

Colorado Rangers
Colorado Law Enforcement Reserve ("CLER")
Board of Directors Meeting
April 26th 2019

Location: Robert A. Lees & Associates, 5290 DTC Parkway, Suite 150 Greenwood Village CO 80111

Commencement: 0900 MST

Attendance (Board): Chief Abramson, Chief Hassler, Chief Malanka, Senator Kent Lambert, (Senator Cooke excused)

Attendance (CLER): Division Chief John MacFarlane, Division Chief Terrence Carroll, Sgt. Robyn McDonald, Cpl. Lori Taylor, Sgt. T. J. Young, Capt. Douglas Brown, Rgr. Clive Tidwell, Cpl. Randy Stein, Rgr. Robert Gray, Rgr. Michael Hischman, Rgr. Carl Luppens, General Counsel Bob Lees, William Tolbert.

Call to Order: Senator Lambert called the meeting to order, recognized a quorum in attendance, and opened the meeting for official business at 0910.

Opening Comments: Chief Abramson offered a special acknowledgment of the valuable service and contributions of Senator John Cooke in his new service on the CLER Board.

Review and Approval of Agenda: The proposed agenda was unanimously approved with Chief Malanka requesting an executive session after the conclusion of the public meeting which was also unanimously approved.

Approval of January 18, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes: Senator Lambert moved to approve, Chief Hassler seconded the motion that was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Appointment of new Chairman: Chief Abramson recognized the need to appointment of the 2019 Chairman of the CLER Board of Directors. Senator Kent Lambert was nominated by Chief Malanka, seconded by Chief Abramson, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Academy Director Report: Sergeant Robyn McDonald presented a summary of Ranger Training Academy activities. Academy Classes 4 and 5 were sworn in on April 6, 2019. Academy 6 is underway with Academy 7 starting in June. 98 candidates have registered; approximately 110 are anticipated to be sworn by end of 2019. 83 Rangers have been sworn as of April 2019

Financial Report: Division Chief Terrence Carroll and Chief Ronald Abramson met with Senator Dominick Moreno, Joint Budget Committee Chairman, and discussed Ranger funding.

The primary source of income for CLER for 2019 will be the approximately \$3,000 per agency annual subscription fee to receive service. These fees will vary depending on department size, level of demand for Ranger services and financial capability among other factors.

Chief Abramson announced that a “financial/fund raising presentation” has been prepared to be used by numerous Ranger supporters to approach a wide range and number of potential funding sources. There was a preliminary discussion of potential fund raising events

The Rangers consider CIRSA insurance as comprehensive but expensive and are looking for other insurance options in 2020.

Current Cash Position: \$33,000 in Merrill Lynch account; \$58,000 in checking account with \$10,000 payables due on Grant. Funds available are about \$88,000. Insurance premiums are approximately \$22,000/quarter

Support Division Briefing: Division Chief MacFarlane reported that the CLER use of the training grant is under routine audit by the Department of Homeland Security. The fund draw period is now closing out. A spreadsheet of expenditures was presented to the Board.

The fee allocation to the Fiscal Agent, and potential return to CLER budget, was discussed.

There are \$175,000 in reserves for future Academies which can provide two per year into 2022.

CLER volunteer instructors helped build a substantial credit with Adams County at Flatrocks for future academies funding.

CLER may consider setting aside 25% of the academy slots for 3rd party Agencies to generate offset expenses for CLER.

1st Quarter of 2020 insurance premiums will be covered with current funds, additional quarters may be problematic without additional revenue sources.

It was acknowledged that some law enforcement officers with prior POST certifications who transferred to CLER positions had training and skill deficiencies.

The new CLER Field Training Officer program will help close skill gaps.

Operations Briefing: Division Chief Carroll stated that rebuilding Troop strength in the “Southern Troop” is a priority since there has been attrition in past 2 years during the transition from the Mounted Rangers to the POST certified CLER Rangers.

Since January of 2019 the 43 active Rangers have logged 6,113.5 + hours. The objective of being able to segregate actual on-site duty time from travel to callout time, was discussed.

The Jefferson County Sherriff’s Department has donated four patrol vehicles to CLER. CLER obtained identity vinyl wraps with donated labor. There is a for need funding for radio’s and lights; The potential identification markings and safety lighting system was discussed. New radio technology (DRT vs 800mHz) was discussed.

The shortfall in Ranger hours served was discussed.

New Mutual Aid Agreement partners, including Jefferson County, who donated vehicles to CLER, were discussed.

New Business:

The CLER website will be updated with contact information, senior leadership team, etc.

Division Chief MacFarlane mentioned that the History of Colorado museum is creating a new exhibit on the "History of Beer in Colorado" and requested photo support and any other Ranger memorabilia. There is some historically information that a second Colorado Ranger, in addition to Eddie Bell, was killed in the line of duty.

Senator Lambert raised "vehicle questions" regarding jurisdiction and markings as well good samaritan laws and other appropriate actions during emergencies. General Counsel Lees mentioned potential conflicting concealed carry laws. Division Chief Carroll and General Counsel Lees agreed to further explore these issues and report back to the Board.

Closing Comments: Chief Abramson expressed recognition and appreciation for everyone's' dedication and time of service.

Next Meeting: Recommended for 20 September 2019, 10am, location to be determined but it probably needs to accommodate more people.

Adjournment: By unanimous consent the public meeting was adjourned at 1045.

Executive Session: The Board went into executive session at 1100. Kent Lambert gave verbal guidelines for executive session protocols, including strict confidentiality and the non-disclosure of discussions. Records must be kept of such sessions.