

**Advisory Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**K. O. Rayburn Training Center, 2401 Egypt Road, Ada, Oklahoma 74820**  
**October 2, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chief Danny Ford, Chairman, Duncan P.D.  
Cpt. Blake Green, Vice-Chair, Norman P.D.  
Undersheriff Tim Albin, Tulsa County S.O.  
Inspector General Johnny Blevins, D.O.C.  
Director Jeff Harp, Univ. Central Oklahoma  
Deputy Chief David Houser, Durant P.D.  
Sheriff Scott Jay, Beckham County S.O.  
Sheriff Jerry Niles, Garfield County S.O. (10:05 a.m.)  
Special Agent Kurt Stoner, F.B.I.  
Cpt. Brent Sugg, Oklahoma Highway Patrol  
Agent Jason Tucker, O.B.N.D.D.  
Major Rob Turner, Tulsa P.D.  
Major Bill Weaver, Oklahoma City P.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Steve Emmons, Executive Director  
Charles Gerhart, Assistant Director  
Laurie Schweinle, Recording Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Asst. Chief Brandon Berryhill, Broken Arrow P.D.  
Chief BJ Dudley, Prague P.D.  
Chief Rex Eskridge, Muskogee P.D.  
Chief Harvey Rutherford, Woodward P.D.

**Guests:**

Bo Walker, Duncan P.D.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Danny Ford called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll was called, and 12 members were present, representing a quorum.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

There was no discussion.

**Action Taken:** Undersheriff Albin made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2014, regular meeting as written. Major Weaver seconded the motion. Chief Ford voted yes. Captain Green voted yes. Undersheriff Albin voted yes. Inspector Blevins voted yes. Director Harp voted yes. Deputy Chief Houser voted yes. Sheriff Jay voted yes. Special Agent Stoner voted yes. Captain Sugg voted yes. Agent Tucker voted yes. Major Turner voted yes. Major Weaver voted yes. The motion passed 12-0.

### **3. Advisory Council Composition**

There was no discussion.

**Action Taken:** Major Weaver made a motion to recommend Captain John Paul, DPS, replace Captain Brent Sugg, DPS, on the Advisory Council. Undersheriff Albin seconded the motion. Chief Ford voted yes. Captain Green voted yes. Undersheriff Albin voted yes. Inspector Blevins voted yes. Director Harp voted yes. Deputy Chief Houser voted yes. Sheriff Jay voted yes. Special Agent Stoner voted yes. Captain Sugg voted yes. Agent Tucker voted yes. Major Turner voted yes. Major Weaver voted yes. The motion passed 12-0.

### **4. Curriculum Review Board**

Director Emmons advised members that the numbering system on CLEET curriculum would be changing soon. Undersheriff Albin asked that Director Emmons keep Advisory Council members updated on CLEET's budget via email as another reduction in funding could lead to a cut in services.

### **5. Divisional Reports**

Undersheriff Albin inquired what the termination rate of officers is. Assistant Director Gerhart responded that Oklahoma loses about 45 officers per month, but that we stay ahead of this due to reciprocity applicants. He added that approximately 17-20% of new officers that attend the Basic Academy at CLEET leave law enforcement within 5 years, largely due to the pay. Undersheriff Albin suggested doing exit interviews might be helpful to learn more about this and also to take to the legislature.

Director Emmons advised members that he had met with Representative Martin about an interim study on the turnover rate within law enforcement, but it was too late to request one.

### **6. Legislative/Rule Change Update**

Director Emmons advised that CLEET staff were still working on rule and legislative changes.

### **7. Director's Report**

Director Emmons advised members that due to the significant erosion, CLEET had declared the driving track condition an emergency in order to make immediate repairs between classes. The total cost for these repairs would be \$37,000.

Director Emmons then advised members that staff had been working on a way to integrate the bridge academy into the first 9 weeks of the basic academy and had finally found a way to do this. The new format would begin with Academy 1501.

Director Emmons then told members that CLEET would be meeting with OMES in order to try and find a way to deal with CLEET's aging database, BIM.

Director Emmons advised members that there would be a signing ceremony to celebrate the opening of CLEET's satellite office at OSU-OKC on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. He advised that this office was being staffed by Norma Floyd on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Director Emmons reported that an interim study on campus carry was being held October 8<sup>th</sup> and that CLEET had been contacted by both sides of the debate. He added that CLEET had also been asked to provide some data for this study.

Director Emmons then advised members that the September training initiative had trained about 423 people and that another initiative was scheduled for December 1-5, 2014, at NSU-Broken Arrow.

Director Emmons also told members that CLEET would begin the process of filling Chris Sutterfield's position by conducting internal interviews. He added that the position had been dropped to Training Manager to save some money.

## **8. Proposed 2015 Meeting Dates**

**Action Taken:** Sheriff Jay made a motion to approve the 2015 proposed meeting dates as presented with the exception of July 2, 2015, which he recommended be changed to July 9, 2015. Major Turner seconded the motion. Chief Ford voted yes. Captain Green voted yes. Undersheriff Albin voted yes. Inspector Blevins voted yes. Director Harp voted yes. Deputy Chief Houser voted yes. Sheriff Jay voted yes. Sheriff Niles voted yes. Special Agent Stoner voted yes. Captain Sugg voted yes. Agent Tucker voted yes. Major Turner voted yes. Major Weaver voted yes. The motion passed 13-0.

## **9. New Business**

Major Weaver began the discussion by making a motion to support legislation that would allow law enforcement to carry over 12 continuing education hours to the next year. Undersheriff Albin expressed his support for this.

Major Weaver explained that he had researched other professions that allow for this. Deputy Chief Houser advised that he had inquired of other officers how they would feel about this and none expressed support for it. He added that those he asked said having to get the 25 hours each year kept them current on issues and training.

Major Weaver said that the carryover would only help cover the next year's training, and he felt it would result in fewer suspensions. Sheriff Niles asked who would track this. Major Weaver responded that CLEET would and that the IT Manager had told the Advisory Council in the past that it wouldn't be a problem.

Director Emmons asked who would carry the bill. Major Weaver responded that CLEET should if the Council directs them to.

**Action Taken:** Major Weaver made a motion to support legislation that would allow law enforcement to carry over 12 continuing education hours into the next year. Captain Green seconded the motion.

Chief Ford voted yes. Captain Green voted yes. Undersheriff Albin voted yes. Inspector Blevins voted yes. Director Harp voted yes. Deputy Chief Houser voted no. Sheriff Jay voted yes. Sheriff Niles voted yes. Special Agent Stoner voted yes. Captain Sugg voted yes. Agent Tucker voted yes. Major Turner voted yes. Major Weaver voted yes. The motion passed 12-1.

## **10. Adjournment**

**Action Taken:** Major Weaver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheriff Jay seconded the motion. Chief Ford voted yes. Captain Green voted yes. Undersheriff Albin voted yes. Inspector Blevins voted yes. Director Harp voted yes. Deputy Chief Houser voted yes. Sheriff Jay voted yes. Sheriff Niles voted yes. Special Agent Stoner voted yes. Captain Sugg voted yes. Agent Tucker voted yes. Major Turner voted yes. Major Weaver voted yes. The motion passed 13-0.

Chairman Danny Ford adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.