

Advisory Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training
REGULAR MEETING
K. O. Rayburn Training Center, 2401 Egypt Road, Ada, Oklahoma 74820
April 4, 2013
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Danny Ford, Chairman, Duncan Police Dept.
Cpt. Blake Green, Vice-Chair, Norman Police Dept.
Deputy Chief Brandon Berryhill, Broken Arrow P.D.
Director Jeff Harp, Univ. Central Oklahoma
Sheriff Scott Jay, Beckham County
Agent Jason Tucker, OBNDD
Major Rob Turner, Tulsa P.D.
Major Bill Weaver, Oklahoma City P.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Emmons, Executive Director
Charles Gerhart, Assistant Director
Chris Sutterfield, Chief of Operation
Tami Burnett, Curriculum Specialist
Laurie Schweinle, Recording Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Undersheriff Tim Albin, Tulsa County
Chief BJ Dudley, Prague P.D.
Chief Rex Eskridge, Muskogee P.D.
Mr. Jerry Mayfield, Dept. of Corrections
Sheriff Jerry Niles, Garfield County S.O.
Chief Harvey Rutherford, Woodward P.D.
Special Agent Kurt Stoner, FBI
Lt. Brent Sugg, Oklahoma Highway Patrol

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Danny Ford called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Roll was called, and 8 members were present. There was not a quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes

This item was tabled until the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

3. Advisory Council Composition

Chief Danny Ford welcomed the new members to the Advisory Council.

4. Curriculum Review Board Report

Director Emmons advised members that CLEET is still moving forward with curriculum revisions and that members should contact Tami Burnett if they have any questions.

5. Master Firearms Instructor

Director Emmons advised members that Mr. Steve Pelto, who had requested this item on the agenda, had contacted CLEET and asked for it to be tabled until the next meeting.

6. Bond Refund Update

Director Emmons advised members that CLEET would begin the new bond payments this month and that there would be some savings due to the refunding. He also advised members that the plans to build the safe room, dorms, and classroom were no longer being pursued.

7. Divisional Reports

There was no discussion.

8. Legislative Update

Director Emmons advised members that the Private Security bill was not heard and that the legislature wants to fix CLEET's current financial needs in another way. He also reported that the bills for creating a "bridge" academy for reserves seeking full-time certification and streamlining the refresher and reciprocity classes had passed through the Senate and would be heard on the floor next. Director Emmons then told members that the Advisory Council would not be eliminated nor would the Drug and Bomb Dog Advisory Councils be combined.

Director Emmons then advised members that the bounty hunter bill was still active. He also told members that CLEET would begin offering continuing education classes regarding missing and endangered juveniles to avoid mandated training.

Captain Blake Green asked if the bill allowing teachers to have firearms on school property was still active. Director Emmons replied that it was not heard by the Senate committee but that the Lieutenant Governor is running legislation that would require the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security to lead the training initiative as related to school safety. He also reported that CLEET had been removed as the administrator from that bill.

9. Director's Report

Director Emmons advised members that CLEET was planning a training conference that would become an annual event. This year it will be held September 9-14 at the Moore-Norman Technology Center and would feature CLEET classes as well as some of the NCBRT classes. Director Emmons advised that it may be possible to do the same type of weeklong training in the Tulsa area in the future. Major Turner asked if participants would be able to attend just one day rather than the entire week. Director Emmons replied that, yes, it would be scheduled just like regular CLEET classes.

Director Emmons then updated members on 2012 suspension statistics. He reported that 272 suspension letters had been sent out, which is down from 2011 suspensions which were over 400.

Director Emmons also advised members that the settlement for the driving track repairs had been received by CLEET. He said this money will be used for repairs to the parking lot and driving track.

Director Emmons then advised members of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Alliance which has been brought back and organized by DeWade Langley of the University of Central Oklahoma.

Director Emmons reported to members that the bill supporting regionalized training had been tabled again this year. He said that CLEET is working on compromises with those involved with this bill to avoid regionalized training. He advised that one option considered was doing the first few weeks of the academy, which is classroom training, at an off-site location. This would be a commuter academy, but the students would have to attend the remainder of the Basic Academy at CLEET.

10. New Business

There was no discussion.

11. Adjournment

Chairman Danny Ford adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.