

**ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND STANDARDS BOARD
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**MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND FINANCE & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
THE CROWNE PLAZA - SPRINGFIELD, IL
MARCH 4, 2015**

I. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The March 4, 2015, meeting was held in Springfield, Illinois and was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chairman Patrick Hartshorn. A quorum of Committee members was present.

Executive Committee Members present:

Valerie L. Salmons, Chair
Patrick Hartshorn, Vice Chair
City Administrator Tim Gleason
Sheriff Richard Watson

Executive Committee Members Absent:

Sheriff Brent A. Fischer
Chief John Schlaf

Finance and Legislative Committee Members present:

Patrick Hartshorn, Chair
Valerie L. Salmons, Vice Chair
Sheriff Richard Watson

Finance and Legislative Committee Members Absent:

The Honorable Dorothy Brown
Sheriff Brent A. Fischer
The Honorable Lisa Madigan

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
Scott Schaefer, Police Training Specialist
Dan Sluga, Information Technology Manager
Trina Weinert, Executive Assistant
Jennifer Wooldridge, Manager of Operations and Special Projects

Others present:

Deborah Alms, Director, Mobile Team Unit #2
Phil Brankin, Director, Mobile Team Unit #3
Bob Brislan, Wicklander-Zulawski
Mark Edwards, Mobile Team Unit #12
Greg Elliott, Mobile Team Unit #5
Doug Fargher, Director, Mobile Team Unit #1
Jeffrey Fritz, ILETSB Executive Institute
Bill Fitzgerald, Director, Mobile Team Unit #14
Richard Fonck, Director, Mobile Team Unit #16
Ken German, Director, Mobile Team Unit #6
Christopher Gunnell, Chicago Police Department – Education & Training Division
Ken Herbert, St. Clair County
Joyce King, Mobile Team Unit #6
Leonard Mendoza, Director, Mobile Team Unit #4
Vicki Munson, WIPTU – Mobile Team Unit #6
Pat Murphy, ISP Academy
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
Robert Siron, Mobile Team Unit #8
Jeff Standard, Mobile Team Unit #6
Ted Street, Mobile Team Unit #10/IROCC
Greg Sullivan, Illinois Sheriffs' Association
Paul Williams, Bloomington Police Department / ILETSB Board Member

II. FINANCIAL AND 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 Hartshorn, seconded by Gleason and carried by all members present to approve the FY 15 Budget report.

3. 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.

C. 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.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Current Litigation

Jon 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.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Hartshorn and carried by allmembers present for adjournment at 4:17 p.m.