

**COUNCIL ON LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING
REGULAR MEETING
Oklahoma County SO Training Center, 8601 Main Street, Spencer, OK
April 15, 2015
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sheriff John Whetsel, Oklahoma County
Chief Michael Robinson, OSU DPS
Major Todd Blish, Oklahoma Highway Patrol
Sheriff John Christian, Pontotoc County
Chief Bill Citty, Oklahoma City PD
Chief Russell Frantz, Shawnee PD
Director Norman McNickle, DPS City of Stillwater
Chief Bob Ricks, Edmond PD
Chief Jason Smith, Anadarko PD

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Emmons, Executive Director
John Parker, Director of Administration
James Wilson, General Counsel
Shannon Butler, Training Manager
Laurie Schweinle, Recording Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. James Burke, East Central University
Director Stan Florence, OSBI
Director Darrell Weaver, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics
Chief Randy Wesley, Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse PD

GUESTS:

Chief Chuck Jordan, Tulsa PD
Deputy Chief Jonathan Brooks, Tulsa PD
James Guerrero, Metro Tech
Ernie Gomez, Moore-Norman Tech
Captain Jim Anderson, Oklahoma County

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Whetsel called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. Roll was called, and nine members were present, representing a quorum.

2. Open Meeting Act Compliance

Sheriff Whetsel confirmed that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

3. Approval of Minutes

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Director McNickle made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015, regular meeting as written. Chief Robinson seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Citty voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 9-0.

Action Taken: Major Blish made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2015, special meeting as written. Director McNickle seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief City voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 9-0.

4. Advisory Council Report

There was no discussion.

5. Advisory Council Composition

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Sheriff Christian made a motion to appoint Sheriff Reuben Parker, Jr., Beaver County SO, to the Region 10 seat on the Advisory Council. Chief Ricks seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief City voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 9-0.

Action Taken: Chief Robinson made a motion to reappoint Sheriff Scott Jay, Beckham County SO, and Special Agent Kurt Stoner, FBI, to the Advisory Council. Sheriff Christian seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief City voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 9-0.

6. Private Security Advisory Committee Report

There was no discussion.

7. Curriculum Review Board Report

There was no discussion.

8. 40 Hour Drug Dog Handler Course

Director Emmons advised members that CLEET's legal department had not yet had a chance to review this course and would like to have the time to do so before there was any action.

Action Taken: Major Blish made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Chief Smith seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief City voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 9-0.

9. Tulsa PD Academy

Chief Jordan introduced himself and Deputy Chief Brooks. He explained that Tulsa PD was interested in helping out the surrounding agencies that are waiting to get into the CLEET Basic Academy by allowing a few students to attend their academy. He explained that the Tulsa PD academy currently consisted of the CLEET curriculum the first 16 weeks and then moved on to the advanced material. He

said the outside students would have the option of attending just the CLEET portion or the entire Tulsa PD academy. Chief Ricks asked if this would only go on while CLEET is backed up. Chief Jordan replied that it was not just the backlog issue but also a convenience issue for the departments. Sheriff Whetsel asked if agencies outside Tulsa County would be allowed in. Chief Jordan replied that most would be from Tulsa County. Deputy Chief Brooks added that Tulsa Public Schools and Tulsa Airport Police could also attend and that it would also help build relationships between departments. Chief Jordan added that CLEET could have final approval over which outside students attend.

Sheriff Whetsel proposed that it be temporarily approved for a 12 month period with a staff review at the end and limit it to students from agencies within Tulsa County. Members discussed this proposal as well as the potential for problems with penalty assessment fees.

Action Taken: Director McNickle made a motion to allow Tulsa PD to train agencies located in Tulsa County or agencies whose jurisdiction boundaries are contiguous with the City of Tulsa's for a 12 month period with a staff report at the end of that period. Director McNickle included in his motion the stipulations that penalty assessment fees would continue to be collected as they currently are and that all students from agencies outside of Tulsa PD be approved by CLEET prior to attending the Tulsa PD Academy. Chief Ricks seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Citty voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 9-0.

10. Licensing Peace Officers

Chief Jordan and Deputy Chief Brooks left and Ernie Gomez, Moore-Norman Tech, arrived at 10:33 a.m.

Director Emmons advised members that some states had begun charging a licensing fee for peace officers to help fund the training agencies. He added that North Dakota is charging \$45 for a 3 year license. Members discussed the legislative work that would need to be done to accomplish this and what challenges it might face. Members agreed it could be a good idea but that these funds would likely need to be earmarked for a specific purpose. Sheriff Whetsel asked if CLEET staff could put together a proposal for this and bring it to the next meeting.

11. CLEET Financial Report

John Parker, CLEET Director of Administration and Comptroller, advised members that there was nothing unexpected in the report. He said approximately \$950,000 was encumbered for the remainder of the year and that staff members are looking to purchase new mats for defensive tactics and cars for LEDT.

12. Budget Update

Director Emmons referred to the potential cost savings listed in the Advisory Council minutes under item 4. Those savings are detailed below.

- Extra money encumbered for meals - \$60k
- Replace evening meal with box lunch - \$100k
- Cut 100 hours from Basic Academy - \$100k
- Eliminate evening meal - \$175k

- Eliminate evening meal and breakfast - \$300k
- Eliminate all meals - \$500k
- Cut from 1 year to 6 months of ammo - \$30-50k
- Require agency to bring own ammo - \$100k
- Require agency to use own cars for LEDT - \$180k
- Eliminate CE - \$20-30k
- 2 part-time positions - \$50k
- 4 full-time positions - \$275k

Director Emmons advised that he's heard agencies could expect a 2-9% cut and added that if only 2-3% is cut, CLEET may not have to cut services depending on where the cut is made. John Parker advised members that if the cut is made to general revenue the amount would be nominal but if made to total appropriations that a 3% cut would be about \$100,000.

Director Emmons passed out Attachment A.

Members discussed possible ways to save money in the event the budget is cut. Members then discussed the licensing fee for peace officers and if it was a possible way to generate revenue in the future. There was a general consensus that staff should explore this option further.

13. Actions Against Peace Officers

Director Emmons clarified that not all of those reported were new cases. Many are from the past.

14. Divisional Reports

There was no discussion.

15. Legislative Update

Director Emmons updated members on the status of CLEET's request bills: SB135-sent to governor; SB64-back to the Senate; and SB143-dead. He then advised members of HB2014 and gave a summary of the language in the bill. He added that an amendment had been proposed to require the teachers to either attend a Reserve Academy or armed security guard training rather than 50 hours. He then gave a summary of SB220.

Sheriff Whetsel advised the Oklahoma Sheriff's Association had written a letter of opposition to HB2014 and asked if it would help if the Council took a position on it as well. Director Emmons added that South Dakota has a similar law and that no schools have taken advantage of it due to concerns expressed by their insurers.

Action Taken: Chief Ricks made a motion to oppose HB2014. Director McNickle seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Citty voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 9-0.

16. Director's Report

Director Emmons reported that CLEET was receiving phone calls from the media in regards to the

shooting in Tulsa County. He also advised he had attended the IADLEST spring meeting and that the national meeting would be in June. He added that the commuter academies in Nicoma Park and Muskogee were still moving forward and that the BIA was looking to bring training to CLEET. Director Emmons reported that DOC was very happy with their academy taking place at CLEET and that they had requested more training to be held at the facility.

17. New Business

Sheriff Whetsel advised the Council of his desire to increase training requirements for reserve officers in light of the recent shooting in Tulsa County. He encouraged members to become involved in this process as well as the Oklahoma Sheriff's Association and the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police.

Director McNickle made a recommendation to members that any instructors from outside areas should have their background looked into prior to teaching any classes.

Director Emmons advised members of the National Certification Program being instituted by IADLEST. He described it as a clearinghouse for outside vendors to receive program accreditation for classes being offered to law enforcement. Members expressed support for this idea. Director Emmons requested information on any subject matter experts they may know that IADLEST could use to evaluate curriculum.

18. Adjournment

Action Taken: Chief Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Ricks seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Citty voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. The motion carried 9-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.