

Tri-River Police Training Region

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Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of March 27, 2024 Meeting

The March 27, 2024 Tri-River Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 8:35 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 Brian Benton
Mimi Bejda for Chief Brandt Hromadka
Chief Phil Arnold
Chief Justin Meyer
Anthony Lazzaroni for Chief Scott Koerner
Brian Lockwood for Chief Al Swinford
Mike Holford for Chief Jeff Wold
Chief Robert Miller
Caleb Counterman, Grundy County Board
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher

Members absent:

Chief Alicia Steffes
Chief Mike Rompa
Chief Edward Clark
Chief Louis Alessandrini
Chief Chris Harseim
Chief Leanne Chelepis
Chief William Evans
Chief Rich Harang
Sheriff Mike Kelley
Sheriff Ken Briley
Chief Robert Dykstra
Chief Fred Hayes
Chief Adam Zink
ILETSB Representative

Others in attendance:

Anthony Novak, Plainfield 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
Becky Burnett, Tri-River, Administrative Assistant

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Commander Novak made a motion to approve the February 28, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Chief Bogart 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 3/27/2024, a copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

Highlights:

- Tri-River classes held: Acting Patrol Officer in Charge \$1,700.00, Lead Homicide Investigator Certification \$10,890.00, Writing Effective Search Warrants \$1,188.57, ILETSB - Mandatory Firearms Waiver \$400.00
- IDOT Grant classes held: (6) \$26,824.07
- H.S. Grant classes held: (3) \$9,131.78
- CIT/SRO Grant classes held: (2) \$9,414.20
- FY24 Grant reimbursements: IDOT \$12,620.22, CIT/SRO \$26,210.34, HS \$12,000.92
- Paid The Hartford Insurance Co.: \$993.00, CK #4163 for Workers Compensation Insurance 03/2024 - 03/2025
- Paid The Cincinnati Insurance Co.: \$1,644.00, CK #4151 for Excess Liability Policy 03/2024 - 03/2025

- **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

No Report

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- **TRAINING:**

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

ILETSB Quarterly Meeting 03/06-07/2024 - summary

- Legislation
 - HB 5368 - Police training on hate crimes
 - HB 4216 - Training course for school safety officers (retired police)
 - SB 3201 - Autism training
 - HB 4997 - Reducing current 3-year Use of Force mandate to 2-year
- Complaint Data
 - CY 23 - 496 total officer complaints
 - 190 were citizen complaints
 - 306 were agency complaints
 - CY 24 - 25 total complaints so far
- Executive Institute continues to offer command-level courses
 - Women in Criminal Justice Conference (4/10 - 4/11) in East Peoria
- CIT-B 40-hour course
 - 1 year police experience required, down from 2 year previous requirement
- Power Test Committee - Revision in the works again
- Grants
 - Camera Grant - 159 applicants, about 75% will receive funding
 - NIBIN - 60 applicants, hopefully all will receive funding
 - Recruitment/Retention - 98 applicants, 75 will receive funding
- MTU Directors Meeting
 - Instructor Applications - Instructor Development course will likely be a requirement in the future. Currently approved instructors will likely be grandfathered in until their current instructor application expires/needs to be reapproved.
 - Firearms Instructors - ILETSB is discussing having different levels of Firearms Instructors and also establishing continuing education requirements.

Training Coordinator's Meeting - March 20

- Meeting was well-attended (about 50)
- Discussed the Training Needs Survey, FY25 schedule, how to track mandates (now there are reports in LEDI to assist with this), how to certify in-house courses, instructor applications, OLN, and the Officer Portal
- DOJ COPS portal - About 28 online courses ILETSB is working on approving. Paul Petty will be sending a list of approved courses, and we will pass along
- New ILETSB contacts for K9, LHI, and SRO certification
- Hilary Davis answered some questions
- We will continue to hold this annual meeting. We received a lot of positive feedback.

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Lockport Fire Training Facility

- Director Hertzmann passed out a few different blueprint designs, to include the interior layout of the building and the layout of the entire grounds.
- This building would also serve as a maintenance area for fire vehicles of local communities.
- 13-acre property to include a Training/Maintenance facility, range, detention/retention pond for dive team training, 4-story burn tower for FD training that we could also use for rapid deployment and RTF training
- Our area would include 4 offices to account for a 4th employee, if needed.
- Next meeting is on 4/2 at Lockport FD. They will have their Fire Board there to discuss what they would be asking of us financially. Rough estimate is around \$4,000/month.
- Things to consider:
 - Would this cover utilities?
 - Would they offer a long-term lease?
 - Plainfield PD contract ends soon. We believe they will keep the same monthly fee at \$2,000.00 but this is unofficial as of now.
- They will be looking for an answer from us within 60-90 days
- Other options: Talk of a new JPD Training Facility on Houbolt Rd. but not confirmed, CN building in Channahon at Route 6 and Brisbin Rd. but building site plan hasn't even been submitted yet

NEW BUSINESS:

ASSIST Grant - FY25 Budget Application

- Due 4/1
- \$44,000.00 added to budget for a new vehicle purchase. John's 2016 Dodge Caravan is due to be replaced. Hoping for a Ford Explorer, as we don't need the cargo capacity of a van. Reached out to Sutton Ford to inquire on the process. Currie Motors doesn't have a State bid but quoted us at around \$43,000.00. Suggestion was made to also look into D'Orazio Ford.
- Payroll will remain the same as last year for now because we haven't received information from the State about raises yet. Last year they approved a flat dollar amount to divide among the 3 employees. Director Hertzmann split it evenly, which came to about 2.7% each. Likely won't be more than 3% each this year.
- Last year we budgeted \$163,000 for instructor fees.
 - Director Hertzmann spoke with ILETSB and is looking to increase instructor fees and do away with non-member tuition fees. This would allow us to pre-schedule all classes for the year without having to wonder how much money we will be bringing in. Non-members would still not be able to register for classes until the 30-day mark. Paul Petty thought it was a good idea if the State has the funding for it.
- IMRF has not come out with 2025 rate yet, so that total might change
- A motion was made by Anthony Lazzaroni, seconded by Brian Lockwood, and carried by all members present by roll call vote to approve the FY25 Budget. Motion passed.

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Upcoming Training Schedule

- John Perona passed out a list of courses with availability/low enrollment to include:
 - 4/11 - “A Survivor-Centered Approach to Technology Abuse and Safety Planning”
 - 4/22 - 4/25 - “Supervising/Managing the Field Training Process”
 - 5/15 - “Violent Jihadists in the U.S. and LE Responses”
 - Grant-funded, so we need more students, or it will be cancelled
 - 5/16 - “Family-Affiliated Extremism/Terrorism and LE Responses”
 - Grant-funded, so we need more students, or it will be cancelled
 - 6/4 - “The Winning Mind for Women”
 - We changed location from New Lenox PD to Plainfield to accommodate for more students
 - 6/12 - “Brill Law Enforcement Action in Democracy (LEAD) - 4 hour”
 - Funded through the IL Holocaust Museum
- Please do what you can to register your personnel for these classes
- We held 8 BAO classes this year, and will probably reduce this to 6 in FY25 due to declining demand

MARCH 2024 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS FOR REVIEW:

A motion was made by Chief Meyer, seconded by Chief Miller, and carried by all members present by roll call vote to approve March’s bills. Motion passed.

- Total payments \$93,953.43

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Recent controversy regarding “Street Cop” Training was mentioned. ILETSB will not certify any of their classes, and we do not offer their training.
- Membership dues were raised during COVID when the State wasn’t providing funding, but how are we looking as far as savings now?
 - Currently we have increased savings. At what point are we risking our not-for-profit status? Our financial picture is much better now than it was back then, so what do we do with that?
 - Chief Arnold asked if we have looked into the cost of building our own facility.
 - Do we cease charging membership dues for a year?
 - If Lockport FD plans work out, maybe we could give them a lump sum of money instead of a monthly rent?

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NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date was set for April 24, 2024, at our office location at the Plainfield Police Department Community Room, 14300 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544 - however, it was mentioned that the ILACP Annual Training Conference is also on that day, and many Chiefs will be in attendance at the conference.



A motion was made by Anthony Lazzaroni, seconded by Mike Holford, and carried by all members present to change the next board meeting date to April 17, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chief Arnold made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Miller, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Submitted by:

Transcribed by:

	
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Chief Alicia Steffes, Secretary, Advisory Board

Becky Burnett, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River