

**COUNCIL ON LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING
REGULAR MEETING
Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police – 8915 S. Olie, Oklahoma City, OK
April 16, 2014
MINUTES**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sheriff John Whetsel, Oklahoma County SO (10:37 am)
Chief Michael Robinson, O.S.U. DPS
Major Todd Blish, Oklahoma Highway Patrol
Dr. James Burke, East Central University
Sheriff John Christian, Pontotoc County SO
Chief Bill Citty, Oklahoma City Police Dept. (10:05 am)
Director Stan Florence, O.S.B.I.
Director Norman McNickle, Dept. of Public Safety,
City of Stillwater
Chief Bob Ricks, Edmond Police Dept.
Director Darrell Weaver, Oklahoma Bureau of
Narcotics (10:08)

STAFF PRESENT:

Steve Emmons, Executive Director
Chuck Gerhart, Assistant Director
Norma Floyd, Recording Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chief Russell Frantz, Shawnee Police Dept.
Sgt. Jason Smith, F.O.P.
Chief Randy Wesley, Chickasaw Nation Police Dept.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Vice-Chairman Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll was called, and seven members were present, representing a quorum.

2. Open Meeting Act Compliance

Chairman Robinson asked for verification that agenda was posted, and we are in compliance with the Open Meeting Act. Director Emmons responded affirmatively.

3. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of January 29, 2014, February 13, 2014, March 4, 2014, and March 20, 2014 were all considered.

Action Taken: Director McNickle made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Sheriff Christian seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Robinson voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. The motion carried 7-0.

4. Advisory Council Report

There was no discussion and no action taken.

5. Private Security Advisory Committee (PSAC) Report

There was no discussion and no action taken.

6. Private Security Advisory Committee Composition

Action Taken: Chief Ricks made a motion to reappoint Mr. Bill Howard, Mr. Wayne Pauley, Mr. Louis Maltos, Mr. Bill Price, and Mr. Rob Vincent to the Private Security Advisory Council. Dr. Burke seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Robinson voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. The motion carried 7-0.

7. Curriculum Review Board Report

Director Emmons advised members that the Below 100 curriculum is receiving lots of attention and movement. The program is sponsored by International Association of Chiefs of Police focusing on keeping line of duty deaths across the nation to less than 100 per year. The current average is about 120 per year.

Director Emmons advised the Curriculum Review Board approved the four-hour program to be included in the basic academy. He added that we have not determined where in the academy it will be placed.

Chief Bill City arrived at 10:05 a.m.

Members discussed specific LEDT training related to particular vehicles. Director Florence asked if there is a direct correlation to the types of vehicles driven, such as SUV's and pickup trucks, and are we are training in the correct vehicles. Director Emmons stated that this is being discussed and that recent deaths in Oklahoma have been in SUV type vehicles, and that CLEET does not have any SUV vehicles to use in training.

Director Darrell Weaver arrived at 10:08 a.m.

Director Florence stated the Oklahoma Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association Board of Directors had discussed a resolution requiring agencies to provide vehicles for training if they are used at the department. Florence added that he doesn't believe it is just a CLEET problem and that CLEET cannot bear the entire load of responsibility. Director Florence asked if there is a different curriculum for SUV training. Major Blish responded there is and he would make it available.

Members asked that the Below 100 program be placed on the next Council agenda as a voting item.

8. Curriculum Review Board Composition

Director Emmons advised that Dr. Michael Wilds is very supportive of CLEET. Adding we are adding two training initiatives this year, one will be held in Broken Arrow with the assistance of Dr. Wilds.

Action Taken: Director Weaver made a motion to reappoint Dr. Michael Wilds to the Curriculum Review Board. Director Florence seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Robinson voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief City voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. The motion carried 9-0.

9. CLEET Financial Report

Director Emmons advised that John Parker estimated we would have approximately \$150,000 carryover. He stated we are in good shape for FY 2014.

Director Emmons reported on Senate Bill 1750 and how it will affect the Private Security Division. Senator Shortey's bill would allow CLEET to keep all of the licensing fees, instead of split between general fund and private security revolving fund. CLEET's argument is that the Private Security Division could be self-supportive and would not need general revenue if 100% of the fees are retained by CLEET.

During the Committee Meeting, Chairman Scott Martin stated that general revenue funds would be offset by the licensing fees. Currently we are using general revenue funds to make it to the end of the year. The bill is still moving through the legislative process. Chief Ricks asked if general revenue will be only this year or every year. Director Emmons stated each year. All based on estimated license fees. He went on to remind members that license terms were changed from two-year licenses to three-year licenses. He stated that John Parker plans in advance for that third year's deficit. CLEET was not approached prior to Senator Shortey running this bill. There will be a fiscal impact on CLEET, and will be offset one way or another.

10. Promissory Note Collection Methods

Director Emmons reminded members that their consensus as the previous meeting was that collection of promissory notes through income tax refunds this should be used only as a last resort. They also agreed that CLEET staff should be consistent with how and when this procedure is used and should therefore come up with a set of guidelines. Those are found in attachment number 10.

Action Taken: Director McNickle made a motion to approved staff's process to collect promissory notes. Chief City seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Robinson voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief City voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. The motion carried 9-0.

11. Specialized Instructor Certification

Director Emmons advised members that the formalized policy found in the agenda packet is

based on previous Council meetings and discussions and deals only with Firearms Instructor Schools. Assistant Director Gerhart added that some parts of the policy have been altered to allow the Director to waive certain items such as turning target systems. Mr. Gerhart added that the Self-Defense Instructor policy will be available by the next Council Meeting.

Action Taken: Chief City made a motion to approve curriculum. Sheriff Christian seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Robinson voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief City voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. The motion carried 9-0.

12. Self Defense Act Proposed Changes

Director Emmons advised members this item is the result of a meeting held between CLEET staff and District Attorney Mike Boring. Mr. Boring is proposing to allow Phase One of the self-defense act curriculum to be completed on-line. Director Emmons stated that this item should be postponed as it will not be pursued until the next legislative session.

13. Actions Against Peace Officers

There was no discussion and no action taken.

14. Divisional Reports

Vice-Chairman Robinson asked members if there were any questions or concerns regarding the reports in the agenda packet. Hearing none, there was no discussion and no action taken.

15. Legislative/Rule Changes Update

Director Emmons advised that the three CLEET bills have passed out of the house and senate. He discussed SB 1393 which would have discontinued the Notice of Intent to Suspend Peace Officer certification requirement. That language was requested by the CLEET Legal Staff due to privacy issues. Governor Fallin vetoed the bill due to the wording which they interpreted to mean that suspensions would be immediate.

SB 1407 deals with private security changes and SB 1474 deals with other Title 70 changes. Both of these bills have been submitted to the Governor. These two bill have not been controversial.

SB 1750 is Senator Shortey's bill discussed earlier dealing with private security fees.

16. Director's Report

Director Emmons reported to members that he has received quite a bit of contact, most recently with Representative Stiles regarding the Bail Enforcer Rules. He advised that a member of the media from Tulsa had also contacted staff. The Bail Enforcer Rules became effective April 1, 2014 when signed as emergency rules by Governor Fallin.

First draft of curriculum materials has been received. The Career Technology system in Stillwater is drafting the curriculum with staff input. Senator Shortey has contacted CLEET

Staff about delaying the licensing up to six months, as we are still working on the curriculum and the statute says July 1, 2014 everyone acting as a bail enforcer must be licensed. He stated James Wilson has been in contact with the Career Technology and with Senator Shortey, as of this date, they have not been postponed, but we may have an opportunity to do so.

Director Emmons the remaining CLEET rule changes have been submitted to the Legislature and the Governor.

Letter from Casey Parker

Director Emmons stated that some Council members have received a letter from Ms. Casey Parker with a security company in Tulsa. He stated CLEET Administrators have been dealing with her issues for two to three years. She has not been satisfied with the efforts of Private Security Supervisor Jim Burton, Assistant Director Gerhart. Emmons stated he has requested a meeting with her as well as Jim Burton requesting several meetings. The basis of her complaints are that many security guard vehicles in Tulsa do not have the proper markings, letter size, etc. and she feels CLEET should be taking action against those companies. Emmons stated we have taken some action against these. Adding, that she has been advised to contact local law enforcement when she encounters these vehicles, as they are violating the law. Chief Robinson stated it appears she is wanting CLEET to take action against her competitors.

Sheriff Whetsel arrived 10:37

Go to Training

Director Emmons reported that the Go To Training project is working well. Members discussed this program and the benefits associated with it. The only problem we have encountered is individuals enrolling on the CLEET website, but failing to enroll on the Go To Training website.

Regional IADLEST Meeting

CLEET has been hosting this week, a regional meeting including representatives from Wyoming, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas. He stated we have accomplished a great deal with this small group. Attendees were excited to hear about the Go To Training product as a means to deliver short training as needed.

Another topic among this group is that Oklahoma is unique in that we received peace officer training mandates through our legislators. The mandates of the other states are set by the Board or Council.

A consensus of the group is that revenues are down due to less tickets being issued. Also of note, in the state of Nebraska legislators are not allowed to contact members of the POST. If they are contacted by a legislator they must report it immediately to their Governor.

Basic Graduation

Director Emmons reminded members that we have a graduation scheduled for Friday, April 18th. He invited members to attend.

Shoot-House

Emmons reported this is still in discussion stages. Dr. Burke has been working with us, but due to budget constraints we are not going to have funding to move forward.

Bridge Academy

We are in week three of the bridge academy. We started with 72 and are down to 68 or 69. We have received complaints about the physical training and several individuals felt this should be easier than basic academy training. One chief came to Ada and met and we advised him that this is not a special academy or an easier road to certification. The end result is that these officers be trained as well as someone attending the full academy at one time.

There have been some testing issues. What we are finding is that instructors must adjust their topics to include all objectives. An example is the Ethics block which is 13 hours in the basic academy and only five hours in the bridge academy.

Emmons stated he feels the future of the bridge academy is up in the air as several agencies are concerned their basic officers are bumped back due to the bridge academy.

Training Initiative

We have two Training Initiatives from May 13 through May 16 in Broken Arrow at the NSU Campus. Another is scheduled in Shawnee September 8 through September 12, 2014.

Home Schooling

We have submitted a letter to the General Counsel at the Governor's office advising we have made adjustments to Senate Bill 1474, and if it passes, it will contain language that reflects that the Board of Education will not make decisions on whether or not home-schooled individuals meet the minimum high school diploma requirements. CLEET will assume that responsibility.

17. New Business.

There was no discussion and no action taken.

18. Adjournment

Action Taken: Sheriff Whetsel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chief Ricks seconded the motion. Chairman Whetsel voted yes. Vice-Chairman Robinson voted yes. Major Blish voted yes. Dr. Burke voted yes. Sheriff Christian voted yes. Chief Citty voted yes. Director Florence voted yes. Director McNickle voted yes. Chief Ricks voted yes. Director Weaver voted yes. The motion carried 10-0.