

Tri-River Police Training Region

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Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of January 24, 2024 Meeting

The January 24, 2024 Tri-River Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chairman Brian Benton in the Community Room at the Plainfield Police Department, a quorum of members and proxies was established.

Members in attendance:

Chief Adam Bogart
Chief Fred Hayes
Ryan Dobczyk for Chief Edward Clark
Anthony Lazzaroni for Chief Scott Koerner
Chief Brian Benton
Mimi Bejda for Chief Brandt Hromadka
Chief Chris Harseim
Kevin Lanz for Chief Leanne Chelepis
Chief Phil Arnold
Chief Alicia Steffes
Chief Justin Meyer
Vince Radaker for Chief Mike Rompa
Tim Perry for Chief Louis Alessandrini
Sherrie Blackburn for Chief William Evans
Chief Robert Miller
Robert Baikie for Chief Robert Dykstra
Steve Formenti for Sheriff Mike Kelley
Caleb Counterman, Grundy County Board
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher
Hilary Davis, ILETSB Representative

Members absent:

Chief Rich Harang
Chief Jeff Wold
Chief Al Swinford
Sheriff Ken Briley
Chief Adam Zink

Others in attendance:

Anthony Novak, Plainfield PD
Luke Ostreko, Plainfield PD
Tracy Williams, Joliet Junior College PD
Louis Silich, Will County State's Attorney's Office
Bradley Hertzmann, Tri-River, Executive Director
John Perona, Tri-River, Training Coordinator
Becky Burnett, Tri-River, Administrative Assistant

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Chief Hayes made a motion to approve the December 13, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Chief Arnold and carried by all members present. Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Chairman Benton 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 1/24/2024, a copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

Highlights:

- Tri-River classes held: Open Source Intelligence Techniques \$1,000.00
- IDOT Grant classes held: (2) \$2,811.64
- H.S. Grant classes held: (2) \$6,033.76
- CIT/SRO Grant classes held: (3) \$9,149.48
- FY24 Grant reimbursements: IDOT \$1,351.44, CIT/SRO \$0.00, HS \$5,839.24
- Issued (2) Checks from CPD In-Service Account totaling \$161,393.00
- Paid \$2,154.60 to All Digital Solutions for 2024 IT Service Agreement

- **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

No Report

- **TRAINING:**

No Report

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OLD BUSINESS:

Lockport FD Facility

- Director Hertzmann, Chiefs Benton and Clark, DC Barten and DC Huff attended a meeting on 1/11 with Core Construction, which has been selected as the contractor for the building.
- Chief O'Connor informed Director Hertzmann of a potential issue with having a range on the property, and asked him to attend a separate Crest Hill work session meeting 01/22/2024, during which residents expressed their concerns about noise and disturbance. There are already 2 ranges in the area with District 5 and Stateville, and they are already problematic for residents. For our purposes, it would be great to have a range on the property, but it's not a deal-breaker for us if the range portion is not approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

FY25 Police Training Survey, Due back by February 5, 2024

- As of this meeting, we have received 23 out of our 70 total member agencies. Becky will be sending out a reminder for those who haven't. Please complete them and give us your ideas and needs.

1099-NEC's for CY23

- Director Hertzmann had to complete one of these forms for all of our instructors, because they are not considered employees of Tri-River. There were 54 total. They also had to be electronically submitted, which was an added cost.

ILETSB - Mandatory Firearms Waiver - 4 Hour Course

- This course is problematic because we never know when the need will arise. Some departments receive letters indicating one of their officers needs to take it with a given timeframe of several months, while some indicate the officer may not perform their duties working the road until the course is completed. This puts us in a rush to get the class scheduled and completed. Our 2nd course has recently been completed by our new instructor through Plainfield PD. He has trained officers from both Plainfield and Herscher PD and has been accommodating with getting the classes completed as soon as possible.
- Hilary Davis explained that no officer should be on the street until the waiver investigation has been completed and he/she has been approved through the waiver process. Generally this can take about a week, but out of state transfers can sometimes take a month or 2 to obtain the necessary information for waiver to be approved.
- We would like this process to be more efficient, and possibly offer the class on a quarterly basis.
- This course must also take place at a certified range. Right now we only have 2 certified ranges in our footprint that we can use, and we've been told ILETSB is not certifying any more ranges. Romeoville PD was going to get their range certified, but when Plainfield moved forward with theirs, Romeoville decided not to.

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- Sgt. Formenti with Will County Sheriff's Office offered their range to other agencies if they have their own certified instructor.
- Commander Novak added it was not difficult to get their Firearms Instructor certified, and the State has an approved outline to follow.
- Sgt. Ostreko asked what an agency can do to help expedite the waiver process. Hilary Davis advised ILETSB needs the number of hours of instruction and courses of instruction covered in the Academy. As an example, academies in Georgia are over 200 hours shorter than in Illinois, so you could expect a transfer from Georgia to need additional training.

MTU Director's Meeting in Springfield - January 25, 2024

- The MTU Directors didn't have a chance to meet at the ILETSB Quarterly Board Meeting in December, so this meeting was scheduled. Director Hertzmann will bring up any current issues.

New Copier Agreement with McGrath

- Our copier is 5+ years old, and we have made several service calls due to it continually jamming. Director Hertzmann signed a new 5-year agreement with the same company for a new copier. The monthly lease went up \$28.00/month. Hopefully we will receive it in the next couple of weeks.

Upcoming Training Schedule

- Training Coordinator Perona informed attendees that our BAO classes in February are low. If the minimum of 10 is not met, we use our own funding instead of grant money. Please sign your officers up if they need to be recertified.
- He also passed out information from ILETSB on the officer portal. In January 2025, 1/3 of all officers in the state (last names beginning with A - G) will be audited. They will need to log in and certify that they are compliant with the mandates. If they aren't compliant, they will receive warning emails informing them of any deficiencies. If they do not complete the required training to meet the mandates, they run the risk of becoming "inactive" or even potentially "decertified." Decertification is a last resort and the last thing ILETSB wants to do. John makes a point to mention this information when he begins our training classes. Please make sure your officers have logged in and understand what it means. There is a column in LEDI that shows you whether each of your officers have or have not signed in. Will County Sheriff's Office has a method of tracking this, and will be demonstrating it at the Training Coordinators Meeting in March. Please send your Training Coordinator or Training Officer to this meeting. This is a partnership of responsibility between officers and their agencies because officers cannot register themselves for training.

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- Total payments \$211,509.14

- LEDI rosters are due. Each January and July, every agency needs to sign and verify their roster is up-to-date.
- ILETSB is working on a police officer recertification exam online (out-of-state equivalency exam or a retake from an academy.)
- A professional conduct database will be added to LEDI. You will see a column containing any complaints made to ILETSB. If you have an administrative assistant (or any non-sworn) who has access to LEDI, you should adjust settings so this person cannot view this column. There should be checkboxes to choose who has access. This portion should only be accessible to law enforcement.

The next meeting date is set for February 28, 2024, at our office location at the Plainfield Police Department Community Room, 14300 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544.

Chief Meyer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Anthony Lazzaroni, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Transcribed by:

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