

# CLER Board Meeting Minutes

2 March 2018

5290 DTC Parkway, Suite 150  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

**Meeting called to order at 12:35pm**

**Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum:** (LtCol Tolbert, Secretary of the Meeting)

- **Board Members Present:** Senator Lambert, Col Abramson, Chief Malanka (constituting a Quorum for the meeting)
- **Board Members Excused:** Commissioner Littleton, Chief Hassler
- **Other CLER Staff Present:** LtCol Bill Tolbert, Major Terrance Carroll, Major John McFarlane, Robert Lees
- **Public Attendees:** Mr. Eric Ross, Ms. Levin

**Opening Comments by Chairman, Senator Lambert:** Welcomed all attendees; noted that he had met with the POST Director and awaiting response to questions submitted.

**Business:**

## 1. Chief Abramson

- a. Grant approval received; some technical requirements regarding audits were received
- b. DHSEM noted that the primary metric for the current grant will be number of Rangers put thru the Academy; this metric will also impact future grant availability
- c. Discussed issue of Academy training waivers for certified instructors
  - Previously POST has waived “exactly identical” training hours as governed by POST Rules
  - Application of Rules currently require certified instructors taking the Academy to retake same courses as students
  - As of the meeting date, POST has declined to provide waivers to 6 Ranger Instructors scheduled to take the March Academy
  - A formal Appeal of the decision is pending before the full POST Board, which will meet on 9 March.

## 2. Division Chief Carroll/Operations

- a. Academy Update
  - 1<sup>st</sup> new Reserve Academy starts on 16 March (6pm) at Adams County Academy Facility; this will be the Academy Orientation
  - The Reserve Academy is a 215hr Academy (88 hrs academic, 65 hrs Firearms, 62 hrs Arrest Control)

- Ranger Reserve Academy modeled on El Paso County SO Reserve Program
- LE Driving training will be waived
- Adams County was thanked for providing 40% of academic instructors
- All Academy materials are ready and will be provided to students via a flash drive
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class start on same day; 14 straight weekends for Track 1 Class, Track 2 Class follow same Academic training calendar, but return in Summer to complete Firearms and Arrest Control
  - Class 1 has 40 students
  - Class 2 has 10 students enrolled
  - Class 3 has 40 students enrolled
- June 30<sup>th</sup> is the Graduation date for Track 1 Class
- Discussed student obligations to repay training costs if they do not perform 120 hours (CMR Rangers)-240 hours (new Recruits) of service post-graduation

b. Other Ops Items:

- A Conex box has been placed at Flat Rock facility to secure all training equipment
- The post-graduation FTO (field training program) is under development
- Discussion followed on 2018 Callout Priorities given manpower limitations

**3. Division Chief McFarlane/Support**

- a. Presented CLER FY2018 Operating Budget
- b. Discussed meetings with Fiscal Agent and DHSEM Grant management staff
- c. Discussed ripple-down effect on Instructor staffing and budgets of not getting Instructor waivers for Ranger Instructors
- d. Chief Abramson moved to accept the Budget and submit it to DOLA; Motion seconded and approved by unanimous vote
- e. Discussed Interim CLER operations funding by CMR, and CMR Reimbursement
- f. Chief Malanka resigned his position as the Treasurer and CFO and moved that Major McFarlane be elected to those positions to facilitate financial planning and management; Motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote
- g. Discussion of IGA Member Assessments was tabled by the Chairman

**4. New Business:**

- a. Major Carroll: CMR insurance will be initially extended to CLER to maintain the \$1M liability coverage required by Adams County; a stand alone CLER insurance package is currently being finalized
- b. Major Carroll: New Uniform ordering has been established through the existing CMR provider, Kinsco; a \$250 per Ranger stipend has been established for basic duty belt gear to ensure uniformity

- New Badge and Patch design was discussed along with badge numbering convention
  - A discussion followed on the need for appropriate reflective lettering on the back of uniform shirts; agreement was reached for a 2-line "Colorado Ranger" "POLICE" design.
  - Body armor levels and funding sources were also discussed (i.e. Shield 616 Bill); Level 3A ballistic protection is the minimum required for Rangers
- c. Major McFarlane announced that a formal CLER office has been opened at the Aurora Community College Disaster Management Institute
- Office will serve as primary recruiting office
  - CLER recruiting is transitioning from Troop level recruiting to central IGA recruiting team approach
  - Presented an update on the January International Sportsman Convention Recruiting. Contact was made with approximately 500 interested attendees and subsequently over 20 have engaged with one of the CLER recruiters.
- d. Major Carroll presented the current Command Staff structure for discussion; several position additions and diagram changes were recommended by Board members

**5. Ratification Action:** Chief Malanka Proposed: *That the CLER Board, ratifies and approves all the acts of the Chief of CLER and any persons acting for CLER which are consistent with the authority granted by the Board in the December 2018 Organizational Meeting.* The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**Next Meeting:** It was agreed that the next Board meeting will be 30 June 2018

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 2:27pm



LtCol Bill Tolbert  
Board Secretary