plainfield PD - aye  
Rockdale PD - aye  
Will County Sheriff - aye  
Wilmington PD - aye  
Village of Channahon - aye  
ILETSB Representative - aye

The motion carried.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Vice-Chairman Burica announced that our biyearly Advisory Board Officer's nominations are up for election.

Director Fonck stated that no one has reached out to him regarding filling any of the two-year Advisory Board Officer positions set to expire. Chief Arnold made a motion to retain the current Advisory Board Officers for another two-year term; Chief Aaron Klima as Chairman, Chief John Burica as Vice-Chairman, Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher as Treasurer and D/C Bradley Hertzmann as Secretary. Chief Hayes seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Channahon PD - aye  
Crest Hill PD - aye  
Elwood PD - aye  
Frankfort PD - aye  
Grundy Co. SO - aye  
Lockport PD - aye  
Mokena PD - aye  
Morris PD - aye  
New Lenox PD - aye  
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## **INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:**

None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Personnel**

No report.

### **FINANCE:**

Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher mentioned that as our budget struggles continue, we may have to look at others way to acquire funds to continuing training. This may include charging Members tuition for classes and/or raising dues.

Director Fonck reviewed the Financial Report dated 02/24/2021, which a copy was distributed via email before the meeting.

(Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

Highlights:

- Transferred \$50,000.00 from mutual fund to checking account
- Vehicle & Office insurance renewal 03/13/21-03/13/2022 for \$2,903.00
- CIT reimbursement \$14,233.64

## **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

No report.

## **TRAINING:**

D/C Davis mentioned the annual Training Coordinators meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2021 at the Will County Sheriff's Office. If anyone needs a flyer for the meeting, feel free to reach out and we will send one over.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Training schedule was reviewed by Director Fonck.
  - The May calendar is posted to the website along with the master schedule.
  - SRO, LHI, 40hr Evidence Tech. and 40hr Firearms Instructor courses are currently full. We encourage everyone to register as soon as possible as seats are going fast and our members are taking up all the spots.
- Director Fonck mentioned that we are looking into scheduling an Interview & Interrogation class through Wicklander-Zulawski. The current WZ Interview & Interrogation class is covered by the Homeland Security grant and would save us a considerable amount of

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money instead of paying out of pocket for the Reid Technique of Interview & Interrogation. Chief Casey inquired if the Reid class can get covered under the Homeland Security grant? Director Fonck stated currently it is not covered and the process to get a class certified for HSG is lengthy, but we will reach out to Reid & Associates and see if they would be willing to work with us and start the process.

- Training Coordinator Perona has been in contact with Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center in reference to their Brill Law Enforcement Action In Democracy Training. The LEAD training cost for up to 50 participants is \$1,500.00. The class takes place at the Illinois Holocaust Museum in Skokie. Director Fonck inquired if anyone has any objection to having training outside of our geographical area and/or if Departments would be willing to send their Officers to Skokie for training? D/C Hertzmann inquired if the class meets any mandates? Director Fonck stated he would have to look into that. ILETSB Representative Calloway mentioned he has been to the training and it was really great training. Vice-Chairman Burica suggested we bring up this topic at the Training Coordinators meeting scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup> so we can get better feedback and revisit the topic.
- Director Fonck mentioned that we have received a few phone inquiries about Associate Membership from Departments outside our geographical area recently. Currently our higher end classes are getting filled with our members and sometimes our members are on the waitlists as well. Non-members are not getting into the high-end class at all. There is a concern that allowing too many Associate memberships will end up creating a shortage of space for the General members to get seats in classes. We have been tracking the availability of seats and have noticed that we have our members on the waitlists as well as non-members. There are too many members and not enough seats to go around. After a brief discussion, Chief Dykstra made a motion to implement a temporary moratorium on Associate memberships until the Advisory Board meets and reverses this decision. Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Channahon PD - aye  
Crest Hill PD - aye  
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- Director Fonck mentioned that the Finance Committee will be meeting next month to review the ASSIST grant application for the next fiscal year that will be submitted to the ILETSB for approval. Last year we did increase our Membership dues to make up for the budget shortfall we faced over the last fiscal year. With COVID-19 impacting training and the surcharge fund we are facing another shortage of funds for training. Currently Tri-River is in good financial shape through the end of this calendar year but if the funding issues at the State level are not addressed, we will have to look at other options to generate a revenue stream to hold training. One way to do that would be to charge Tri-River members some sort of tuition for the higher end classes. Vice-Chairman Burica stated this is something that will need to be discussed further at the Finance Committee meeting to explore all options and be pro-active toward avoiding a budget shortfall.

## **February's 2021 BILLS FOR APPROVAL:**

A motion was made by D/C Huff, seconded by D/C Davis, and carried by all members present by a roll call to approve February's bills.

- Total payments                                      \$42,111.97
- Grant payments                                      \$4,730.63
- CIT    \$14,233.66

## **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

Director Fonck mentioned that Pat Hahn has given his notice and will be leaving the ILETSB and moving to DCFS. ILETSB Representative Calloway mentioned that Kelly Griffith will be stepping in to fill Pats roll until someone can be hired to replace him.

Sheriff Briley inquired if the new Use of Force standards that was passed will go into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>? ILETSB Representative Calloway mentioned there is a lot of conflicting information out there and there are ongoing negotiations and trailer bills being discussed to clear up everything. We are just unclear at this point and must wait for more direction.

## **NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:**

The next meeting date is set for March 24,2021 at our office location at the Plainfield Police Department Community Room, 14300 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544 with the possibility of having to change the meeting to a virtual meeting depending on the Governors restrictions.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

D/C Hertzmann made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned 09:04AM.

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Submitted by:

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Approved through email review on 03/08/2021.



Bradley Hertzmann, Secretary, Advisory Board

Jill Marr, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River