

ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD  
500 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701

**MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM & SCHOOL  
STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Illinois Law Enforcement training & Standards Board  
500, S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701

**September 25, 2024  
2:00 p.m.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The September 25, 2024 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Ghida Neukirch at 2:02 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL ~ ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Roll was called by Michelle Mlinar, and a quorum of voting members was established.

**Members in Attendance:**

Ghida Neukirch  
Mitchell R. Davis III

**Designees in Attendance:**

Steven Ryan for Latoya Hughes  
Migdalia Bulnes for Larry Snelling

**Members Absent:**

Thomas Dart

**III. APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL/COURSE CERTIFICATION**

Heather Hotz presented the Committee with a Course Design Document for the *DOJ/COPS Vehicular Pursuit Management: Balancing Risks and Enhancing Safety* course. Paul Petty discussed the specifics of the course, noted the course is designed for upper management, and it has not yet been rolled out to the COPS portal.

**Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Ryan, and carried by all members present to recommend certification of the DOJ/COPS Vehicular Pursuit Management: Balancing Risks and Enhancing Safety course as presented.**

Mitchell Davis asked that the information on this course be forwarded to the different risk management providers throughout the state so state specific items can be covered. Hotz acknowledged the concern and will follow up.

#### **IV. IN-SERVICE, ADVANCED AND SPECIALIZED COURSES FOR CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION ~ Paul Petty**

Paul Petty asked for approval of the in-service, advanced and specialized training certified courses for May 15, 2024 – September 14, 2024 located under Tab K, attachment seven, in the Board book.

In response to a question, John Keigher stated the officer compliance reporting begins next year. This process will require verification with each agency, and the review of two other components of the verification process. Staff plans to have the verification process ready by August of 2025 as the first warning must go out in October 2025, a second warning must be sent by March 2026, and verification of officers A-G is April 2026.

**Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Ryan, and carried by all members present to approve the In-Service, Advanced and Specialized certified courses for May 15, 2024 through September 14, 2024.**

#### **V. LEAD HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS 32-HOURS APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES for CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION ~ Paul Petty**

Paul Petty asked for approval of the Lead Homicide Investigator courses submitted for May 15, 2024 – September 14, 2024 located under Tab K, attachment eight, in the Board book.

**Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Ryan, and carried by all members present to approve the Lead Homicide Investigator 32-Hour Continuing Education certified courses submitted for May 15, 2024 through September 14, 2024.**

#### **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

POWER Test Work Group: John Keigher reported the POWER Test Work Group met in August. They are exploring issues and concerns with the current POWER test so they can move forward with revised standards. They are also looking at the standards in Wisconsin, and some of their team has reached out with major changes they have implemented to their program. One item of note is that they went to a gender-neutral single standard for the entire state that was vetted by the DOJ. Working Group Chair, Mike Schlosser is looking to bring in an expert to help with standards. The next meeting of the Work Group is scheduled for October.

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

##### Military Police and Department of Army Civilian Police-State Reciprocity

Chris Haubrich made a presentation to the Committee on the benefits of allowing Military Police state reciprocity. Haubrich gave a presentation regarding revisions and

enhancements to the general Military Police training curriculum enacted over the last few years that bring it into alignment with what most states are now offering to law enforcement officers. With these changes, many states now offer reciprocity waivers for military police officers and he explained it has been requested that the Board consider this as well. Haubrich identified a few areas that would need reinforcement and believes that the “Law for Police” course, combined with a few other short courses, could become the basis for offering reciprocity to this group of officers in near future. The presentation is attached.

**Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Bulnes, and carried by all members present to move the program forward as presented.**

Mitchell Davis stated he was asked to bring up the possibility of scheduling testing retakes on a monthly basis going forward. Davis also mentioned he recently attended the NOBLE conference, and Illinois was complemented as being one of the states utilizing the COPS classes. Davis then mentioned the Holocaust Museum is working with him to present a training on Discrimination and Hate Crimes; an eight-hour course to be presented at the museum, and a four-hour version that departments can host. Davis plans to set a time to invite the Board to attend the full eight-hour version so it can be certified by the Board. Davis also stated that there is legislation in the works for mandated training for discrimination and hate crimes, he was able to get the commission to push back so they could partner with the Board to move forward.

#### **VIII. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

September 26, 2024  
Springfield, Illinois

#### **IX. NEXT CURRICULUM AND SCHOOL STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING DATE AND LOCATION**

December 4, 2024  
Chicago, Illinois

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Ryan, and carried by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 2:42 p.m.**

