

ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD

4500 South 6th Street Road, Room 173, Springfield, IL 62703-6617

MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

840 South Spring Street, Suite B, Springfield, Illinois
WebEx Video Conferencing Due to COVID-19

March 3, 2022

9:00 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

The March 3, 2022 Quarterly Board meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairman LaDon Reynolds. Roll was called by Michelle Mlinar, and a quorum of voting members was established.

Members in Attendance:

LaDon Reynolds
Ghida Neukirch

Designees in Attendance:

Antoinette Ursitti for David Brown
Pat Connolly for Rob Jeffreys

Members Absent:

Tom Dart

Those Presenting Agenda Items

Keith Calloway
Michelle Mlinar
John Keigher
Cherylynn Williams

Paul Petty
Jennifer Wooldridge
Heather Hotz

Due to WebEx format, there is no available listing of all guests listening in on the meeting.

II. APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL/COURSE CERTIFICATION

No applications received.

III. IN-SERVICE, ADVANCED AND SPECIALIZED COURSES FOR CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION

A. Quarterly In-Service Certified Courses – Paul Petty

Petty stated his verbal report is for Quarter #2, LETM was purged during this quarter and completely uploaded with our new courses. We are looking at

several hundred courses that are repeated throughout the MTU's. Under tab F there is an attachment for all certified In-Service courses excluding Lead Homicide and all Lead Homicide Investigator courses approved to assist in those mandates. Those courses were the primary focus after purging the previous certified courses.

B. *CIT for Veterans – Jennifer Wooldridge*

Wooldridge stated there is a new advanced course in their CIT series, CIT for Veterans. It is a one day, eight-hour course for seasoned CIT officers. This advanced course includes mental health concerns for veterans, veteran's family systems, de-escalation, engagement strategies, and an overview of the VA program services. It also includes a role play scenario section with professional actors and the training also briefly talks about officer's self-care. If approved, the Board will include this training in the FY 23 offerings.

Motion was made by Neukirch, seconded by Connolly, and carried by all members present via roll call to approve the CIT for Veterans Course.

C. *SRO Refresher – Jennifer Wooldridge*

Wooldridge stated the SRO refresher course is brought to us by one of our SRO teams, SRO Danielle Butts. This standalone, two-day course is a refresher course for current SROs and it includes juvenile law, officer and youth interactions skills, and active threat response components which is in line with the current SRO basic requirements. She reminded the committee that those officers that have received SRO certifications must renew their requirements every two years. This standalone course would qualify as a "one and done" option to renew training requirements. The first renewal for the SRO refresher will be coming up this January. If approved, the Board will include this course in the FY 23 offerings.

Motion was made by Neukirch, seconded by Connolly, and carried by all members present via roll call to approve the SRO Refresher Course

IV. LEAD HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS 32-HOURS APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION

No applications received.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Court Security Officer Special Certification Course – Heather Hotz

Hotz stated the online portion of the Court Security course allows preauthorized individuals to work through over 27 modules before graduating to the in-person portion of the course. The in-person component includes mandatory firearms training as well as 40 hours of curriculum that covers an overview for the need of court security, public interaction and communications, CPR and medical emergency response, screening procedures and courtroom operations as well as control and arrest tactics. A handout outlining topical areas was emailed prior to the meeting.

Motion was made by Neukirch, seconded by Connolly, and carried by all members present via roll call to approve the Online Court Security Officer Special Certification course.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Canine Program

Deputy Director Williams noted that effective January 2022, Field Rep Fred Kienztle was removed as the Canine Coordinator. Due to the possibilities of an increase in complaints against officers, we felt Kienztle needed to focus more on this area of responsibility, but Williams personally commended him for a job well done as the Canine Coordinator. Williams is currently working with Hotz from the Executive Institute to update the online portion of the Law for Police Canine; they are working on the online refresher course as well.

B. Basic Arson Investigator

Deputy Director Williams also stated that the Basic Arson Investigator class that was previously approved to start in July of this year will actually start in March instead due to the demand of Basic Arson Investigators. Starts March 28th and is a 5-week program.

C. Community and Wellness Service Dogs

Ghida Neukirch asked if we offer any training, classes, or support to those agencies that have community and wellness service dogs, which are not technically canine dogs, but service dogs? Williams stated that it was a very good question, but currently the only dogs we deal with are narcotic detection canines, but that is something worth looking at in the future.

D. 10 Shared Principles - LaDon Reynolds

Chairman Reynolds stated that he wanted to take the opportunity to congratulate Director Kelly on his leadership for the Illinois State Police in adopting the 10 Shared Principles, and the importance of putting the community and law enforcement in a situation of mutual understanding and connections as it relates to the administration of justice. Kelly thanked Reynolds and stated that they are the first statewide agency in the country to adopt those principles and he urges other agencies to follow suit.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Quarterly Board Meeting

March 3, 2022 at 10:00 via WebEx

B. Curriculum and School Standards Advisory Committee Meeting

June 1, 2022, Tinley Park, Illinois

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Neukirch, seconded by Connolly, and carried by all members present via roll call to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

