



Minutes
Southwestern Illinois Joint
Fire & Police Recruitment & Testing Consortium
Thursday, July 14, 2010 – O’Fallon Public Safety – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jon Sugg.

Chief Bell made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 28, 2010 meeting. Cliff Carpenter seconded, and all were in favor.

Budget Report – Roger Huber

- All bills have been submitted for payment. The format of the Treasurer’s report has changed in order to more clearly indicate how much had been spent from each line item. If you’d like to see any additional information represented, please let Roger know. Cliff Carpenter moved to accept the budget report; Dale Sauer seconded.

Old Business

- At the January meeting, the test dates were selected. As a reminder they will be: October 29-30 at Southwestern Illinois Collage and November 6 at Western Illinois University.
- WIU Law Enforcement Career Day – Tuesday, October 19 from 10 am to 3 pm. O’Fallon & Fairview Heights will each send a representative.
- SWIC & Harris-Stowe were other colleges that the Board had expressed interest in connecting with. Both have Career Day events around April of each year. April also offered some other local career day events that will occur in the Fall. The Board decided that we would send representatives to the WIU Career Day but no other events. No shortage of candidates is expected.

New Business

- Web site statistics were presented. The report showing front page “hits” has been updated to offer clarity and some additional information. The number of database additions or updates will also be indicated on this report in the future as well as the number of visitors who look at the new Board meeting notices page (freedom of information/open meetings).
- In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act Officer identification, April has completed the Secretary of State’s training modules prior to the July deadline.
 - A new link has been created on the Consortium’s web site (main page) in order to provide 48 hour notice to the public regarding the open meeting.
 - Per request, the meeting notices will now be distributed directly to the Consortium board members approximately 5 days before the next scheduled meeting. In addition, a special area of the web site has been designated for items. If you must miss a meeting, you can still visit this page and view any handouts that were discussed at the meeting.
- Nick Gailius offered some additional information on the physical agility test “norming” concerns that Roger Huber brought up at the January meeting. After some discussion, it was decided that this small organization should be more concerned about deviating from the process that the majority of the agencies in Illinois are using. It was recommended that we continue to monitor the situation and discuss it again as necessary.
- With the exit of Chief Delmore from Fairview Heights, a recruitment video update was discussed. An update of the video can be accomplished after Fairview formally selects a new Chief of Police.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 7, 2010 - O’Fallon PD at 5 p.m.