



Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police

Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes (pending approval)

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 – 1:00PM
Illinois State Police Headquarters – Springfield, IL

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT AND MEETING

Committee Chair and ILACP Past President P. O'Connor presiding in the absence of Chair T. McCarthy. He called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

ACTION: Regular motion to approve the previous meeting minutes (which were part of the August 20, 2013 General Session Meeting) was made by S. Neubauer, second by J. Tannahill. Motion carried.

Copies the 98th General Assembly Calendar schedule were distributed.

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 will be the annual Lobby Day in Springfield; the day will begin with an Executive Board meeting. Lunch will be provided. A Legislative Update of key talking points will be distributed for visits at the Capitol that afternoon and the Reception will be held at the Sangamo Club that evening.

Rep. J. Durkin and Rep. F. Mautino were nominated for Public Officials of the Year 2013. **ACTION: Hearing no additional nominations, a Regular Motion was made to approve these two as recipients for the Award. Motion second and carried.**

Lobbyist Nargelenas presented each of the ILACP Legislative Initiatives, their status, and sought input from the ILACP members as to which four-five shall be important issues for the March 2014 Day on the Hill. Limey stated all the new laws are listed on a document on the website.

1. Concealed Carry Card, where would fingerprinting be done, 30-day opposition letter for ISP use to determine allow-ability. Mark Maton gave clarification to law enforcement regarding online review of CCW registration requests.
2. Eavesdropping (ILACP Supports; allows use of new technology by officers – HB2446 Rep. C. Hays CAPITOL VISIT)
3. Vehicle Electronic Tracking (ILACP Supports and Passed)
4. Requirement for individual to provide identification (Supreme says it is acceptable; having difficulty getting bill sponsor)
5. Automated Red Light Enforcement Systems (lack of support but expanded only to limited counties CAPITOL VISIT)
6. Propose legislation to make it illegal for police personnel to share police information (no legislation written yet and no sponsor)
7. 9-1-1 Funding (increase surcharge. Passed but study being conducted to determine further)
8. Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Illinois (CAPITOL VISIT)
9. Distracted Driving (investigating all possible causes of distraction and what liability when vehicular accident occurs)
10. Aggravated Fleeing & Attempting to Elude a Peace Officer
11. Seizure and Forfeiture of Vessels

Comments and dialogue addressing each of the above topics ensued during this meeting. Attendees shared information they had gathered from conversations with legislators and other interested parties.

Nargelenas commented on the bill regarding use of Tasers. Rep. M. Davis desires that the ILETSB monitor policies on taser use within the law enforcement departments.

Police Promotion Act: no new activity.

Drivers License for Illegal Immigrants will become enacted. Some communities are designating specific day of the week when the unregistered immigrants should apply for their licenses.

Nargelenas reported that IPSAN requests contact to LEADS through smart-phone devices, but the Illinois State Police do not have that capability presently; anticipate connection in the next 18-months. Therefore R. Rossi of IPSAN asked ILACP has opposition of supporting IPSAN program for smart-phone technology connection to LEADS. **Chief O'Connor stated the ILACP could support the concept but nothing beyond that at this time;** will require the ILACP Legislative Committee shall review the bill language first.

Lobbyist recognized Investigator Terry Vandergrift, Lake County State's Attorney Office, has written language proposal to make it a misdemeanor to run from peace officer and, if an officer is injured in connection with the pursuit, the higher charge of felony will apply or if the pursuit results in running to a house. Nargelenas will contact Bob Buckley of the Chicago PD regarding this legislation.

Director Tim Carpenter of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Illinois addressed the meeting regarding the needs of their agency, especially after school initiatives and funding opportunities. He explained the Strong Start for America program that began in November 2013. The FCIK Initiatives were distributed for review. Limey reported that more children/youth have been killed in 2013 than any year previously.

Limey Nargelenas reminded members to notify him whenever they become Finalization of Day at Capitol list.

State Rep. Anthony DeLuca working to determine whether juvenile interviews for cases put juveniles at risk and preparing legislative to protect forensic interviews of children.

Rewrite of Article 36 was submitted by Terry Vandergrift regarding asset forfeiture. He seeks ILACP support of the changes. There are presently two conflicting processes within the law.

President Porter stated that frequently the ILACP has used SurveyMonkey.com to seek member's position on bills. Be sure to take time to complete these surveys when they are forwarded to our membership seeking input.

Limey discussed pension benefits ceasing upon beginning of new employment. Bill is not written very clearly at this time. Limey asked if ILACP still supports receiving pension and returning to employment to receive a salary in addition to drawing the pension benefit. Chief O'Connor at this time discussed HB 3760 from Rep. Franks and how it directly addresses this same issue. O'Connor feels ILACP should oppose the bill however O'Connor intends to meet with Rep. Franks about the portions of the bill that law enforcement seeks changes/enhancements.

Further regarding pension legislation, Nargelenas reported that SB001 was passed and signed; it takes away from the Retired State Employees. Changed from a 3% increase each year for remainder of their lives. The issue will be taken to court but Senator Cullerton will be presenting legislation to City of Chicago and the downstate police and firefighter pensions. Chairman O'Connor elaborated at length on the status of the pension's issue. ILACP members can be assured Chief O'Connor and Lobbyist Nargelenas are making every effort to stay on top of the pension issues, so contact either of them with your suggestions, concerns, etc. **ACTION: Regular Motion made and seconded to oppose any enhancements to the pension bill. Motion carried.**

Executive Director Kennedy commented on the new speed limit signs that would be posted effective January 1, 2014, and when the signs will actually be posted.

Opposed Legislation

The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police will continue to oppose bills that attempt to enact legislation such as the following:

- A) Medical Marijuana laws that go beyond the existing statute – HB 1; Trailer bill to be prepared. **PASSED, NOW PA 98-0122**
- B) Any attempt to prohibit police officers from utilizing non lethal weapons such as "Tasers"
- C) Police Promotion Act
- D) Public Labor – Manning Levels
- E) Abolish Quotas **SB 3411 (CAPITOL VISIT)**
- F) Change from two license plates to one license plate
- G) Restriction of Automated Red Light Enforcement
- H) Eavesdropping on Police by Citizens
- I) Transfer of Training Board Funds
- J) Drivers Licenses for Illegal Immigrants (Aliens) **PASSED, NOW PA 97-1157**

ACTION: A Regular motion to adjourn was made; motion received a second and carried. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
John Kennedy, Executive Director