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and Administration of Criminal Justice

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JIM CRAFT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Commission Meeting
MINUTES

Hilton Capitol Center
201 Lafayette Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801
September 19, 2019
11:30 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quarterly meeting of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice was held on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at the Hilton Capitol Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In the absence of Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III, Commission Chairman, and Honorable James "Jay" Lemoine, Commission Vice-Chairman, the meeting was conducted by Chief Jim Craft, Executive Director of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice. Chief Craft called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

Chief Craft thanked those who attended the 2019 Louisiana Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Ceremony which was held prior to the Commission meeting at the Louisiana Old State Capitol. He requested a moment of silence to remember the four law enforcement officers and one canine who were honored at the ceremony: Officer Christopher Michael Lawton, Zachary Police Department; Officer Jason Michael Seals, Slidell Police Department; Agent Cadet Immanuel James Washington, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries; Officer Ayrian Michelle Williams, Monroe Police Department; and "Boco" (canine), Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office.

Chief Craft announced the recent appointment of the following Commission members and welcomed them to the meeting: Chief David Anderson, Carencro Police Department, President of the Louisiana Chiefs of Police Association; Mr. Greggory E. Davies, "At-Large Member – Vital Concern with Law Enforcement; Mr. Richard Pittman, Interim State Public Defender; Sheriff Julian Whittington, Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office, President of the Louisiana Sheriffs Association; Honorable Felicia Toney Williams, Chief Judge, Second Circuit Court of Appeal (Honorable Jeff Cox, Circuit Judge, will serve as her permanent proxy); and Honorable Jimmy Williams, Mayor, Town of Sibley, President of the Louisiana Municipal Association.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sheriff Mike Cazes, and Major Reginald Brown led the Invocation.

II. ROLL CALL

The roll call was conducted by Ms. Lisa Dreher. A membership quorum was present.

The following Commission members or their representatives were present: Chief David Anderson; Sheriff Mike Cazes, proxy for Sheriff Jason Ard; State Representative Tony Bacala; State Senator Regina Barrow; Chief Joe Salmon, proxy for Deputy Chief Darrell Basco; Honorable John F. K. Belton; Chief Barry Bonner; Major Reginald Brown; Ms. Ellyn Toney, proxy for Dr. James K. Bueche; Sheriff Mike Cazes; Honorable Hans Liljeberg, proxy for Honorable Susan Chehardy; Ms. Mary V. Clauss, proxy for Honorable Paul Connick, Jr.; Mr. Greggory Davies; Honorable John F. DeRosier; Sheriff Mike Tubbs, proxy for Sheriff Sid J. Gautreaux, III; Mr. Gary Bennett, proxy for Sheriff William Hilton; Chief Hal Hutchinson; Mr. Jeff Bergeron, proxy for Honorable Jeff Landry; Chief William P. "Bill" Landry; Chief Bry Layrisson; Sheriff Mike Tubbs, proxy for Sheriff Willie Martin; Mr. Lee Roy Clemons, proxy for Honorable John "Schuyler" Marvin; Assistant Chief Jason Dimarco, proxy for Chief Dwayne Munch; Mr. Jay O'Quinn; Capt. Mark Richards, proxy for Col. Kevin Reeves; Chief Gerald Sticker; Col. Carlos Stout; Mr. Tod Ardoin, proxy for Honorable Ulysses G. Thibodeaux; Sheriff Mike Cazes, proxy for Sheriff Beauregard "Bud" Torres; Sheriff Mike Tubbs; Honorable J. Reed Walters; Honorable Mitchell Theriot, proxy for Honorable Vanessa Whipple; Honorable Laurie White; and Honorable Jeff Cox, proxy for Honorable Felicia Toney Williams.

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. David Rigdon and Mr. Brian K. Shoemaker, District 2 – North Delta Law Enforcement Planning District, Inc.; Ms. Amanda Bourque; District 4 – Evangeline Law Enforcement Council, Inc.; Ms. Dawn Hawkins, District 5 – Capital District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Ms. Calli Peloquin, District 6 – Southwest District Law Enforcement Planning Council, Inc.; Mr. Ronald Lampard, District 7 – Jefferson Parish Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and Metropolitan District Law Enforcement Planning and Action Commission, Inc.; Ms. Tenisha Stevens and Ms. Louise Gray, District 9 – City of New Orleans/Office of Criminal Justice Coordination.

LCLE staff present included: Ms. Melinda Bender, Chief Jim Craft, Ms. Rutha Chatwood, Ms. Lisa Dreher, Ms. Linda Gautier, Ms. Nakia Harris, Mr. Corey Himes, Ms. Erica Johnson, Mr. Demetrius Joubert, and Mr. Bob Wertz.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chief Craft called for a motion to adopt the agenda. A motion was made by Sheriff Cazes, seconded by Major Brown, and the motion carried.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Minutes

Chief Craft called for a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on

May 30, 2019. A motion was made by Sheriff Cazes, seconded by Chief Landry, and the motion carried.

B. Report of the Priorities Committee

Chief Craft reported that, on August 28, 2019, the Priorities Committee received all allocations, applications, proposed increases, waiver requests, and sole source requests via electronic mail-out. The Priorities Committee reviewed these items and recommended approval on September 3, 2019.

This concludes the report of the Priorities Committee.

Chief Craft called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Colonel Stout, seconded by Chief Hutchinson, and the motion passed.

C. Report of the Victim Services Advisory Board

On behalf of Chief Deputy Gary "Stitch" Guillory, Board Chairman, Chief Craft reported that the Victim Services Advisory Committee met at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at the Baton Rouge Marriott. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 2 FY 2016 VOCA increases totaling $252,541
- 2 FY 2017 VOCA allocations totaling $300,000
- 5 FY 2017 VOCA applications totaling $246,722
- 5 FY 2017 VOCA increases totaling $469,907
- 3 FY 2016 VOCA waiver requests totaling $93,964
- 77 FY 2018 VOCA allocations totaling $15,592.311
- 1 FY 2018 VOCA application *tabled* totaling $221,588
  (Grant #5033 – Family Service of Greater New Orleans)
- 116 FY 2018 VOCA applications totaling $21,173,683
- 3 FY 2016 STOP applications totaling $92,000
- 1 FY 2016 STOP waiver requests totaling $648
- 2 FY 2017 STOP applications totaling $15,378
- 1 FY 2018 STOP application totaling $18,818

This concludes the report of the Victim Services Advisory Board.

Chief Craft called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Cazes, seconded by Chief Hutchinson, and 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 18, 2019, at the Baton Rouge Marriott. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended the approval of the following:

- 2 FY 2017 Title II JJDP applications totaling $90,923
- 2 FY 2016 Title II increases totaling $5,743

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

Chief Craft called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Sheriff Cazes, seconded by Chief Layrisson, and the motion passed.

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

Colonel Carlos Stout, Board Chairman, reported that the Drug Control and Violent Crime Policy Board met at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at the Baton Rouge Marriott. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 1 FY 2017 allocation totaling $49,796
- 48 FY 2018 allocations totaling $1,811,650
- 5 FY 2017 applications totaling $348,946
- 35 FY 2018 applications totaling $1,496,727
- Request all future FY 2016 JAG residual funds that become available be given to District 8 (Grant #3907)
- 4 waiver requests (48-month rule)
- Request approval of all other waiver requests submitted with application
- All of this activity is listed in the eGrants system

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

Chief Craft called for a motion to accept the report. A motion was made by Chief Bonner and seconded by Sheriff Cazes. The motion passed.

F. Report of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Advisory Board

On behalf of Sheriff Mike Stone, Board Chairman, Chief Craft reported that the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Advisory Board met at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, at the Baton Rouge Marriott. A membership quorum was present.

The Board recommended approval of the following:

- 66 D.A.R.E. state-funded grant applications to 14 police departments, 49 sheriffs' offices, one city constable's office, one D.A.R.E. training center, and one city marshal's office.

- Probation for one grant application for the City of Baker, due to not completing the program for the prior two grant periods.

- Approval is recommended to the Commission for 66 applications and one probationary application reviewed with the understanding that cuts will be made to the grants based on the available D.A.R.E. budget.

Chief Craft called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Major Brown, seconded by Mr. Belton, and the motion passed.

V. CALL FOR OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Chief Craft called for Other Old Business, and there was none to discuss.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Waiver Request for Capital Area Family Justice Center

Ms. Nakia Harris, LCLE STOP/SASP Program Manager, requested the Commission's consideration of one waiver request for the Capital Area Family Justice Center which would allow the expenditure of more than the maximum $25,000 on renovations.

Chief Craft called for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Sheriff Cazes, seconded by Sheriff Tubbs, and the motion passed.

B. Presentation of Districts' Grant Applications

Chief Craft called for a presentation of the District grant applications. A motion was made by Sheriff Tubbs to approve all of the District grant applications *in globo.* The motion was seconded by Colonel Stout, and the motion passed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Agency Rule Review

In accordance with R.S. 49:953 (C) (2)(a) (Act 454 of the Regular Legislative Session), Mr. Bob Wertz explained that a Public Hearing must be conducted at the September Commission Meeting to afford all interested persons an opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments, either orally or in writing regarding the proposed LCLE Administrative Rule changes, as published in *Potpourri,* Louisiana Register Vol. 45, No. 08, dated August 20, 2019. Mr. Wertz opened the Public Hearing to receive public comment, and none were received. Mr. Wertz announced the closure of the Public Hearing. Chief Craft called for a motion to adopt the changes. A motion was made by Chief Bonner, seconded by Captain Richards, and motion was approved.

B. Innocence Compensation Fund – Attorney General's Opinion

Chief Craft requested the Commission's approval to seek an opinion from the Attorney General's Office as to whether or not the loss of life opportunities is inheritable regarding compensation paid from the Innocence Compensation Fund. A motion was made by Judge White, seconded by Chief Hutchinson, and the motion carried.

C. Next Commission Meeting

Chief Craft announced that the next Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at the Baton Rouge Marriott. The Advisory Board meetings will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at the same location.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Major Brown, seconded by Captain Richards, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.