

Tri-River Police Training Region

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Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of August 23, 2023 Meeting

The August 23, 2023 Tri-River Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chairman Shane Casey in the Community Room at the Plainfield Police Department, a quorum of members and proxies was established.

Members in attendance:

Chief Shane Casey
Chief Fred Hayes
Chief Alicia Steffes
Chief Scott Koerner
Chief Justin Meyer
Jason Louthan for Chief Brian Benton
Mimi Bejda for Chief Brandt Hromadka
Frank Coleman for Chief William Evans
Hilary Davis for Chief Louis Alessandrini
Rob Baikie for Chief Robert Dykstra
Ron Huff for Chief Rich Harang
Justin Dole for Chief Adam Zink
Anthony Novak for Chief Robert Miller
Steven Formenti for Sheriff Mike Kelley
Jeffrey Chapman, ILETSB Representative

Members absent:

Chief Mike Rompa
Chief Chris Harseim
Chief Phil Arnold
Chief Edward Clark
Chief Al Swinford
Chief Leanne Chelepis
I/C Brian Zarnowski
Sheriff Ken Briley
Caleb Counterman, Grundy County Board
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher

Others in attendance:

Luke Ostreko, Plainfield PD
Todd Lyons, Braidwood PD
Louis Silich, Will County State's Attorney's Office
Darren Persha, Tinley Park PD
Jack Touhy, Tinley Park PD
Larry Rafferty, Tinley Park PD

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Bradley Hertzmann, Tri-River, Executive Director
John Perona, Tri-River, Training Coordinator
Becky Burnett, Tri-River, Administrative Assistant

Chief Hayes made a motion to approve the July 26, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Commander Novak and carried by all members present. Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Chairman Casey went around the room for introductions and welcomed all to the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Lockport FD acquired a parcel of land with the intent of building a training facility, potentially partnering with Lockport PD to include a range. Director Hertzmann approached the Lockport Fire Chief, John O'Connor, explaining how Tri-River has been looking for a permanent location. There was discussion about joining forces to possibly get Tri-River a dedicated space within this building.

We would like to have our own access to the outside, a meeting room / simulator area for our members to access, a dedicated 50-person classroom, 4 offices, and a storage area. Chief O'Connor expressed his vision was similar to the Plainfield FD set up of a 200-person dividable classroom, which would suit our needs. Having our own facility, though still renting, would likely mean our monthly rent would increase. We would need to determine what the value is for having our own facility.

Director Hertzmann reached out to the training board to determine the possibility of making payment in advance for several years, since there is money available now. All discussions are very preliminary and the project is very fluid at this point. We would like to put together an ad hoc committee to oversee meetings and discussion regarding this topic. Let Director Hertzmann know if you are interested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **PERSONNEL:**

No Report

- **FINANCE:**

Director Hertzmann reviewed the Financial Report dated 8/23/2023, a copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

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Highlights:

- Tri-River classes held: Criminal Procedure \$1,175.71, Sex Assault Investigator \$1,000.00, Legal & Justifiable Use of Force \$1,191.70, 40 Hour Basic Evidence Technician \$6,803.26, 32 Hour Instructor Development \$5,730.12
 - IDOT Grant classes held: None
 - CIT/SRO Grant classes held: None
 - FY24 Grant reimbursements: IDOT \$0.00, CIT/SRO \$0.00, HS \$0.00
 - Renewed Workers Comp Policy: \$1,625.00
- **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

No Report
 - **TRAINING:**

Deferred to “New Business” when the upcoming training schedule is discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

FY24 Dues Update

- We are still waiting on payment from 4 departments (Forest View, Harvey, Mazon, and University Park). Multiple emails were sent out, along with a letter mailed informing these departments they are not in good standing and will go on waitlists as non-members until their dues are paid.

FY23 Financial Audit

- All documents have been provided, and it’s going very well. Wermer, Rogers, Doran & Ruzon (WRDR) may be requesting additional items and visiting in the next week or 2 to view them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tinley Park PD (DC Rafferty) to discuss Associate Membership

- DC Rafferty explained Tinley Park is comprised of 96 sworn officers. They understand and accept the differences between General and Associate Membership, but they feel they are a somewhat special case, as a very large portion of their population is in Will County, and their footprint in Will County is only going to continue to expand. Also, many of their officers live in our footprint as well.
- Tri-River is their only MTU, as they chose to leave NEMRT due to issues getting into classes. So now they have no means of certifying their courses unless they re-join NEMRT. Without having in-service training, they feel they are going to fail in meeting required mandates.
- Asking Tri-River to re-evaluate the in-service course approval for Associate Members. They only have a handful. Their training room is large enough to make their in-service classes open and available to other Tri-River member agencies as well, so it could be of

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benefit in helping them meet their mandates.

- Director Hertzmann explained the bylaws were changed due to the new requirement for MTUs to audit their courses.
- It was mentioned that maybe the bylaws could be reworded to extend General Membership to any agency within our 3 counties.
- The Policy & Bylaws Committee may meet to discuss this issue in more detail.

Advisory Board Officers - Secretary Position Vacancy

- Hilary Davis is retiring on 8/30/2023, which leaves us with a vacancy to be filled. Director Hertzmann and Chairman Casey will be taking nominations until our next meeting when it will be discussed. Additionally, if anyone is interested in volunteering, let either of them know.
- Hilary is also the chair of the Training Committee, so if anyone is interested in filling that role, let Director Hertzmann know.
- THANK YOU to Hilary for her years and dedication to Tri-River, and best of luck in retirement!

Upcoming Training Schedule

- Training Coordinator, John Perona, passed out copies of the current master schedule, and thanked everyone for signing their officers up. Classes are filling up.

AUGUST 2023 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS FOR REVIEW:

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

- Total payments \$43,214.23

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Director Hertzmann informed everyone of the ILETSB Quarterly Board Meeting taking place September 7th at 9:00 a.m. in Springfield if anyone would like to attend.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date is set for September 27, 2023, at our office location at the Plainfield Police Department Community Room, 14300 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Chief Meyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Koerner, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Submitted by:

Transcribed by:

	
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Chief Shane Casey, Chairman, Advisory Board

Becky Burnett, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River