

Advisory Board Meeting

LETAC Training Center

July 15, 2015

11:30 a.m.

Call to Order –

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Jan Bowsher at 11:45 a.m. with the following members present: Chief Jan Bowsher (Chairman), Chief Barclay Harris (Vice-Chairman), Chief Greg Wheeler (Secretary), Sheriff Bruce Kettelkamp (Treasurer), Chief Bruce Centko, Chief Paul Adams, Sgt. Audie Prange (proxy for Sheriff Barr), Chief Brad Gentry, Lt. Shane Brandel (proxy for Chief Sweeney), Acting Chief Vern Foli (proxy for Chief Holm), Chief Greg Damarin, Deputy Chief Brian Hile (proxy for Chief Herpstreith), LETAC Director Ellen Petty, IROCC Product Manager Ernie Ashby, IROCC Compliance Manager Ted Street, Offsite Training Coordinator Mark Gleason, PT Basic Training Coordinator Dan Ryan, Shawn Galiher Administrative Assistant of LETAC, Myrna Madison PT Secretary of LETAC, and Jennie Alt Administrative Assistant of LETAC.

Appointment of Logan County Representative –

Chairman Bowsher called for the appointment of the new Logan County Representative, due to former Chief Ken Greenslate's retirement. A motion was made by Bruce Centko to appoint Chief Paul Adams from the Lincoln Police Department, and seconded by Vern Foli. A vote was taken, all were in favor, and the motion was carried without further discussion.

Approval of May 20, 2015 Meeting Minutes –

Chairman Bowsher called for the approval of the meeting minutes from May 20, 2015. A motion was made by Vern Foli to approve the minutes, and seconded by Greg Damarin. A vote was taken, all were in favor, and the motion was carried without further discussion.

Approval of the Bank Statements/Reconciliation/Bills –

Director Petty stated that LETAC has been purchasing a larger quantity than normal, due to using excess funds at the end of the year. We spent money on additional security cameras to cover key inside areas of the office, due in part to a recent attempt to break one of our outside office windows. Chairman Bowsher called for the approval of the bank statements. Director Petty advised the board members that, as always, if anyone reads through the bank statements and bills after the meeting and has any questions, they should feel free to call the office and she would be happy to discuss and explain any expenses. A motion was made by Vern Foli to approve the bank statements, and seconded by Bruce Kettelkamp. A vote was taken, all were in favor, and the motion was carried without further discussion.

FY15 Training Schedule –

Director Petty stated that we would normally compare the previous year with the current year, but last year was the exception with the first full year of the merger with MTU 11. In FY15, the MTU had \$928,703.51 in soft match funds. This is a 200k increase from FY14. The member departments have been happy with the overall training. The only complaints that we have had are not enough classes held in the more rural counties of the region and a lack of firearms annual qualification shoots for those departments that don't have their own range officer. We have attempted to fix this by scheduling several classes in these more rural areas, but unfortunately, they have had to be cancelled due to low registration numbers. We are also now offering qualification shoots that piggyback onto the MTU 10 IROCC shoots, so this should help to satisfy those complaints, without adding any extra expenses to our budget.

FY16 Training Schedule –

Director Petty stated the state payments for the FY16 training year are delayed, due to the Governor and Legislature not coming to an agreement on the budget. All of the grant funds are in limbo due to this issue as well. If the matter is not cleared up soon, it may result in a need to cancel some classes, as we are currently operating on our local funds alone.

The training schedule on our website is complete and up to date. There are only a few more classes that are still to be scheduled for the year. The classes marked in teal are the classes that qualify for the recertification requirement for Lead Homicide Investigators.

FY15 4th Quarter Fiscal Report & Grant Adjustment/Request to Spend Outside Funds -

This report was made available to Board members and was submitted to ILETSB on July 10th, as required. The final fiscal report and grant adjustment request will be submitted to ILETSB upon receipt of our final audit report.

ILETSB Report (Ted Street) – Update on Coroner Training Board vs LHI Grant Funds & Effects on MTU 10 –

Ted Street reported on SB1304, the “Police & Community Relations Act”, encouraging Board members to look it up and read it through, as it is very important legislation, with a great deal of training monies tied to it. However, those additional training funds won’t be available to us until FY17, at the earliest. Mr. Street also reported on the outcome of the Coroner’s Training Board bill, which passed despite our attempts to get it voted down. This will mean a loss of about \$450,000 per year to the MTU’s, which was previously used to fund death investigation training and all of the courses that qualify for LHI recertification training credit.

Part-Time Basic Training Report (Dan Ryan) – Applications for Upcoming Academy Due by July 31, 2015 -

PT Coordinator Dan Ryan stated that Class 25 takes their state exam on 8/29/15. Their graduation is 9/10/15 at the Hilton. Class 25 will have 24 students graduate. Class 26 starts with SFST on 8/15/15, Class Orientation on 8/29/15, and they will finish SFST the following weekend. Mandatory Firearms will also occur in the coming weeks. There are 26 registered for the Class 26.

Concealed Carry Program Report (Ernie Ashby) –

Ernie Ashby gave the IROCC program report in the absence of Program Coordinator Kenton Manning. Topics covered were the re-branding of the IROCC program to ILEFCO, to more accurately depict the current and future scope of the program, which is to include both retired officer concealed carry, as well as active duty law enforcement firearms qualification compliance. Mr. Ashby reported that they are prepared and awaiting a meeting date with Director McClain of ILETSB to finalize plans and receive approval for the MSF&W proposal to update the IROCC database program and the IROCC website. In addition, Ernie reported that Kenton Manning and IROCC staff have worked with Belvedere and Chicago Police Academy to be able to offer two additional ranges to the list of available IROCC range facilities.

Old Business –

Included in the meeting handouts, for the information of Board members, was the listing of FY16 Membership Assessment Payment Status, as well as any outstanding membership assessments. Also included was an updated MTU ASSIST map, showing the new region formed on July 1st as MTU 4 absorbed MTU 6, much like MTU 10 absorbed MTU 11 last year. Additionally, Board members were advised that a new and updated Board Book is available for download from the LETAC website, on the Advisory Board page. Also on this page, the dates of all Board meetings is available, as well as the current Advisory Board Member listing, past meeting minutes, and our current By-Laws. (All of this information is required to be posted on our website, under FOIA.)

New Business –

The next ILETSB Quarterly meeting is September 9-10, 2015 at the Abe Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center. Anyone interested in attending the meeting is encouraged to do so while the meeting is here in Springfield. The next LETAC Board Meeting is September 16, 2015 11:30 a.m. The next ILEETS Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for immediately following today’s meeting.

Adjourn –

A motion was made to adjourn at 12:40 p.m. by Vern Foli, and seconded by Greg Damarin. A vote was taken, all were in favor, and the motion was carried without further discussion.