

**ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD
4500 SOUTH 6TH STREET ROAD, ROOM 173
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS 62703-6617**

**MINUTES OF QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
THE CROWNE PLAZA - SPRINGFIELD, IL
MARCH 5, 2015**

I. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The March 5, 2015, Quarterly Board Meeting of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board was held in Springfield, Illinois and was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairman Valerie L. Salmons. The public announcement was read by Trina Weinert.

Board Members present:

Valerie L. Salmons, Chairman
Pat Hartshorn, Vice Chair
The Honorable Dorothy Brown, represented by Ron Bloomingberg
Sheriff Thomas Dart, represented by Marie Rangel
City Administrator Tim Gleason
Superintendent Garry McCarthy, represented by Keith Calloway
Chief Jan Noble
Mayor Timothy Nugent
Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing
Chief John H. Schlaf
Director Leo Schmitz
Director Michael Schlosser
Chief Darryl Stroud
Keith Turney
Sheriff Richard Watson
Paul Williams
Director of Illinois Department of Corrections, representative

Board Members Absent:

Attorney General Lisa Madigan
Sean Cox
Sheriff Brent Fischer

Staff present:

Kevin T. McClain, Executive Director
Laura Baker, Administrative Assistant
Cora Beem, Manager of Mandated Training
Lennora Burnom, Program Manager/Curriculum Liaison
Pat Hahn, Manager of In-Service Training

John Krein, Chief Fiscal Officer
Denise Matthew, Grant Accountant
Scott Schaefer, Police Training Specialist
Dan Sluga, Information Technology Manager
Trina Weinert, Executive Assistant
Jennifer Wooldridge, Manager of Operations and Special Projects

Others present:

Jennie Alt, LETAC
Deborah Alms, Director, Mobile Team Unit #2
Ernie Ashby, IROCC
Phil Brankin, Director, Mobile Team Unit #3
Michael Casey, SLEA
Greg Elliott, Mobile Team Unit #5
Doug Fargher, Director, Mobile Team Unit #1
Bill Fitzgerald, Director, Mobile Team Unit #14
Richard Fonck, Director, Mobile Team Unit #16
Shawn Galiher, LETAC
Christopher Gunnell, Chicago Police Dept–Education & Training Division
Ken Herbert, St. Clair County
Jennette Jones-Nall, IROCC
Joyce King, Mobile Team Unit #6
Kenton Manning, Mobile Team Unit #10/ IROCC Program Manager
Vicki Munson, WIPTU – Mobile Team Unit #6
Van Muschler, Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy
Terri Newbill, Director, Mobile Team Unit #13
Susan Nichols, ILETSB Executive Institute
Mike Norrington, Mobile Unit #15
Mike Oyer, Director, Mobile Team Unit #7
Ellen Petty, Director, Mobile Team Unit #10
Beth Pinter, Director, Mobile Team Unit #5
Tom Piotrowski, Mobile Team Unit #4
Mark Pritt
Robert Siron, Mobile Team Unit #8
Sean Smoot, Illinois Police Benevolent and Protective Assoc.
Jeff Standard, Mobile Team Unit #6
Bill Strayer, Sangamon County Sheriff Department
Ted Street, Mobile Team Unit #10/IROCC

II. PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

III. RECOGNITION OF FALLEN MILITARY & POLICE OFFICERS

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. **ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**
Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

VI. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

TIMOTHY O. NUGENT, MAYOR, MANTENO

LEO SCHMITZ, DIRECTOR, ISP

VII. **CHAIRMAN LEADERSHIP AWARD**

RICHARD WATSON, ST. CLAIR COUNTY

VIII. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND VISITORS**

IX. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Curriculum and School Standards Advisory Committee Meeting
(December 10, 2014)

Motion was made by Stroud seconded by Noble and carried by all members present to approve the minutes under Tab B.

B. Joint Meeting of the Executive Committee and Finance and
Legislative Committee
(December 10, 2014)

Motion was made by Hartshorn, seconded by Turny and carried by all members present to approve the minutes under Tab C.

C. Regular Quarterly Board Meeting
(December 11, 2014)

Motion was made by Hartshorn, seconded by Gleason and carried by all members present to approve the minutes under Tab D.

X. REPORT OF STANDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

- A. Meeting of Curriculum and School Standards Advisory Committee, March 4, 2015
(Fischer, Committee Chair)

Motion was made by Stroud, seconded by Calloway and carried by all members present to approve the Committee report.

- B. Joint Meeting of Executive Committee and
Finance and Legislative Committee, March 4, 2015
(Salmons, Hartshorn, Committee Chairs)

XI. EXECUTIVE MATTERS

- A. Fiscal Report
1. FY15 Budget
a. Summary of FY15 Budget
b. FY15 Training
c. Receipts into TACCSF
d. TACCSF Balance

John Krein reported on the FY 2015 resources which included Basic Law Enforcement, Basic Corrections, MTU Program, Executive Institute, Direct Contracts, Grants and Administration. He also reported on training projections, surcharge revenues and the surcharge fund balance.

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Stroud and carried by all members present to approve the fiscal report.

2. FY 2016 Budget

John Krein reported on the Governor's proposed FY 16 budget which includes a slight decrease of approximately \$600,000 which is the Camera Grant Fund. The Death Certificate Surcharge Fund and spending authority for the intern program remain the same. The Traffic and Criminal Conviction Surcharge Fund had a slight increase.

- B. Staff and Personnel Issues

Director McClain stated Deputy Director Larry Smith is pursuing other interests and is no longer with the Board. Director McClain introduced new staff member Denise Matthew.

- C. Law Enforcement/Corrections/Court Security Waiver
Disposition Quarterly Report

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Stroud and carried by all members present to approve items under Tab G.

D. Lead Homicide Investigator Waiver of Training Quarterly Report

Motion was made by Hartshorn, seconded by Watson and carried by all members present to approve items under Tab H.

E. Death Investigation Surcharge Schedule

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Stroud and carried by all members present to approve items under Tab I.

F. Legislative Update

John Keigher gave the following legislative report:

The spring legislative session is in full swing and there are an unusually high number of bills. While the initial filing deadlines have now passed it is anticipated that a large number of amendments to come forth as bills move from one chamber to another. The public safety coalition intends to meet soon to discuss its positions on several issues nevertheless; he wanted to bring some of the bills staff has been following to Board's attention.

In the wake of officer involved shootings, several bills have been filed which would require independent commissions or special prosecutors to investigate any instance in which an officer discharged a firearm or exercised excessive force resulting in the death of an individual. HB 221, 3784, 4030, and SB 71.

Similarly, we've seen a number of bills addressing chokeholds and use of force standards. While the basic training offered in Illinois has long abandoned any application of a choke hold, the passage of these bills would require slight modification to the BLE curriculum to ensure officers are properly instructed. HB 161, 1394, 1462, 3829, and SB 65.

Because the use of red light and speed cameras has an impact on the surcharge fund, staff will continue to monitor those bills which increase or restrict their use and expansion. Staff has even reached out to certain sponsors to consider amendments that would direct certain fees back to the Surcharge Fund. HB 173, 3965, 4041

There is a tremendous increase in legislation addressing the use of body and vehicle cameras by law enforcement officials. Should any of these move forward staff will advocate for specific funds dedicated to training. HB 361, 1349, and SB 880

Also affecting the surcharge fund there are a number of measures that would decriminalize or otherwise reduce the existing penalties associated with drug possession. As these would generally reduce felony convictions to misdemeanors, staff will continue to monitor them and offer comments regarding their impact on the surcharge fund. HB 218, 430, 3245

A few years ago we began to see bills gather support that would have generated new funds to be used for public safety training initiatives. Staff will continue to critique initiatives that would provide uncertified training for mental health, homeland security, and emergency response programs.
HB 2423, 3180, SB 99

As usual, there are a handful of bills that add specific items to the basic law enforcement curriculum and require the Board to create a corresponding in-service course of instruction.
HB 105 and HB 4103: human rights
SB 1201: opiate antidote training
SB 1846: Alzheimer's and dementia

Additionally, HB 4112 requires the Board to create a CIT curriculum. However, unlike the first set, this bill was filed on behalf of the Board to address the upcoming conference that Keigher had mentioned at the December meeting. Since this program has been wonderfully successful, staff wanted to address the issue of mental health training directly rather than through indirect initiatives filed by other agencies.

Regarding funding, SB 710 which frees up the Camera Grant Fund to be used for purchasing all forms of cameras, not just vehicle cameras, and SB 1940 which increases the fees for "violent youth offender" registrations and directs an additional \$80 to the surcharge fund for training police officers.

HB 3872 and 3876 address the role of Auxiliary officers. While one would allow park districts to utilize auxiliary officers, the next allows them to provide special police services related to searches, rescue operations, bomb threats, dignitary protection, hazmat response, hostage negotiation and anti-terrorism efforts if special Board training is required.

While staff continues to monitor the refiling of HB 104 which requires the Board to conduct a task force that studies racial disparities in the course of routine traffic stops, a new initiative addressing minority concerns is HB 3575 which requires the Board to create rules and guidelines for a program that would allow local law enforcement agencies to partner with high schools and community colleges to create a minority internship program designed to prepare minority youth for careers in law enforcement.

On the topic of instruction, there is also HB 3783 which would allow members of the public to attend all law enforcement conferences and training programs, including the basic academies. Although convicted felons would be excluded and the permission of a local chief or sheriff is required before attendance, we believe this creates a great liability and would undermine the unique tactics taught to public safety personnel.

Finally, HB 4054 addresses a longstanding issue with the coroners. Under this bill, the coroners would be removed from the jurisdiction of the Board and would then fall under a newly created "Coroner Training Board." Correspondingly, the 25% appropriation from the Death Certificate Surcharge Fund would be transferred from the Board to the new Coroners Board for funding training and related travel expenses.

XII. PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORTS & CONCEPTS

- A. Illinois Law Enforcement Executive Institute
(Susan Nichols)
 - 1. Curricular Activities
 - 2. Evaluation
 - 3. Web-based Learning and Social Media
 - 4. Media Resource Center
 - 5. Publications
 - 6. Special Projects & Programs
 - 7. Research and External Funding
 - 8. Calendar

- B. A Statewide System of In-Service Training (ASSIST) Program
(Pat Hahn)
 - 1. Progress Report FY15

- C. Specialized Training Programs
(Jill Weber)
 - 1. IDOT FY15 Report
 - 2. Traffic Crash Reconstruction

- D. Part-Time Training Program
(Jan Allen)
 - 1. Progress Report

- E. Federal Homeland Security Grant
(Susan Nichols)
 - 1. Illinois Terrorism Task Force
 - a. Homeland Security Briefings
 - b. ITTF Training Committee
 - c. ILETSB Annual Training Committee Report

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Stroud and carried by all members present to approve reports.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Current Litigation

John Keigher stated that there were still some individuals who needed to be served in the IROCC case before it can move forward. Keigher spoke with some associate Attorney Generals who asked staff to start gathering documents so they can move into the response and discovery phase.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

A. MSF&W

MSF&W gave a demonstration on the new software which will update the EDI, Whistlestop, and PTB systems.

XV. PUBLIC INPUT

Sean Smoot gave a presentation on the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regular Quarterly Board Meeting

Thursday, May 28, 2015 Chicago, IL

Curriculum & School Standards Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 27, 2015 Chicago, IL

Executive Committee and Finance & Legislative Committee

As needed

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Stroud, seconded by Hartshorn by and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m.