

Tri-River Police Training Region

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Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of February 26, 2025 Meeting

The February 26, 2025 Tri-River Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chairman Brian Benton in the Community Room at the Plainfield Police Department, and a quorum of members and proxies was established.

Members in attendance:

Chief Brian Benton
Chief Phil Arnold
Chief Adam Bogart
Mimi Bejda for Chief Brandt Hromadka
Ryan Dobczyk for Chief Edward Clark
Chief Al Swinford
Chief Alicia Steffes
Sherrie Blackburn for Chief William Evans
Michael Imhof for Chief Chris Harseim
Nick Keedy for Chief Mike Rompa
Tim Perry for Chief Louis Alessandrini
Chief Leanne Chelepis
Anthony Novak for Chief Robert Miller
Steven Formenti for Sheriff Mike Kelley
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher
Hilary Davis, ILETSB Representative

Members absent:

Chief Adam Zink
Chief Fred Hayes
Chief Scott Koerner
Chief Rich Harang
Chief Robert Dykstra
Chief Ryan Gulli
Chief Justin Meyer
Sheriff Ken Briley

Others in attendance:

Luke Ostreko, Plainfield PD
Bradley Hertzmann, Tri-River, Executive Director
John Perona, Tri-River, Police Training Coordinator
Becky Burnett, Tri-River, Administrative Assistant

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Chief Arnold made a motion to approve the January 22, 2025 meeting minutes, seconded by Anthony Novak 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 2/26/2025, a copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

Highlights:

- Tri-River classes held: FTO Certification \$8,100.00, Legal Use of Force \$1,283.44
- IDOT Grant classes held: (7) \$15,242.35
- H.S. Grant classes held: (2) \$6,128.89
- ILETSB/CIT/SRO/LHI Grant classes held: (4) \$30,102.92
- FY25 Grant reimbursements: IDOT \$0.00, CIT/SRO/LHI \$6,292.46, HS \$0.00
- Paid Cincinnati Insurance Co. \$3,151.00 for Nonprofit Organization Pillar Policy & \$3,457.00 for Commercial Pkg Incl Auto
- Paid The Hartford Insurance Co. \$1,055.00 for Worker's Comp Insurance Policy
- Paid out of CPD In-Service Fund: CK#4405 for \$4,524.00 & CK#4412 for \$186,807.00
- Received FY25 3rd QT ASSIST Grant Payments: \$100,000.00 for CPD In-Service Fund and \$136,799.04 for Tri-River, MTU 16

- **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

No Report

- **TRAINING:**

No Report

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- At last month's meeting, we asked for nominations for these 4 positions. None were brought forward, so the current 4 people were voted on to remain in their respective positions.
 - Mayor Missey Schumacher for Treasurer - All in favor with no opposition
 - Alicia Steffes for Secretary - All in favor with no opposition
 - Anthony Novak for Vice-Chairman - All in favor with no opposition
 - Brian Benton for Chairman - All in favor with no opposition
- All Advisory Board Officers were approved for a new 2-year term.

- Christina Jenkins-Likar is no longer being considered for the position. The Board will work on finding a new candidate from the Will, Grundy or Kankakee County Board.

- John Perona passed out a list of March and April courses that have low enrollment, a couple of which could be cancelled if the minimum is not reached.
- It was suggested, and agreed upon by several agencies, to have Tri-River hold additional Defensive Driving classes.
 - We recently posted 3 to our master calendar, but each class only holds 12 people, so we have to limit each agency to 1 officer per class.
 - Our funding for this fiscal year is already accounted for, so any additional classes would have to come out of our own funds. The general consensus was that more of these classes are needed, so we will look at adding 5 more of them to our calendar for this fiscal year so more officers can have the opportunity to attend.
 - A Train-the-Trainer course option was suggested as well, however the biggest challenge is finding a suitable location, not only for the original class, but then for each agency to hold and train their own officers. If anyone comes across any locations that seem appropriate, please let us know.

- Total payments \$305,659.02

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OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Chief Arnold informed attendees that a veteran Shorewood officer has recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer and asked all to keep the family in their thoughts.
- Director Hertzmann informed everyone about the ILETSB Quarterly Board Meeting, held at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield at 9am on 3/6. It's an open meeting if anyone would like to attend.
- Hilary Davis reminded everyone registration is open for the Women in Criminal Justice Conference, although someone believes it may already be sold out.
- Chief Benton reminded everyone about Lobby Day in Springfield. If available, take the time to support the ILACP.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:



The next meeting date is set for March 26, 2025, at our office location at the Plainfield Police Department Community Room, 14300 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commander Novak made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mimi Bejda, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Submitted by:

Transcribed by:

	
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Chief Alicia Steffes, Secretary, Advisory Board

Becky Burnett, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River