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**MINUTES OF
THE LOUISIANA D.A.R.E. ADVISORY BOARD
LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT**

September 18, 2019, Wednesday, 3:00 PM
Hilton Conference Center
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Sheriff Mike Stone called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Members present were Chairman Sheriff Mike Stone, Sheriff Victor Jones, Sheriff Julian Whittington, Gary "Stitch" Guillory, Chief Barry Bonner, Chief Carroll Stelly and Kathryn Hawthorne.

The LCLE staff members present were Jim Craft, Bob Wertz, Erica Johnson, and Michelle Fuchs.

A quorum was present.

Consideration of Minutes

September 26, 2018

Sheriff Whittington made a motion to accept the minutes, and Chief Bonner seconded it. All members agreed, and the motion passed.

April 9, 2019

Sheriff Whittington made a motion to accept the minutes, and Chief Bonner seconded it. All members agreed, and the motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sheriff Whittington motioned to enter Executive Session, with a second by Chief Bonner. The motion was passed and the Board entered Executive Session.

Sheriff Whittington motioned to exit Executive Session, with a second by Chief Bonner. The motion was passed and the Board returned from Executive Session.

Louisiana DARE Training Center

Randy Aguillard gave a brief discussion on DARE Officer Training. The DOT was held August 12-23, 2019 in Pineville Louisiana. In the 42nd Louisianan DARE Officer Training eighteen officers graduated.

Gary Guillory made a motion to ratify the list of newly certified DARE Officers, and Sheriff Whittington seconded it. All members agreed, and the motion passed.

Randy Aguillard also discussed a Cookie fund raiser that DARE America is promoting. Sheriff Stone stated in Executive Session the Board asked that we write a letter to DARE America saying that Louisiana would likely not participate.

KJ Hawthorne gave a brief discussion on the 29th LDOA Conference that will be in Alexandria Louisiana at the Hotel Bentley. The LDOA Conference will be held July 21-24, 2020.

Funding:

Bob Wertz gave a brief discussion on the 2019-2020 DARE funding. He stated that this year, the number of applicants is down somewhat, and the amount of money is about the same as last year. So we are only looking at a very small, if any, cut – probably 1 or 2%.

Sheriff Stone encouraged everyone to submit their paperwork in on time. He stated that DARE has been very fortunate in the fight with the Legislature, but he sees a time coming when we may have to fight this for our funding to keep the DARE program.

I guess we need a motion to approve all these grants except Baker PD, which has stipulations and will be revised.

Gary Guillory made a motion to approve all of the grants and place Baker PD on probation, Chief Bonner second the motion and the motion passed.

Chief Bonner made a motion to adjourn, and Sheriff Whittington seconded it. All members agreed, and the motion passed.