

Advisory Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training
REGULAR MEETING
K. O. Rayburn Training Center, 2401 Egypt Road, Ada, Oklahoma 74820
July 10, 2014
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chief Danny Ford, Chairman, Duncan P.D.
Cpt. Blake Green, Vice-Chair, Norman P.D.
Deputy Chief David Houser, Durant P.D.
Sheriff Scott Jay, Beckham County S.O.
Sheriff Jerry Niles, Garfield County S.O.
Chief Harvey Rutherford, Woodward P.D.
Major Rob Turner, Tulsa P.D.
Agent Jason Tucker, OBNDD
Major Bill Weaver, Oklahoma City P.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Emmons, Executive Director
Charles Gerhart, Assistant Director
John Parker, Director of Administration
Laurie Schweinle, Recording Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Undersheriff Tim Albin, Tulsa County S.O.
Asst. Chief Brandon Berryhill, Broken Arrow P.D.
Chief BJ Dudley, Prague P.D.
Chief Rex Eskridge, Muskogee P.D.
Director Jeff Harp, Univ. Central Oklahoma
Special Agent Kurt Stoner, FBI
Cpt. Brent Sugg, Oklahoma Highway Patrol

Guests:

Chief Don Sweger, Bristow P.D.
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 9 members were present, representing a quorum.

2. Approval of Minutes

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Major Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2013, January 9, 2014, and April 3, 2014, meetings as written. Deputy Chief Houser seconded the motion. Chief Ford voted yes. Captain Green voted yes. Deputy Chief Houser voted yes. Sheriff Jay voted yes. Sheriff Niles voted yes. Chief Rutherford voted yes. Agent Tucker voted yes. Major Turner voted yes. Major Weaver voted yes. The motion passed 9-0.

3. Department of Corrections Vacancy

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Major Weaver made a motion to recommend Mr. Johnny Blevins to the Council to fill the DOC vacancy. Chief Rutherford seconded the motion. Chief Ford voted yes. Captain Green voted yes. Deputy Chief Houser voted yes. Sheriff Jay voted yes. Sheriff Niles voted yes. Chief Rutherford voted yes. Agent Tucker voted yes. Major Turner voted yes. Major Weaver voted yes. The motion passed 9-0.

4. Mandatory Annual COP Meeting

Director Emmons advised members that the first annual COP directors meeting was held with the intent of keeping the information flowing between CLEET and these universities.

5. Annual Curriculum Update for Academy Cities and COP

Director Emmons advised members that CLEET has a meeting scheduled for August 5, 2014, to help make sure academy cities and COP directors have the most updated curriculum. He advised it was not mandatory but strongly recommended. He then advised that CLEET was working toward making the necessary changes to the firing range in order to include rifle training in the future. Major Weaver added that one problem with adding this type of training could be obtaining ammunition as OKC has waited up to one year in the past. Director Emmons agreed and advised a contractor had provided a rough estimate of \$10k to make the improvements.

6. Impact of Budget Reallocation

Director Emmons updated members on the passage of HB 3531, which will allow CLEET's Private Security Division to keep 100% of the fees it collects thus making it self-supporting. He then advised members that if the budget is cut by the legislature again next year, CLEET would have to look at cutting services such as meals or continuing education. Members then had a general discussion about how CLEET is funded and possible ways to secure more funding.

7. CLEET Personnel Update

Director Emmons advised members that Ron Mitchell, CLEET Field Rep, and Chris Sutterfield, CLEET Chief of Operations, would both be retiring soon. He reported that CLEET staff had been evaluating how to fill these positions and were considering a number of options including adding another IT person to help with the BIM upgrade and hiring an additional instructor.

8. OSU-OKC Partnership

Director Emmons reported that a contract had been received from OSU-OKC for CLEET to open an office on their campus by July 15, 2014. It would be open 2 days per week and staffed by Norma Floyd.

9. Divisional Reports

Director Emmons advised members that the reserve academy at Rogers State would become an annual

event and that CLEET would also like to host one in the OKC area.

10. Legislative Update

Director Emmons advised that CLEET, in conjunction with the OACP, would begin work for the next legislative session as early as August or September and encouraged members to let him know of any requests or suggestions they may have. He also encouraged all law enforcement to work together to accomplish goals at the capitol. Members agreed.

11. Director's Report

Director Emmons advised members that academy enrollment is full through A1501 due to the high turnover rate within Oklahoma law enforcement and that CLEET was starting to receive complaints from agencies that are unable to enroll their new hires. He advised that this issue would be brought to the Council and legislators.

12. New Business

Major Weaver reported that the Curriculum Review Board had voted to do away with the numbering system used by CLEET for training objectives and also had voted to recommend Sheriff Shannon Smith, Seminole County, to the Council for appointment on the Board. He also advised that the issue of law enforcement being able to carry over continuing education hours from one year to the next had been discussed again and that the Curriculum Review Board was in support of this change. Director Emmons advised that it could be built into the new database if the Council and legislature approved. Members discussed possible ways this could work with the mental health and firearms requirements.

13. Adjournment

Action Taken: Chief Rutherford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Major Weaver seconded the motion. Chief Ford voted yes. Captain Green voted yes. Deputy Chief Houser voted yes. Sheriff Jay voted yes. Sheriff Niles voted yes. Chief Rutherford voted yes. Agent Tucker voted yes. Major Turner voted yes. Major Weaver voted yes. The motion passed 9-0.

Chairman Danny Ford adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.