

**COUNCIL ON LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING
REGULAR MEETING
Wilshire Gun, 615 Wilshire Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK
October 14, 2015
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sheriff John Whetsel, Oklahoma County
Chief Michael Robinson, OSU DPS
Sheriff John Christian, Pontotoc County
Chief Bill Citty, Oklahoma City PD
Director Stan Florence, OSBI
Chief Russell Frantz, Shawnee PD (10:17 a.m.)
Major Pat Mays, Oklahoma Highway Patrol
Director Norman McNickle, DPS City of Stillwater
Chief Bob Ricks, Edmond PD
Chief Jason Smith, Anadarko PD
Chief Randy Wesley, Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse PD

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Emmons, Executive Director
Charles Gerhart, Assistant 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 Darrell Weaver, Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics

GUESTS:

Jim Carroll
DeWade Langley, UCO
Tyler Talley, e-Capitol

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman Whetsel called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Open Meeting Act Compliance

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

3. Roll Call

Roll was called, and ten members were present, representing a quorum.

4. Approval of Minutes

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Chief Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2015, regular meeting. Director McNickle seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Citty voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Major Mays voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Chief Wesley voted

yes. The motion carried 10-0.

5. Council Composition

Sheriff Whetsel welcomed Major Mays to the Council.

6. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Director Florence made a motion to nominate Sheriff Whetsel as Council Chairman. Chief Wesley seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel abstained. Chief Robinson voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Citty voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Major Mays voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 9-0.

Action Taken: Director McNickle made a motion to nominate Chief Robinson as Council Vice-Chairman. Sheriff Christian seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson abstained. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Citty voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Major Mays voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 9-0.

7. Advisory Council Report

There was no discussion.

8. Private Security Advisory Committee Report

There was no discussion.

9. Curriculum Review Board Report

Director Emmons informed members that the Curriculum Review Board and CLEET staff had been discussing the possibility of having pre-academy classes delivered via distance education or some other means to save money. He added that OHP Chief Adams had offered the DPS training center academy use when OHP is not using it.

Sheriff Whetsel asked if the backlog of students had improved any. Director Emmons replied that CLEET was doing well so far, but classes are full and have at least 90 enrolled in the next two academies.

10. Drug Dog Advisory Council Composition

Chief Frantz entered the meeting at 10:17 a.m.

Action Taken: Chief Smith made a motion to reappoint Cindy Cunningham, OBNDD; David Rivers, Oklahoma City PD; and Troy Wall, OBNDD. Chief Robinson seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Citty voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Major Mays voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 11-0.

11. CLEET Financial Report

John Parker, CLEET Director of Administration, gave a brief summary of the financial report and reported that CLEET could have carryover funds of approximately \$345,000 but intend to spend that money. Sheriff Whetsel discussed the need for repairs to the driving track, and John Parker added that carryover funds would not be enough to make the necessary repairs but could provide short-term fixes. He added that the legislature took \$100,000 from the Training Center Revolving Fund last year which is specifically earmarked for those types of repairs.

12. Budget Update

Director Emmons advised members that CLEET would need to prepare for budget cuts, but the exact amount is not yet known. He then discussed several options for cutting expenses. He also advised members that CLEET may receive some funding from FEMA to address repairs at the LEDT track due to the damage caused by recent rains.

Council members then discussed how to best manage the significant budget cuts that are expected while still needing to make repairs at the LEDT track and staff parking lot. Sheriff Whetsel advised that he felt the Council should take the responsibility for deciding where to make cuts.

13. LASER Training

Members asked for an explanation of LASER training. Shannon Butler, CLEET Training Manager, explained that it is similar to ALERRT training. He added that the students got to do scenarios during this training and remarked at how helpful it was.

Action Taken: Director McNickle made a motion to include LASER training in the Basic Academy. Chief Smith seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Citty voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Major Mays voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 11-0.

14. Shotgun Training in Basic Academy

Director Emmons advised members that agencies that do not require their officers to carry a shotgun are not pleased with having to teach it and maintain the shotguns for their academies. Members then discussed possible options on how to deal with this since some agencies do require their officers to carry shotguns and also the problem with issuing rifles without adequate training. Sheriff Whetsel suggested staff come up with some options to deal with this problem and for this item to be placed on the next meeting agenda with action to be taken.

15. Reserve Officer Education

Director Emmons reminded members that the legislation to increase reserve officer training did not pass last year and asked if they wanted to pursue it again. Sheriff Whetsel and other members advised they felt it was worth the Council's support.

Action Taken: Director McNickle made a motion that the Council support legislation that would raise Reserve Officer training to a minimum of 300 hours of academy training and 12 hours of

continuing education annually. Chief Frantz seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief City voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Major Mays voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 11-0.

16. Lexipol Daily Training Bulletins

Assistant Director Gerhart gave members a brief description of how the Lexipol training bulletins work and said that he would recommend offering no more than 8-12 hours of continuing education credit per year for these. Members discussed at length the accreditation process and whether officers should receive credit for learning their department policies.

Action Taken: Chief Ricks made a motion to direct staff to propose a recommendation for restrictions on the number of hours of continuing education credit officers could receive for online classes. Sheriff Christian seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief City voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Major Mays voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 11-0.

17. Instructor Refresher Requirements

Director Emmons advised that he would like staff to bring forward options for instructors to be required to maintain their instructor certifications.

Action Taken: Chief City made a motion to direct staff to make a recommendation on requirements for instructor refresher training. Chief Ricks seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief City voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Major Mays voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 11-0.

18. Peace Officer Licensing Fee

Director Emmons advised members that there are a few states that do require a licensing fee for peace officers. Members had a brief discussion and ultimately determined it was not likely to pass the legislature.

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

19. Proposed 2016 Council Meeting Dates

There was no discussion.

Action Taken: Director McNickle made a motion to approve the proposed 2016 meetings dates as presented. Chief Robinson seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief City voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Major Mays voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 9-0.

20. Proposed Rule/Statute Changes

Director Emmons advised members to have any legislation requests to him by December 1.

21. Actions Against Peace Officers

There was no discussion.

22. Divisional Reports

There was no discussion.

23. Director's Report

Director Emmons advised members that the Oklahoma Justice Review had completed its consolidation review and that a group had already been established to address training needs. Assistant Director Gerhart provided a brief description of the portable shoot houses that had been purchased through the ALERRT grant. Director Emmons then advised members that CLEET's training initiative in October had great enrollment and that there would be another training initiative in December in Broken Arrow.

24. Board Comments

There was no discussion.

25. New Business

DeWade Langley, University of Central Oklahoma, advised members that UCO will be doing research in the area of officer involved shootings. He stated that they were currently gathering information on the number of shootings and would then look at the correlation between the shootings and training. He explained the purpose was not to determine if the shooting was justified and that UCO is willing to assist any agency with this.

26. Adjournment

Action Taken: Sheriff Christian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Major Mays seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Chief Robinson voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Frantz voted yes. Major Mays voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Smith voted yes. Chief Wesley voted yes. The motion carried 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.