

MINUTES

BLEOST MEETING

May 10, 2018

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairman Mallory.

Roll Call:

Chairman Mallory called the roll and a quorum was established. Board members present were:

Officer Brad Carter
Chief Ray Hawkins
Sheriff Jim Johnson
Dr. Steve Mallory
Constable Glenn McKay
Hon. Ed Snyder
Mr. Windy Swetman
Captain Lori Travis

Hon. James Dale, Board Counsel

Board members not present were:

Chief Don Gammage
Hon. Michael Guest
Sheriff Billy McGee
Mayor Gary Rhoads
Chief's Position - Vacant

Staff members present were:

Mrs. Bebea Boney
Mr. Robert Davis
Ms. Geneva Hill
Mr. Bob Morgan
Mr. Michael Nash
Mrs. Donna Rogers

Speakers/guests present were:

Director Dean Bearden, NMLETC
Mrs. Elizabeth Patrick, Columbus Police Department
Mrs. Jacquelyn Posey, Adams Co. S.O.
Director Jacqueline Moreno, SRPSI
Director Richard Lawrence, Rankin Co. S.O.
Inv. Jamie Patrick, MSAGO
Mr. Ed Songy, Adams Co. S.O.
Officer Jeremy Gordon, Jackson P. D.
Director James Rayborn, Rankin Co. S.O.

Mr. Brent Hurley, Department of Mental Health
Sgt. Brandon Murray, SRPSI

Introductory Remarks:

The guests introduced themselves and they were welcomed by Chairman Mallory. The Chairman announced that Chief Hawkins is now the new chief of the University of MS Police Department.

Approval of Minutes:

A copy of the minutes from the previous meeting was emailed to each member. Sheriff Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Old Business

Request for Approval of In-Service Training:

1. The Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police Summer Conference; 22 hours
2. The Mississippi Sheriffs' Association Summer Conference; 7.5 hours
3. Recognizing and Understanding Digital Evidence: Building Stronger Cases, F.E.C. Consulting, LLC, Southaven Police Department; 6 hours
4. Combat Handgun Level I Basic Safety and Fundamentals Training Course; 8 hours; Combat Handgun Level II Intermediate Training Course; 8 hours; S.T.R.E.S.S. (Survival Training Response to Escalating Stressful Scenarios); 8 hours; Tactical Medic Support Operations; 40 hours, Elite Training Specialists, Inc.-Garry Welch
5. Boater Safety; 8 hours, Flowood Police Department
6. The Annual Stop the Hurt! Conference; 6 hours, MS Department of Child Protection Services
7. Presentation by Officer Jeremy Gordon – Defensive Tactics Instructor Certification Course
8. Presentation by Officer Jamie Patrick – AR15 Instructor Certification Course

Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve the courses from item 1 to 6 for in-service training. Chief Hawkins seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

Officer Gordon presented his Defensive Tactics Instructor Certification Course to the Board. Sheriff Johnson made a motion to table the discussion concerning item 7 until the Academy Directors reviewed the material. Chief Hawkins seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

Investigator Patrick presented his AR15 Instructor Certification Course to the Board. Sheriff Johnson made a motion to table the discussion concerning item 8 until the Academy Directors reviewed the material. Officer Carter seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

Review Reimbursement of Refresher and Update of Skills/Legal:

The staff reviewed the reimbursement amounts that the Board approved at the last meeting to make certain that the staff's interpretation of the reimbursement was the wishes of the Board. The new procedures were being sent to the academies and the staff wanted to be clear before sending them out.

The Board did agree that agencies that send their full-time officers to Part-Time Academies for the Refresher Course, Skills Updates, or Law Courses would be reimbursed at the full-time rate, therefore the Part-Time Academies could charge the full-time rate.

Discuss Alternative to Equivalency (Point System):

The staff advised the Board that the Licensing Review Commission has not met to discuss the removal of the Point System, therefore the Alternative To Equivalency policy is still in effect. The Board agreed that until the policy change is final that they should continue accepting requests for certification based on the Point System.

The staff advised the Board that there were several requests for certification based on the Point System since the last meeting, but only one met the requirements.

New Business

Presentation of CIT Program - Brent Hurley, Department of Mental Health:

Mr. Brent Hurley gave the Board a short summary of the CIT Program which is recognized by the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Public Safety. He stated that all CIT Programs came together and formed a task force. The task force developed a statewide CIT pin to be given to officers completing the CIT Program. The pin is to be worn on the uniform of a CIT trained officer so he/she can be easily identified by mental health workers. Mr. Hurley requested that the Board recognize this pin as the official symbol of CIT trained officers. Sheriff Johnson made a motion to recognize the pin presented by Mr. Hurley to identify CIT trained officers. Officer Carter seconded the motion and it passed without opposition.

Review and Discuss Chapter 6, 102.07 - Conduct; Dismissed for Disciplinary Reasons:

The Board discussed cadet conduct in the academy that resulted in the dismissal of the cadet. The Board listened to a presentation dealing with poor decision making which resulted in the injury of another cadet. The Board determined that the dismissed cadet could apply to the same academy and if accepted, could return to that academy but must repeat the entire course.

Review and Discuss Board's Involvement with MS. Code 97-37-7:

The Board reviewed the concealed carry statute dealing with judges. The Board voted many years ago to issue a business styled card indicating that a judge is authorized to carry a concealed firearm after they have completed the Board approved firearms course. This statute now includes other professions such as prosecutors and coroners. The staff requested the opinion of the Board in continuing the issuance of this card since a prosecutor has asked for a card. The Board advised that this task should be handled by the Firearms Permit Department. The staff will research and report back to the Board.

Certification of Officers:

Director Davis presented a list of 3 F/T Basic classes, 37 F/T equivalency candidates, 3 P/T Basic class and 13 P/T equivalency candidates for certification pending completion of all requirements. Mr. McKay made a motion to approve the basic classes and equivalency candidates for certification subject to meeting all requirements and Chief Hawkins seconded the motion. The motion carried without opposition.

Director's Report:

A request has been made to standardize the Criminal Investigator Program that is being offered at 3 academies.

Two officers were killed in the line of duty last year; Deputy William Durr of Lincoln Co. and Deputy James Clark of Quitman Co. Their names have been engraved on the Fallen Officer Memorial. Chief Bobby Spencer from the Shannon P.D. was killed in the line of duty on January 18, 1997. His name was submitted and approved by the National Monument. His name has also been engraved on the Fallen Officer Memorial.

Board Counsel, James Dale is retiring and was recognized and thanked for his many years of service to the Board.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

The next meeting was set for July 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Planning Building.

Concluding Remarks; Adjournment:

Sheriff Johnson made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Captain Travis and it passed without opposition. The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Director, Board on Law Enforcement
Officer Standards and Training

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