

Colorado Rangers ("CLER") Board of Directors Meeting

1000 am, Friday 8 May 2020
CLER Headquarters
330 Park Avenue
Ft. Lupton, CO 80621

Attendance – Board of Directors: Senator Kent Lambert (via video teleconference), Senator John Cooke (via video teleconference), Chief Christopher Malanka (via video teleconference), Chief John Fryar (via video teleconference), Chief Ronald Abramson (in person).

Attendance – CLER Command Staff & Support Staff: Deputy Chief Robert Pabst (in person), Operations Division Chief Michael Morgan (in person), Support Division Chief Cleve Tidwell (via video teleconference), Troop Captain Robert Grey (via video teleconference), Troop Captain Idilio Moncivais (via video teleconference), General Counsel Kenneth Wills (via video teleconference), Board Secretary Ranger Carl Luppens (in person).

At 1003 Chairman Lambert called the meeting to order and took roll. Directors Lambert, Cooke and Abramson were in attendance so Chairman Lambert declared a quorum and the meeting began. Directors Malanka and Fryar joined the meeting at 1015 via video teleconference.

The appointment of Chief John Fryar (Ft. Lupton PD), who has been unanimously confirmed by the voting IGA member cities, to serve on the CLER Board as a Director for a three-year term was announced.

Chief Abramson moved for the approval of the minutes of the 21 February 2020 CLER Board of Director's meeting as presented, Senator Cooke seconded the motion, and the minutes were adopted by unanimous consent.

Old Business:

Senator Lambert recognized Chief Abramson to provide a general welcome and meeting overview. Chief Abramson discussed the fact that many upcoming community events have been cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns throughout the State. These are events that have comprised a large part of typical annual Ranger duties. The Chief emphasized the need for consistent participation from IGA and MAA partners notwithstanding Covid-19 community event adjustments.

The Denver Police Department is a new mutual aid partner that has consumed the majority of the recent Ranger duty hours, over 1,000 as of the start of May. Chairman Lambert suggested that other communities served by the Rangers should have needs for service in lieu of large events. Chief Abramson mentioned that the Rangers provide regular municipal court service for Elizabeth, Ft. Lupton and Nederland.

Support Division Chief Tidwell stated that Ranger controller Norm Townley has been contacting all community partners for payment of their annual service fee. Chief Abramson instructed Division Chief Tidwell to personally contact all member departments and emphasize the necessity for consistent annual participation.

The 2020 Training Academy will begin on May 29th at 1800 at the Flatrock training facility in Adams County. 50 applicants paid \$250 and applied but, primarily due to COVID-19 concerns, the number of recruits now expected to attend the academy has been reduced to approximately 22 recruits. There are also approximately a dozen POST-certified candidates in the process to join the Rangers. Three formerly POST-certified police officers were sworn in last week.

The profile of new, prior POST, Rangers was discussed. Some are police officers who retired relatively early, in their 50's, from full time service but want to stay involved in law enforcement. The other typical

profile is younger individuals who started a career in law enforcement but had to change primary employment but still want some law enforcement involvement.

Deputy Chief Pabst reported that, despite the first quarter of the year historically being “slow”, this year the Rangers have already logged 3,760 duty hours.

Operations Division Chief Morgan announced that the Rangers have already served 269 shifts with 1,536 “pure” duty hours on site. COVID-19 concerns have eliminated the Second Seat and FTO Programs for the indeterminate future because partner agencies have cancelled them. The new Rangers with prior POST certification and extensive experience can provide the Rangers with its own potential FTO program.

Support Division Chief Tidwell praised Sergeant Lee Reedy who has prepared for the new recruits. Recruiting of new candidates will be deferred until this coming Fall. Notwithstanding this deferred approach, the Rangers have recently had 17 inquiries

Public Comments:

There were no public questions or comments.

Schedule for Next Meeting:

The next Board of Director’s Meeting was tentatively scheduled for 11 September 2020 at 1000, back in Denver, with possible video teleconference participation for board members due to COVID-19.

Closing Comments:

Chairman Lambert suggested that community activity may change significantly by the 4th of July, but we have no real feel for what will happen. We have to stay “flexible”.

The Ranger’s service in Denver supporting virus mitigation measures was praised. Senator Lambert said that this service would gain “honor and respect” from other police departments.

Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 1046 by unanimous consent.