

# *Tri-River Police Training Region*

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## **Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of October 25, 2023 Meeting**

The October 25, 2023 Tri-River Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 8:30 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 Edward Clark  
Anthony Lazzaroni for Chief Scott Koerner  
Jason Louthan for Chief Brian Benton  
Mimi Bejda for Chief Brandt Hromadka  
Chief Phil Arnold  
Chief Jeff Wold  
Pat Kinsella for Chief Mike Rompa  
Brian Lockwood for Chief Al Swinford  
Sherrie Blackburn for Chief William Evans  
Chief Leanne Chelepis  
Ron Huff for Chief Rich Harang  
Anthony Novak for Chief Robert Miller  
Steven Formenti for Sheriff Mike Kelley  
Sheriff Ken Briley  
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher  
Jeffrey Chapman, ILETSB Representative

### **Members absent:**

Chief Justin Meyer  
Chief Chris Harseim  
Chief Robert Dykstra  
Chief Louis Alessandrini  
Chief Adam Zink  
Caleb Counterman, Grundy County Board  
John Perona, Tri-River, Training Coordinator

### **Others in attendance:**

Luke Ostreko, Plainfield PD  
Tracy Williams, Joliet Junior College PD  
Louis Silich, Will County State's Attorney's Office  
Hilary Davis, ILETSB Representative  
Bradley Hertzmann, Tri-River, Executive Director  
Becky Burnett, Tri-River, Administrative Assistant

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Chief Arnold made a motion to approve the September 27, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Chief Hayes 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:**

Mimi Bejda and Jason Louthan submitted requests to take Hilary Davis' Training Committee Chair position. Both will be added to the Training Committee, and Mimi has been appointed the new Training Committee Chairwoman. Thank you both for stepping up, and congrats to Mimi!

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **PERSONNEL:**

No Report

- **FINANCE:**

Director Hertzmann reviewed the Financial Report dated 10/25/2023, a copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

### Highlights:

- Tri-River classes held: (2) High Risk Traffic Stops TTT \$19,000.00, Lead Homicide Investigator Course \$13,500.00, Reid Basic & Advanced Interview & Interrogation classes \$10,970.00
- IDOT Grant classes held: (1) \$1,957.32
- H.S. Grant classes held : None
- CIT/SRO Grant classes held: (1) \$1,557.50
- FY24 Grant reimbursements: IDOT \$0.00, CIT/SRO \$16,201.48, HS \$0.00
- Paid WRDR for FY23 Fiscal Audit \$14,800.00, Paid Workers Compensation Policy Audit Premium \$1,136.00
- Paid (2) checks from CPD In-Service Account totaling \$11,453.69
- Received FY24 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter ASSIST Grant Payment \$117,427.19

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- **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

No Report

- **TRAINING:**

No Report

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### FY23 Financial Audit Update

- Audit is complete and has been sent to the Training Board. There were no issues. If anyone would like a copy of the final report, please let Director Hertzmann know.

### FY24 Membership Dues

- We are still waiting on payment from 3 departments (Harvey, Mazon, and University Park). We were just informed Mazon is currently without a Chief, and being a 1-person agency, this would likely explain why we have not heard back. For now, we will leave the 3 invoices pending, but will void soon if no payment or correspondence is received.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Appointment of Training Committee Chairperson

- Chairman Casey announced during the Chairman's Report that Mimi Bejda has been appointed to this position.

### New Associate Membership Request - IL Dept. of Revenue

- Medicare Fraud Control Bureau Division - 11 members are requesting Tri-River Membership. We would maintain a list of those specific names and only allow them into classes.
- A motion was made by Ron Huff, seconded by Jeff Wold, and carried by all members present to accept the 11 members of the Illinois Department of Revenue as Associate Members.
- Director Hertzmann will send an email informing them of the acceptance and Becky will send an invoice and blank IGA to complete their membership.

### ILEAS Training Grant Agreement

- ILEAS received a grant from the Federal Government totaling upwards of \$19 million. The grant runs through June 2024. The goal is to get tasers into the hands of those departments who do not currently have taser programs. Another portion of the grant is for de-escalation training. They have reached out to the MTUs for assistance.
- The MTUs met with ILEAS. ILEAS would like all MTUs to sign an agreement deeming them sub-awarders of the grant, so they can hold multiple de-escalation training classes. It is unknown how much money is earmarked for training.
- Due to the current grant agreement with ILETSB, MTUs need permission from the training board to receive funds from another entity. This permission has not yet been given.
- Classes would likely take place from January to May. These would be in addition to our scheduled classes. We could possibly squeeze in a few TECC and de-escalation classes, but it won't add up to a large sum of money (probably less than \$10,000.00). Most of our

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- Discussion followed regarding entering into this agreement with ILEAS to try and help them spend their grant funding.
  - Taser Instructor and Taser Recert classes were suggested, as they are hard to come by and very expensive. Taser would need to certify their courses through ILETSB, just like any other classes are.
- Topic is tabled for now.

- The current master training schedule was passed out to all attendees. There is still a lot of space in our “Responder Readiness” class. This would be a good one for any peer support members. Breath Op (2 November classes), FTO San Jose Model, Child Maltreatment and Child Sexual Abuse, Supervising/Managing the FTO Process, and TECC all have space for more officers.
- Crash Investigation 2 is forthcoming, likely in March - April. Next year we are looking at “Vehicle Dynamics” as a follow-up.

- Total payments \$101,693.71

- We are going to have to appoint a new Chair when Shane Casey retires. If you are interested, please let Chairman Casey or Director Hertzmann know.
- Director Hertzmann reached out to John O'Connor, Lockport Fire Chief, on the new facility. They are currently selecting an architect and construction company. He advised it is time to sit down with Tri-River to determine space needs and finances if we are going to move forward with the proposed leasing partnership. Lockport FD, Lockport PD, ILETSB, and Tri-River are all working components in this discussion. Please reach out if you would like to be on this ad-hoc committee.
  - Chief Arnold informed Director Hertzmann that Jason Barten will be on this committee.

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## **ADJOURNMENT:**


Chief Arnold made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Hayes, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Submitted by:



Chief Alicia Steffes, Secretary, Advisory Board

Transcribed by:



Becky Burnett, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River