

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes

June 21, 2022 – 11:00 a.m.

Location:

Burlington Police Department
311 Spruce Street, Suite B
Burlington, WA 98233

I. OPENING

A. Call to order- 1100 hrs.

B. Roll Call of Executive Board Members

- Chief Chris Cammock- Mt Vernon PD
- Chief Dave Floyd- Anacortes PD
- Chief Mike Luvera- Burlington PD
- Chief Dan Macilraith-SWPD
- Chief Kevin Dresker- Oak Harbor PD - Excused
- Sheriff Don McDermott- SCSO

C. Roll call of other attendees

- Chief Jared Couch – Upper Skagit Tribal Police
- Chief Tobin Meyer- SCSO SMART Command
- Lt. Mikel Moore- Mt Vernon PD SMART Command
- Capt. Mike Bailey- Oak Harbor PD SMART Command
- Brandon Stone – Skagit Valley Herald

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Body Camera policy for SMART Members

Motion to approve by Sheriff Don McDermott and 2nd by Sheriff McDermott, unanimous approval.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. SWPD Officer Involved Shooting Investigation Update

Lt. Mike Moore conveyed the investigation was still ongoing but near the final stages awaiting outside reports. Once those are received it will be sent to the Skagit County Prosecutor for review.

B. Civil Subpoena regarding 2017 Island County Case

Commander Meyer conveyed concern that several recent subpoenas to testify were served at the investigators homes rather than their agency which is the usual practice. He's communicated this with the Island County Prosecutor as well and working to have any future services occur at the work locations.

C. Governor's Office of Independent Investigation Update

Commander Meyer shared that he and SMART Supervisor Sergeant Mike Don have been having meetings with commanders statewide. They want to be engaged and helpful in the process. The OII is required to be involved when deadly force occurs however they do not have the staffing or capabilities and are looking at local IIT's. This is problematic because the two groups are held to different standards. State investigators are indemnified however local investigators would not be.

Questions about who would oversee the local teams when they are operating under the OII and what direction they may or may not take. Questions are remain unanswered about who will investigate any crimes associated with the OIS such as the originating crime. Commander Meyer shared that SMART is a collateral duty for all team members but the amount of work this could create could change that. The new law takes effect July 1 and the Director is just coming on board. Executive Board agreed it would serve us well to get more information and meet with the new Director as appropriate.

D. WA IIT/Auditors Update

Commander Meyer- some operational challenges with this new requirement:

- Two agencies currently going through process to identify proofs and process since March.
- Initial audit requirements were sizeable standards to meet these have since been reduced to meet the WAC.
- One of the test agencies experience so far is they estimate the average review would take 24-36 weeks for the audit process.
- Creating proofs to confirm the involved agency was firewalled from the case.
- CJIS information can't be provided to Auditors office because not an LE agency creates audit proof obstacles.
- The contractor the State Auditor's office hired to handle this is still in development. They estimate nothing will be finalized until the contractor/SAO completes 8-10 audits.

Adjourned at about 1140 hrs.

Next meeting- September 27, 2022 11:00AM

Updates or changes: www.skagitcounty.net/SMART