

**Advisory Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**K. O. Rayburn Training Center, 2401 Egypt Road, Ada, Oklahoma 74820**  
**January 9, 2014**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chief Danny Ford, Chairman, Duncan Police Dept.  
Asst. Chief Brandon Berryhill, Broken Arrow P.D.  
Chief BJ Dudley, Prague P.D.  
Director Jeff Harp, Univ. Central Oklahoma  
Deputy Chief David Houser, Durant P.D.  
Sheriff Jerry Niles, Garfield County S.O.  
Cpt. Brent Sugg, Oklahoma Highway Patrol  
Major Rob Turner, Tulsa P.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Steve Emmons, Executive Director  
Charles Gerhart, Assistant Director  
Chris Sutterfield, Chief of Operations  
Laurie Schweinle, Recording Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Undersheriff Tim Albin, Tulsa County  
Cpt. Blake Green, Vice-Chair, Norman Police Dept.  
Chief Rex Eskridge, Muskogee P.D.  
Sheriff Scott Jay, Beckham County  
Chief Harvey Rutherford, Woodward P.D.  
Special Agent Kurt Stoner, FBI  
Agent Jason Tucker, OBNDD  
Major Bill Weaver, Oklahoma City P.D.

**Guests:**

Bo Walker, Duncan P.D.

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Danny Ford called the meeting to order at 10:02 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. Department of Corrections Vacancy**

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

**4. Curriculum Review Board**

Director Emmons reported that the next Curriculum Review Board meeting scheduled for January 21, 2014, had been canceled but that CLEET staff are still working on revising curriculum.

Director Harp inquired about the request to raise the passing grade on the firearms safety exam to 90%. He questioned whether it should not be 100% and if there was a retest option. Director Emmons responded that there is the occasional failing grade and that the 90% will raise the standard. Chris Sutterfield advised that there is a retest option offered the day following the failed test and that the test must be passed before the student may go to the firing range.

## **5. Proposed CLEET Rule Changes**

Director Emmons advised members that the bail enforcer rules had to be done as emergency rules because the statute goes into effect before the rules are approved. He then reported that most of the rule changes were to clean up the language and reviewed some of the more interesting ones.

## **6. Divisional Reports**

Director Emmons updated members with the 2013 legal summary.

## **7. Legislative Update**

Director Emmons advised members that CLEET would be running three bills in the upcoming legislative session, one bill for Title 59 and two bills for Title 70. He advised that most of the changes in Title 70, Section 3311 were to clean up language. He then discussed the proposed language that would require all law enforcement agencies to have either a chief or sheriff that is full-time certified. He also discussed the change that would require a background check to be completed before employment. He explained that this was intended to eliminate having students in academies that have not had a background investigation done and could have criminal histories.

Director Emmons then discussed the proposed change to Title 70, Section 3311.4. He explained that this change would impact suspensions by eliminating the requirement to have a letter of intent to suspend sent out as this costs CLEET between \$10,000 and \$12,000 per year. He also advised that this year would be the first year without a grace period in January during which officers were previously allowed to make up training for the preceding year.

Chief Dudley inquired what could be done about COP students having a background check done before entering the program. Chris Sutterfield advised that COP students are not currently fingerprinted until they are employed. Director Emmons and members then discussed why this would be beneficial to law enforcement agencies hiring COP graduates.

Director Emmons then discussed the changes to Title 59. He advised that language was being proposed to allow CLEET to take administrative action on a peace officer certification if that person has their private security license revoked. Members advised they had no problem with this.

## **8. Director's Report**

Director Emmons advised members that the second academy of 2014 would be the first bridge academy. He reported that this academy had filled up quickly and that staff are considering making the

fifth academy a bridge as well. Director Emmons then reported that Senator Paddock had made a request to allow the 160 hour reserves to attend a bridge academy as well. CLEET staff are working on allowing them to attend after taking eighty hours of approved continuing education classes. He also advised members that CLEET has hired two new employees, Vonnie Houser who is working under a grant from the Highway Safety Office and Steven Lanier who is a defensive tactics instructor.

Director Emmons then updated members regarding the past training initiatives CLEET has hosted at Norman and Broken Arrow. He also announced plans for the next one to be held May 13-16, 2014, in Broken Arrow. He also advised that ALERRT training has been renewed and approximately 2,400 officers have been trained.

Director Emmons updated members about a recent meeting he had with Professional Oklahoma Educators in regards to their desire to mandate school safety training for all law enforcement officers. He advised that he offered to work with them to accomplish this without legislation. He also advised them of the newly formed School Safety Institute within the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security. Director Emmons then suggested that it might be beneficial for CLEET to have the authority to mandate continuing education classes for peace officers rather than it being done through legislation.

Charles Gerhart, CLEET Assistant Director, then advised members that COP students are required to have a background check done through the county and OSBI before entering firearms training. Director Emmons added that a rule change would be necessary to have the background check done before entering the program.

## **9. New Business**

There was no discussion.

## **10. Adjournment**

Chairman Danny Ford dismissed the meeting at 10:59 a.m.