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Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement
and Administration of Criminal Justice

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COMMISSION MEETING

September 28, 2017

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quarterly meeting of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice was held on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at the Baton Rouge Marriott. The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m. by Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, Chairman, Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement.

Chairman Gautreaux announced the following newly-appointed ex-officio Commission members: Honorable Ricky Babin, District Attorney, 23rd Judicial District, President of the Louisiana District Attorneys' Association; Chief Dana Coleman, Houma Police Department, President of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police; Sheriff Michael Couvillon, Vermilion Parish Sheriffs' Office, President of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association; and Mayor Lawrence Henagan, City of DeQuincy, President of the Louisiana Municipal Association.

Chairman Gautreaux thanked those who attended the 18th Annual Louisiana Medal of Honor Ceremony that morning. This year's Ceremony honored nine Louisiana law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the line of duty during 2016.

Chief Jim Craft, Executive Director, Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, reported that funding for the Medal of Honor Program depends entirely on donations. As a result of sending "ask" letters to legislators, the law enforcement community, and corporations, approximately \$25,000 in contributions was received this year. Two corporations gave generous donations as corporate sponsors. Because of the success of this year's request for donations, the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement will pursue corporate sponsorships for next year's event.

Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle led the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Invocation was led by Major Reginald Brown.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Lisa Dreher conducted the roll call, and a membership quorum was present.

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle; Mr. Ricky Babin; Representative Tony Bacala; Deputy Chief Darrell Basco; Mr. John F. K. Belton; Chief Barry Bonner; Major Reginald Brown; Dr. James K. Bueche; Sheriff Mike Cazes; Judge Hans Liljeberg, proxy for Judge Susan M. Chehardy; Ms. Cynthia Austin, proxy for Mr. Paul Connick, Jr.; Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle, proxy for Sheriff Michael A. Couvillon; Sheriff J. Austin Daniel; Lt. Robert Davidson; Mr. John F. DeRosier; Mr. James T. "Jay" Dixon, Jr.; Judge Blair Edwards; Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III; Justice Greg Guidry; Sheriff William Hilton; Chief Hal Hutchinson; Chief Bill Landry; Mr. Jeff Bergeron, proxy for Mr. Jeff Landry; Chief Bry Layrisson; Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, proxy for Mr. James "Jay" Lemoine; Mr. Lee Roy Clemons, proxy for Mr. John "Schuyler" Marvin; Trooper Paul Troups, proxy for Mr. Jay O'Quinn; Capt. David McClendon, proxy for Col. Kevin Reeves; Chief Gerald Sticker, proxy for Chief Rick Richard; Colonel Carlos Stout; Mr. Tod Ardoin, proxy for Chief Judge Ulysses G. Thibodeaux; Sheriff Victor Jones, proxy for Mr. J. D. Thornton; Captain Lester Jarreau, proxy for Sheriff Beauregard "Bud" Torres, III; Sheriff Mike Tubbs; Mr. Ricky Babin, proxy for Mr. J. Reed Walters; and Judge Mitchell Theriot, proxy for Chief Judge Vanessa Whipple.

The following District Directors or their representatives were present: Mr. Jeremy Edwards, District 1 – Northwest Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc. and District 3 - Red River Delta Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Mr. Daniel Rigdon, District 2 – North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc.; Ms. Amanda Bourque, District 4 – Evangeline Law Enforcement Council, Inc.; Ms. Wanda Johnson, District 5 – Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Mr. Ronald Lampard, District 7 – Jefferson Community Justice Agencies; and Ms. Maria-Kay Chetta, District 9 - Office of Criminal Justice Coordination.

LCLE staff present included: Chief Jim Craft, Ms. Lisa Dreher, Ms. Rutha Chatwood, Ms. Fredia Dunn, Ms. Linda Gautier, Mr. Kevin Hinote, Ms. Erica Johnson, Mr. Demetrius Joubert, Ms. Kim Lax, Mr. Robert Mehrtens, Ms. Stacey Miller, Mr. Ingram Scott Mr. Bob Wertz, and Ms. Opal West.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Sheriff Arbuckle and seconded by Major Brown. The motion passed.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Minutes

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 15, 2017. A motion was made by Chief Knaps and seconded by Sheriff Cazes. The motion passed.

B. Report of the Priorities Committee

Chief Craft, Executive Director of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE), reported that, on September 8, 2017, the Priorities Committee received all allocations, applications, proposed increases and waiver requests via electronic mail-out. The Committee was also asked to review the FY 2017-2018 *projected* P.O.S.T. external budget in accordance with Act 440 – Fund Breakdown. The Priorities Committee reviewed these items and recommended approval on September 12, 2017.

This concludes the report of the Priorities Committee.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Cazes, seconded by Major Brown, and the motion passed.

C. Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

On behalf of Chief Deputy Guillory, Board Chairman, Mr. Julio Galan reported that the Victim Services Advisory Committee met at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at the Baton Rouge Marriott. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

Pre-award cost waiver for STOP and SASP grants

- One VOCA waiver totaling \$8,518;
- One STOP waiver totaling \$2,866;
- Two SASP waivers totaling \$23,709;
- Three VOCA allocations totaling \$527,010;
- One SASP allocation totaling \$23,709;
- Three STOP allocations totaling \$55,094;
- One VOCA increase totaling \$45,873;
- One STOP increase totaling \$8,387;
- One SASP application totaling \$23,709;
- Three STOP applications totaling \$56,976;

This concludes the report of the Victim Services Advisory Board.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Arbuckle and seconded by Sheriff Tubbs. The motion passed.

D. Report of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Advisory Board

Mr. Julio Galan, Board Chairman, reported that the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at the Baton Rouge Marriott. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended the approval of the following:

- Two FY 2015 Title II JJDP allocations totaling \$66,244;
- One FY 2016 Title II JJDP allocation totaling \$51,561;
- One FY 2012 Title II JJDP application totaling \$12,687;
- One FY 2015 Title II JJDP application totaling \$27,500;
- Two FY 2016 Title II JJDP applications totaling \$105,059.

This concludes the report of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Board.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Chief Knaps, seconded by Chief Hutchinson, and the motion passed.

E. Report of the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board

Chief Mike Knaps, Board Chairman, reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at the Baton Rouge Marriott. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- One FY 2015 increase totaling \$11,742, funded by District residuals;
- Two FY 2015 BJAG applications totaling \$237,425;
- Two FY 2016 BJAG applications totaling \$23,051.

All of this activity is for subgrants listed in the eGrants system.

This concludes the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board Report.

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Colonel Stout, seconded by Sheriff Tubbs, and the motion passed.

F. Report of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Advisory Board

On behalf of Sheriff Mike Stone, Board Chairman. Commander Bobby Robinson reported that the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Advisory Board met at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at the Baton Rouge Marriott. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 72 D.A.R.E. state-funded grant applications to 19 Police Departments, one City Constable's Office, 50 Parish Sheriff's Offices, and one D.A.R.E. Training Center, and one Marshall's Office, with the understanding that cuts will be made to the grants based on the available D.A.R.E. budget.
- The D.A.R.E. Advisory Board recommended tabling D.A.R.E. grant #4029 for the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office due to a representative not being present at the mandatory D.A.R.E. Advisory Board meeting. It was reported that the representative from the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office arrived late for the meeting and would submit a letter of explanation in order for the grant to be approved. *(Note: Subsequently, the D.A.R.E. Advisory Board has approved the grant via emails from its members.)*

Chairman Gautreaux called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Major Brown and seconded by Sheriff Jones. The motion passed.

G. Call for Other Old Business

Chairman Gautreaux called for Other Old Business, and there was none to discuss.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Gautreaux called for a presentation of the District grant applications. A motion was made by Sheriff Cazes to approve all of the District grant applications *in globo*. Sheriff Hilton seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Gautreaux announced that the next Commission Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 30, 2017, at the Baton Rouge Marriott.

Chairman Gautreaux reported that a total of \$5,837,555 was awarded to deserving agencies at today's meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle, seconded by Chief Deputy Guillory, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.