

Advisory Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training
REGULAR MEETING
K. O. Rayburn Training Center, 2401 Egypt Road, Ada, Oklahoma 74820
October 4, 2012
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Danny Ford, Chairman, Duncan P.D.
Lt. Blake Green, Vice-Chair, Norman P.D.
Chief Deputy Tim Albin, Tulsa County S.O.
Agent Kendall Ballew, Dept. of Corrections
Deputy Chief Brandon Berryhill, Broken Arrow P.D.
Chief B.J. Dudley, Prague P.D.
Sheriff Scott Jay, Beckham County S.O.
Chief Harvey Rutherford, Woodward P. D.
Special Agent Kurt Stoner, F.B.I.
Lt. Brent Sugg, Oklahoma Highway Patrol
Major Rob Turner, Tulsa P.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Emmons, Executive Director
Charles Gerhart, Assistant Director
Walt Birdsong, Field Rep.
Laurie Schweinle, Recording Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chief Rex Eskridge, Muskogee P.D.
Director Jeff Harp, Univ. Central Oklahoma
Mr. Jerry Mayfield, Dept. of Corrections
Captain Steve Pelto, Bryan County S.O.
Major Bill Weaver, Oklahoma City P.D.
Sheriff Bill Winchester, Garfield County S.O.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Danny Ford called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll was called, and 9 members were present representing a quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Chief B.J. Dudley made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2012, Advisory Council meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Undersheriff Tim Albin. The motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

3. Advisory Council Composition

Deputy Chief Brandon Berryhill arrived at 10:02 a.m.

Members thanked Agent Ballew for his service.

4. Curriculum Review Board Report

Director Emmons informed members that a curriculum specialist had been hired at CLEET, Tami Burnett. She will be reviewing the Basic Academy curriculum first and then Reserve Academy curriculum. He also advised members that Major Bill Weaver had been recommended by the Curriculum Review Board to the Council to fill their vacancy.

Special Agent Kurt Stoner arrived at 10:04 a.m.

5. Recommendation from Council Regarding Carry Over of CE Hours

Director Emmons reported the recommendation from the Council regarding the Advisory Council's request for continuing education hours to be carried over into another year. The Council advised that it could be a good idea in the future but isn't practical right now with CLEET's current data system. Undersheriff Albin asked what program CLEET is using now. Director Emmons replied that it is called BIM and needs to be replaced and that CLEET is working on finding a way to do that. Undersheriff Albin then asked if there is a way for a larger agency to send their information electronically, without the use of a fax. Assistant Director Gerhart replied that CLEET is testing that now with agencies to be able to do that through Microsoft Excel.

6. Update on Safe Room Capital Project

Assistant Director Gerhart advised members that CLEET is still moving forward with building a safe room and have been using a consultant to obtain a reasonable cost estimate before it can be brought to the refunding agent. Director Emmons reported that the estimates are still too vague to allow for any action but that they hope to know more soon.

7. Mental Health Curriculum Update

Assistant Director Gerhart updated members on the status of the mental health curriculum update. He reported that the changes had been approved by the Curriculum Review Board and would be taken to the Council for final approval at their next meeting.

8. Consolidation of Boards by Governor Fallin

Director Emmons advised members that he had received a call from Governor Fallin's office regarding the possible elimination and/or consolidation of boards that govern state agencies. A review will be done with all boards across the state to determine if they are a necessity.

9. Legislative/Rule Change Update

Director Emmons advised members of two interim studies regarding human trafficking and evidence based domestic violence. At this time it does not appear they are directed at CLEET or peace officer training.

He also informed members of some possible legislation from the Oklahoma Sheriff's Association which would change a statute requiring non-certified deputies having to ride with a certified deputy until they receive training. The issue here is that this is not required for municipal officers, and OSA would like for the rules to be consistent.

Director Emmons then advised that CLEET staff had not yet met to discuss potential legislation for peace officers. However, legislation regarding the Private Security Division and its collection of fees has been discussed as CLEET will be short on funding for that division this year.

Director Emmons then gave a general overview of the major rule changes to be considered by CLEET this year. One change involves whether reciprocity should be granted for those that have received training in the military. Historically CLEET has refused reciprocity to those and would like to add a statement to the rules to clarify that military training is generally not recognized as federal law enforcement training. Members then had a general discussion on their opinions of this rule.

Director Emmons also advised another subsection would be added to the section that gives the director full discretion to award certification to someone based on comparable training in another state. Director Emmons expressed his concern that there should be more to this rule and has suggested if the training waiver is granted, that the person be required to attend the legal block before being granted certification.

Another change discussed was requiring all firearms requalifications to be submitted by December 31st instead of January 25th.

Deputy Chief Berryhill advised that there was still much confusion about the new open carry law and that he would like CLEET to approach the Attorney General's office for clarification that could be distributed to all district attorneys throughout the state. Director Emmons replied that he would talk to CLEET's General Counsel, James Wilson, about this and find out what could be done.

Walt Birdsong arrived at 10:57 a.m.

10. Divisional Reports

There was no discussion.

11. Director's Report

Director Emmons advised members that CLEET had started having regional meetings again and listed the various topics being discussed. He also reported that the budget request and strategic plan had

been submitted October 1st. One change in CLEET's strategic plan is to increase mandated training from 25 hours to 32 hours rather than the 40 hours it had previously been set at. Director Emmons also informed members that the number of people attending CLEET continuing education classes was decreasing, possibly due to the younger generation of officers completing their training online.

Chief Dudley asked if any action had been taken to require reserves to take continuing education as well. Director Emmons replied that effective November 1, 2012, reserves would be required to attend the Over 5 class but that nothing else had been done to move toward yearly mandated training for them. Director Emmons advised he felt OACP and OSA would need to be in support of this before CLEET could move forward with it. Members had a general discussion about requiring reserves to do continuing education and various department policies regarding this issue.

12. Proposed 2013 Meeting Dates

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Lt. Blake Green made a motion to approve the proposed 2013 meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Sheriff Scott Jay. The motion carried unanimously, 11-0.

13. New Business

Lt. Green offered his compliments to Director Emmons for his communication with various agencies and organizations across the state and maintaining a good working relationship with them.

14. Adjournment

Action Taken: Undersheriff Albin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Agent Kendall Ballew. The motion carried unanimously, 11-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.