

Tri-River Police Training Region

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Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of February 28, 2024 Meeting

The February 28, 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
Ryan Dobczyk for Chief Edward Clark
Chief Brian Benton
Mimi Bejda for Chief Brandt Hromadka
Chief Chris Harseim
Chief Leanne Chelepis
Chief Phil Arnold
Pat Kinsella for Chief Mike Rompa
Tim Perry for Chief Louis Alessandrini
Brian Lockwood for Chief Al Swinford
Sherrie Blackburn for Chief William Evans
Ron Huff for Chief Rich Harang
Chief Robert Miller
Steve Formenti for Sheriff Mike Kelley
Sheriff Ken Briley
Caleb Counterman, Grundy County Board
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher
Jeff Chapman, ILETSB Representative

Members absent:

Chief Jeff Wold
Chief Alicia Steffes
Chief Scott Koerner
Chief Robert Dykstra
Chief Justin Meyer
Chief Fred Hayes
Chief Adam Zink

Others in attendance:

Anthony Novak, Plainfield PD
Jason Louthan, Mokena PD
Tracy Williams, Joliet Junior College PD
Chris Luttrell, 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

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Becky Burnett, Tri-River, Administrative Assistant

Commander Novak made a motion to approve the January 24, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Chief Miller and carried by all members present. Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Tracy Williams introduced the new Training Sergeant at Joliet Junior College, Chris Luttrell.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **PERSONNEL:**

No Report

- **FINANCE:**

Director Hertzmann reviewed the Financial Report dated 2/28/2024, a copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

Highlights:

- Tri-River classes held: FTO Certification (Sokolove) \$8,100.00, Legal & Justifiable UOF \$1,195.94, Animal Cruelty \$1,279.48
- IDOT Grant classes held: (5) \$27,116.67
- H.S. Grant classes held: (3) \$12,000.92
- CIT/SRO Grant classes held: (4) \$24,768.82
- FY24 Grant reimbursements: IDOT \$0.00, CIT/SRO \$9,151.36, HS \$6,033.76
- Issued (2) Checks from CPD In-Service Account totaling \$4,961.03
- Paid Cincinnati Insurance: Check #4132 for Vehicle & Office Contents Policy \$3,247.00 and Check #4133 for Nonprofit Organization Pillar Policy \$2,683.00

- **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

No Report

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- **TRAINING:**

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

FY25 Police Training Survey

- 55% of our departments responded to our survey, with 75% of them requesting additional training in topics such as:
 - Criminal Law and Procedure
 - De-escalation
 - High Risk Traffic Stops
 - CIT
 - Use of Force
 - Juvenile Law Updates
- As a board, it had been previously decided that the topics of Use of Force and De-escalation were best handled in-house within each agency. We put on instructor courses so agencies can have a designated instructor to train their personnel. Many departments have done an incredible job with this, but there are quite a few who never became certified instructors. They should be the ones training your officers.
 - Jeff Chapman noted ILETSB is having light discussion and considering making “Instructor Development” a requirement prior to becoming a certified instructor. This would be geared more toward department in-house instructors.

MTU Director’s Meeting - January 25th and February 16th

- Zoom meeting on 2/16 to discuss the Emergency Medical Response mandate. The online option is only available every other year. Many departments are covering this mandate with in-service CPR training. There is a lot of variation in CPR classes, because each department has created their own course. ILETSB may combine all of the CPR classes into 2 or 3 class titles/outlines to narrow them down, and your agency will have to select one to utilize and teach your officers.
- Back in September, we were told by ILETSB to discontinue/hold off on auditing classes so they could come up with a standard way of doing so amongst all MTUs. At this zoom meeting, it was indicated that this was a misunderstanding, and we should have been doing audits this whole time. If you know of any in-house trainers who might be interested, we will pay a flat hourly fee. Email Director Hertzmann with any interest.

Lockport Fire Training Facility

- An overall schematic of a draft floor plan has been completed, to include a designated area and space for Tri-River. This dedicated space (multipurpose room, training area, 4 offices, copy room, and storage area) consists of 20% of the total building. The total cost of the building is currently estimated to be \$7.9 million. It is yet to be determined what they have in mind for our fiscal responsibility in this project, but if it’s 20% of the total amount, odds are we will not be moving forward.
- They are still fighting hard to get a range in this building. It would meet all requirements for ILETSB.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Training Coordinators Meeting - March 20, WCSO

- We will be going over the process to get a course certified, the required outline that must be followed, the instructor approval process, and the updated Instructor (supplemental) form, just to name a few topics of discussion. Please bring along any of your in-house instructors as well.

Upcoming Training Schedule

- We have partnered with Harbor House in Kankakee County to hold 2 Strangulation courses at no cost to us. The instructors' bios are very impressive. The rosters for this class will consist of ER staff, social workers, nurses, doctors, police, and Assistant State's Attorneys. This is a great networking opportunity.
- "The Threat of Hate Groups" is another great opportunity. The class is currently about ½ full, so there is plenty of space available.
- Please implore your officers to sign up for the officer portal. This is how an officer will be notified by ILETSB if they are deficient in any training mandates. They should use a personal email address.
 - Step 1: Field reps will give an agency a heads up regarding any officers in non-compliance.
 - Step 2: Officers will be placed in an "inactive" state, pulled from the street, and given opportunity to get their deficient mandates covered. Inactive state means they cannot carry a weapon. Their police officer certification is inactive.
 - Step 3: If they do not complete the required training to get their mandates covered, they may face decertification.
- The officer portal was created as a tool for officers to have a snapshot of their training record. Also, the SAFE-T Act states that officers are responsible for their training mandates, not their agencies.

FEBRUARY 2024 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS FOR REVIEW:

A motion was made by Chief Chelepis, seconded by Mimi Bejda, and carried by all members present to approve February's bills. Motion passed.

- Total payments \$110,005.91

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- A motion was made by Commander Novak, seconded by Chief Arnold, and carried by all members present to reimburse Tri-River personnel for fees associated with meals when attending the Will, Kankakee, and Grundy County Chiefs meetings.
- Chief Harseim will be having a BolaWrap demo on 3/7 at 9:30 if anyone is interested in attending.
- ILETSB Quarterly Board Meeting will be taking place 3/6 - 3/7 if anyone wants to attend.

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- Recruitment/retention grant is under review. Agencies should be hearing before the end of March.


NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date is set for March 27, 2024, at our office location at the Plainfield Police Department Community Room, 14300 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544.

ADJOURNMENT:


Chief Arnold made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Bogart, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Submitted by:



Chief Alicia Steffes, Secretary, Advisory Board

Transcribed by:



Becky Burnett, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River