

Tri-River Police Training Region

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Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of March 24, 2021 Meeting

The March 24, 2021 Tri-River Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 8:55am by Chairman Klima in the Community Room at the Plainfield Police Department. This meeting was also available via Zoom due to COVID-19. Roll was called by Jill Marr, and a quorum of members and proxies was established.

Members in attendance:

Chairman Aaron Klima
Chief John Burica
Sheriff Ken Briley (Zoom)
Chief Shane Casey (Zoom)
Chief Fred Hayes (Zoom 9:06am)
Chief John Severson
Chief Robert Dykstra (Zoom)
Chief Phil Arnold
D/C Hilary Davis for Chief April Di Sando
D/C Bradley Hertzman for Chief Edward Clark
D/C Robert Fetzer for Chief Ken Kroll
Commander Anthony Novak for Chief John Konopek
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher
Kevin Baxter, ILETSB Representative

Members absent:

Chief Terry Lemming
I/C Timothy McCarthy
Chief Justin Meyer
Chief Al Swinford
Chief Dawn Malec
I/C Brian Zarnowski
Sheriff Mike Kelley
Chief Mike Rompa

Others in attendance:

Richard Fonck, Tri-River, Executive Director
John Perona, Training Coordinator
Jill Marr, Tri-River, Administrative Assistant

Chief Arnold made a motion to approve the February 24, 2021 meeting minutes. Chief Severson seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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Bolingbrook PD - absent
Channahon PD - aye
Crest Hill PD - aye
Elwood PD - absent
Frankfort PD - aye
Grundy Co. SO - aye
Joliet PD - absent
Lockport PD - absent
Manhattan PD - absent
Manteno PD - absent
Minooka PD - absent
Mokena PD - absent
Morris PD - aye
New Lenox PD - aye
Plainfield PD - aye
Rockdale PD - aye
Romeoville PD - aye
Shorewood PD - aye
Will County Sheriff - absent
Wilmington PD - aye
Village of Channahon - aye
ILETSB Representative - aye

The motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Chairman Klima mentioned some of you may have heard Director Fonck has informed the Board that he will be retiring. Chairman Klima gave Director Fonck the floor to make his announcement. Director Fonck stated after 13 years working here at Tri-River and 45 total years in Law Enforcement he will be retiring effective June 30th, 2021. He is looking forward to working with the new Director to ensure a smooth transition for the Office. The Board members congratulated Director Fonck on his retirement.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST:

None.

Executive Session

D/C Bradley Hertzmann made a motion at 8:59am to enter into a closed meeting per 5 ILCS 120 Section 2, C (1), (2), and (11), to discuss exempted topics as needed seconded by Chief Burica.

A roll call was taken as follows:

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Plainfield PD - aye
Rockdale PD - aye
Romeoville PD - aye
Shorewood PD - aye
Will County Sheriff - absent
Wilmington PD - aye
Village of Channahon - aye
ILETSB Representative - aye

Motion passed.

The open meeting reconvened at 9:18am. Chairman Klima stated that the Board would like to get the advertisement for a new Executive Director posted as soon as possible. Applicants will have until end of business (4:00pm) on 04/16/2021 to submit their resume and a cover letter directly to the Personnel Committee Chairman, Chief Phillip Arnold for consideration. At the April 28, 2021 Advisory Board meeting there will be another executive session and the Personnel Committee will provide a report on how many applications were received and how many interviews will be scheduled. On May 12, 2021 there will be an additional Tri-River Advisory Board meeting for the Personnel Committee to present a candidate as the new Executive Director to the Board.

It was discussed during the executive session to set the salary range of \$70,000.00- \$75,000.00/year for the Executive Director position. D/C Hilary Davis made a motion to set the new salary range for the Executive Director position at \$70,000.00- \$75,000.00 a year. Chief Burica seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Bolingbrook PD - absent
Channahon PD - aye
Crest Hill PD - aye
Elwood PD - aye
Frankfort PD - aye
Grundy Co. SO - aye
Joliet PD - absent

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Manhattan PD - absent
Manteno PD - absent
Minooka PD - absent
Mokena PD - absent
Morris PD - aye
New Lenox PD - aye
Plainfield PD - aye
Rockdale PD - aye
Romeoville PD - aye
Shorewood PD - aye
Will County Sheriff - absent
Wilmington PD - aye
Village of Channahon - aye
ILETSB Representative - aye

Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel

Chief Arnold noted the Personnel Committee will be working on hiring a replacement for Director Fonck.

FINANCE:

Village of Channahon President Schumacher mentioned Chairman Klima, Vice-Chairman Burica, Director Fonck and herself had a meeting to review the ASSIST grant application.

Director Fonck reviewed the Financial Report dated 03/24/2021, which a copy was distributed via email before the meeting.

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

Highlights:

- Transferred \$75,000.00 from checking account to mutual fund.
- SRO \$10,077.31, FTO \$8,100.00 and 40hr Evidence Tech have all been paid.
- Transfer \$15,273.51 from ILETSB CIT funds to Tri-River for CIT reimbursement.
- Since the last meeting we have received approximately \$75,000.00 in ASSIST grant payments from the ILETSB. In total for FY20 we have received all of our Q1 ASSIST grant payment and half of our Q2 ASSIST grant payments.

POLICY AND BYLAWS:

No report.

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TRAINING:

D/C Davis stated the annual Training Coordinators meeting was held on March 11, 2021 and requested Training Coordinator Perona to provide a report. Training Coordinator Perona mentioned that 15 Departments were represented at the meeting. The funding issues we are facing were discussed and the impact that it is causing on the training schedule. The training needs were reviewed for the upcoming fiscal year with a focus on classes that cover the mandates. There were questions regarding HB 3653 that was signed into law by the Governor. We are waiting to hear from the ILET SB for direction and guidance. A survey was taken regarding what shifts most Departments are on i.e. 8hrs, 10hrs or 12 hour shifts. This will help us prepare for mandated training hours in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

Director Fonck provided an update on the funding we have received from the ILET SB for FY21. So far, we have received 37.5 % of our ASSIST grant fund for a total of \$158,000.00. Our hope is to receive 50% by the end of FY21 for a total of \$211,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Training schedule was reviewed by Training Coordinator Perona.
 - Check out our website for the most up to date master schedule.
 - Mental Health Awareness an Intro. To CIT covers six mandates for anyone who needs a lot of mandate coverage this is a great class to attend.
- Director Fonck provided a summary on the MTU Directors meeting and ILET SB Quarterly Board meeting he attended via Zoom.
 - The ILET SB is in discussion with the Governor's office to work on a funding source for the new mandated training requirements inside HB 3653. Currently the funding comes from the surcharge funds that is drastically lower than years past. The Governor's office has requested the ILET SB to provide a projected budget proposal that will cover everything they would possibly need to meet all the requirements inside HB 3653. The ILET SB estimates at this time that their budget request could be somewhere around 44 million. The budget for this fiscal year is 18 million. There is talk that half of the extra funding that will be required to implement all the new changes may come from the general fund and the other half will still be funded by the surcharge fund.
 - Ending direct payments to the Academies for BLE.

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- The ILETSB is looking to increase their staff from 18 to 40 and anticipate needing 70 employees in the future.
- Hope to secure a Chicago base for investigators
- Officers will be required to self-report every 3 years to the ILETSB showing they are compliant with all training mandates and do not have any new arrests or de-certifiable offenses.
- There will be 3 divisions of the ILETSB:
 - Training, Director Keith Callaway
 - Administration, Director Eric Pingolt
 - Certification, Director TBD
- A PowerPoint presentation was reviewed by John Keigher and provided a summary of HB 3653. A copy will be emailed to all Chiefs/Sheriffs after the meeting.
- New Additions to the 3-year mandates:
 - Implicit Bias
 - Racial and Ethnic Sensitivity
 - Special Use of Force Course (30 hours):
 - 12 hours of hands on, scenario-based role playing
 - 6 hours of use of force techniques and de-escalation
 - Fourth Amendment stops and searches
 - Officer safety techniques
 - 6 hours on high-risk traffic stops
- Concerns for the Trailer Bill:
 - Effective Dates / Timing should be consistent at 1-1-2022
 - CIT language: Clarify that 40-hour course is not required each year in the annual mandates
 - Duty to intervene language should be consistent with earlier sections
 - Make references to the discretionary decertification crimes and conduct consistent throughout
 - In-service training requirements should be consolidated
 - Section 8 of the Police Training Act: Training requirements should be separated from certification mandates

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OPEN DISCUSSION:

ILETSB Representative Baxter mentioned that he is retiring from the ILETSB March 31, 2021. The ILETSB is currently hiring in light of the new bill that was just past and projected staff increases needed. If you are interested in any of the positions, there is a link posted on the ILETSB website.

Chairman Klima thanked Kevin Baxter for his service and wished him well in retirement.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date is set for April 28, 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:

Chief Severson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Burica, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned 09:53AM.

Submitted by:

Transcribed by:

Approved through email review 04/12/2021.



Bradley Hertzmann, Secretary, Advisory Board

Jill Marr, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River