

Tri-River Police Training Region

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Tri-River Police Training Region Advisory Board Minutes of June 25, 2025 Meeting

The June 25, 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 Fred Hayes
Chief Al Swinford
Chief Phil Arnold
Chief Michael Imhof
Chief Alicia Steffes
Anthony Lazzaroni for Chief Scott Koerner
Brandon Tilton for Chief Louis Alessandrini
Ryan Dobczyk for Chief Edward Clark
Mimi Bejda for Chief Brandt Hromadka
Chief Adam Bogart
Sherrie Blackburn for Chief William Evans
Nick Keedy for Chief Mike Rompa
Jim Sinovich for Chief Justin Meyer
Chief Robert Miller
Sheriff Ken Briley
Village of Channahon President Missey Schumacher
Hilary Davis - ILETSB Representative

Members absent:

Chief Adam Zink
Chief Leanne Chelepis
Chief Robert Dykstra
Chief Rich Harang
Chief Ryan Gulli
Sheriff Mike Kelley

Others in attendance:

Anthony Novak, Plainfield PD
Luke Ostreko, Plainfield PD
Jason Louthan, Mokena PD
David Moran, Coal City 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 Hayes made a motion to approve the May 28, 2025 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 6/25/2025, a copy was distributed. (Report will be attached to these minutes to be archived)

Highlights:

- Tri-River classes held: Instructor Development \$8,774.30, (3) Defensive Driving classes \$14,157.00, Death Investigation \$955.12, Media Relations \$3,082.24, IPMBA Police Cyclist \$4,000.00, Animal Cruelty & its Link to Domestic Violence \$1,280.80
- IDOT Grant classes held: (2) \$5,740.88
- H.S. Grant classes held: (2) \$15,000.00
- ILETSB/CIT/SRO/LHI Grant classes held: (1) \$8,389.98
- FY25 Grant reimbursements: IDOT \$6,600.00, CIT/SRO/LHI \$13,211.66, HS \$15,000.00
- Received FY25 ASSIST Grant 4th Quarter Payment: CPD In-Service Fund \$100,000.00, Tri-River, MTU 16 \$136,799.04

- **POLICY AND BYLAWS:**

No Report

- **TRAINING:**

No Report

Mobile Training Region #16 – Funding assistance
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OLD BUSINESS:

Website Upgrade update

- We attended a zoom training this past Friday and are pushing the launch date to mid-July due to upcoming vacations. We intend to send an informational email to our members prior to launching.
- It will be a learning process for all of us, but hopefully more streamlined and efficient.
 - A login and password will be required to register personnel. This should be the main training contact who is authorized to submit registrations for your agency.
 - An email will be sent informing you the registration has been received and is pending. An additional email will be sent after we determine whether the person is confirmed or waitlisted.
- Members will have access to certain content not accessible to non-members, such as universal course outlines to utilize when creating lesson plans.

FY26 Membership Dues

- Payments have been coming in steadily. As of yesterday, we received 55, and 18 are still outstanding. Reminders will be sent out to agencies who have not yet paid.

NEW BUSINESS:

Potential Tri-River training facility opportunity (Shorewood)

- For the past few years, we have discussed the idea of getting our own facility. Last year we were working with the Lockport Fire Department on a new training facility they were designing and building. This opportunity didn't end up coming to fruition.
- Chief Arnold came across a vacant medical building in his town and thought it might be another potential opportunity to have our own space. He mentioned it to Director Hertzmann, and they took a tour inside.
- We would likely only be interested in 1 floor (about 7,000 square feet) but the entire floor would need to be gutted and redone. It is very outdated and set up with multiple small rooms and hallways for a medical office. It is a solid brick building built in the late 1970's, with 100+ parking spaces, and in close proximity to I-80 and I-55. A photo of the outside of the building was distributed. A rough redevelopment proposal summary, courtesy of Chief Hayes, was also distributed.
- Much discussion and multiple questions followed, until the group determined the best course of action is to start with clarifying the value/sale price of the building as is and the cost of rent (and what is/is not included in rent) with the building owners. Once these are known, we can discuss things further. A majority of attendees voted to go to the next step of getting a general idea of costs for rent/remodeling.

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Upcoming Training Schedule

- John Perona passed out a list of courses with low enrollment and the flyer for a new course, “Advanced Solo Officer School Threat Scenario Training for SROs and Responding Officers.”
- We plan on holding 3 “Instructor Development” classes this upcoming FY.

JUNE 2025 FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS FOR REVIEW:

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

- Total payments \$90,628.47

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Chief Benton thanked Tri-River for adding the Defensive Driving classes to the calendar. He received very good feedback from those who attended.
- Sheriff Briley inquired about Tri-River holding classes specific to Correctional Officers. Correctional Officers are not sworn law enforcement and therefore Tri-River does not schedule specific training for them. They are not included in the total counts in membership dues and are not considered members. If the Advisory Board voted to begin including Correctional Officers from our 3 Sheriff’s Departments, we would then begin charging for them as we do sworn officers. Sheriff Briley requested the issue be put on the meeting agenda for July’s meeting.
 - It was also suggested they reach out to Will County Sheriff’s Office, as they are continually holding in-house training classes, and are usually very accommodating to other agencies in need.
- Hilary Davis made a few announcements:
 - There is no more available funding for this coming fiscal year for the NIBIN or Recruitment & Retention grants. This doesn’t mean there won’t be funding the following year.
 - The next ILETSB Quarterly Board Meeting will be held 9/10 - 9/11 in Springfield.
- Chief Arnold thanked everyone for all of the support on the recent loss of one of their officers, Jeff Calafos. The 100 Club donated money to his family and Plainfield and Channahon officers both covered Shorewood’s street patrol so everyone in the agency could attend his services.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE:

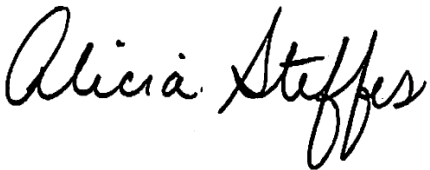

The next meeting date is set for July 23, 2025, at our office location at the Plainfield Police Department Community Room, 14300 Coil Plus Drive, Plainfield, IL 60544.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chief Arnold made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Imhof, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Submitted by:

Transcribed by:

	
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Chief Alicia Steffes, Secretary, Advisory Board

Becky Burnett, Administrative Assistant, Tri-River