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

September 27, 2017, Wednesday, 11:00 AM  
Marriott Conference Center  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Sheriff Mike Stone called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Members present were Chairman Sheriff Mike Stone, Barry Bonner, J. Austin Daniel, Sheriff Bobby Guidroz, Allison Hull, Sandy Huval, Pamela Jones, Victor Jones, Chief Mike Knaps and Chaunda Mitchell.

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

The DARE board went into executive session. The board returned from executive session.

Susan Huvall made a motion to allow Chitimacha Tribe to submit a grant to teach the DARE program for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Chief Barry Bonner, and the motion passed.

The next matter was the Assumption deputy and his resignation after refusing a drug test.

Chief Mike Knaps made a motion to decertify the Assumption Deputy from teaching DARE. The motion was seconded by J. Austin Daniel, and the motion passed.

Bobby Robinson informed the Board that the decertification process would be for Bobby to send a registered letter formally notifying the Assumption deputy of the Board's decision to decertify him. He will have 30 days to respond in writing to the Chairman to appeal the decision. If there is no appeal, then notification will go to DARE America as well as our DARE Training Center that he was decertified.

Sheriff Stone welcomed the new DARE Board Members. Allison Hull is a teacher at Live Oak Jr High in Watson; Sandy Huval is a principal at Rene Rost Middle School.

Sheriff Stone welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reminded all sub grantees to continue to do their duty and get their paperwork submitted. He then led the meeting in a prayer.

Erica Johnson did roll call, and a quorum was present.

### **Consideration of Minutes**

Sheriff Stone made a correction to the minutes stating that the meeting was held at 10:00 a.m., not 10:00 p.m.

J. Austin Daniels made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, and Victor Jones seconded it. All members agreed, and the motion passed.

Sheriff Stone mentioned that two agencies had not signed in; one representative announced that they were present.

### **Louisiana D.A.R.E. Training Center**

Bobby Robinson gave a report on the DARE Training Center.

There are 275 officers trained and certified in Louisiana: 63 from local police departments, 207 from sheriff's offices, 4 from the Baton Rouge Constable, and 1 from the City Marshal in Shreveport. Last year, the training center observed 62 officers between 2016 and 2017 and we attempted to observe another 20 officers that were not teaching when we showed up for observations. We do run in to issues with scheduling problems. All of our observations are conducted unannounced. We also are asking that the board ratify the list of dare officers who graduated. The DARE Officers' Training that was held August 14-25 in Pineville, LA at Country Inns and Suites. 38 officers signed for the training. A waiver that had to be requested from DARE America because the class was 36 and we were issued that waiver to include the east Feliciana SO and Lafourche that submitted applications for their officers 3 days prior to the training. We were able to graduate 36 of the 38. We had two officers that left prior to the completion of the training; one due to death in the family. So I ask the Board to make a motion to ratify the list of 36 graduates.

Barry Bonner made a motion to ratify the list of DARE Officers for the DOT Training. Chief Mike Knaps seconded the motion, and the list was approved.

Each one of the Board Members has been given the results of the Pre/Post Test that Tom Kelly furnished for the board. Once again, it is showing that there was a definite increase in the students' knowledge from the beginning of the program to the end. Maybe there needs to be an in-service to focus on those topics.

The high school DARE program has been rolled out nationally. It is now available to agencies who offer high school training at the LA DARE Officers' Training Conference in Shreveport in July. The high school program is actually a three phase program; two of them are what's being called hybrid program; one is called Real Messages which is a program that's developed in reference to how the media affects children. There are two face to face lessons and five on-line lessons that go with it. There is also a separate program that's called "My Playbook", which deals with more of the drug usage in high school. It also has two face to face lessons and 5 on-line sessions. Those two programs on-line program has a cost, which is \$5 a piece per student. The third is a stand-alone lesson that's designed for a

45 or 50 class. That is designed to target the dangers of drinking and driving and alcohol use in high schools.

**DARE Officers' Association**

Pamela Jones gave a report on the DARE Officers' Association.

For the conference of 2017, Latienda Pierre Davis is going to be replaced at conference close out at the first LDOA quarterly meeting. Conference 2018, the location will be held in the Monroe/West Monroe area. Projected dates for the conference are set for July 16-20, 2018.

**DARE Funding**

Bob Wertz gave a financial rundown of state general funds and Tobacco Tax funds.

**D.A.R.E. State Grant Funds**

Sheriff Stone reported that there was one more item handled in Executive Session: the Chitimacha Tribal in St. Mary Parish who had not gotten funding from the DARE grant before from the commission because it was a misunderstanding that they got federal money, which was not the case. So that Tribe has done their due diligence and has done DARE for about 5 or 6 years and help other people in the parish. In executive session we discussed that and made a motion to award the Tribe the money so you can continue DARE. You need to come up after the meeting today and we will tell you exactly what steps need to be taken to get you taken care of.

<b>GRANT NO.</b>	<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>FUNDS REQUESTED</b>
3937	Ouachita Parish SO	51,302
3938	St. Landry Parish SO	43,382
3939	Livingston Parish SO	79,135
3940	St. Martin Parish SO	24,928
3942	City of Baton Rouge	70,026
3943	Jefferson Davis Parish SO	45,800
3944	City of Rayne	9,127
3945	Calcasieu Parish SO	151,479
3946	Vernon Parish SO	43,590
3947	City of Kenner	42,368
3948	Acadia Parish SO	20,859
3949	Caldwell Parish SO	21,737
3950	St. Bernard Parish SO	44,578
3951	Bossier Parish SO	25,850
3952	Pointe Coupee Parish SO	23,571
3953	Lincoln Parish SO	108,575
3955	West Baton Rouge Parish SO	3,277
3956	Union Parish SO	21,138
3957	Sabine Parish SO	62,522

3959	Tangipahoa Parish SO	47,970
3960	Catahoula Parish SO	21,867
3962	St. James Parish SO	31,007
3964	Avoyelles Parish SO	24,272
3966	LaSalle Parish SO	20,989
3969	Concordia Parish SO	42,874
3970	City of Pineville	21,288
3972	Cameron Parish SO	18,546
3973	Rapides Parish SO	98,230
3974	Allen Parish SO	41,764
3975	Tensas Parish SO	7,729
3976	City of Alexandria	21,743
3977	Webster Parish SO	11,738
3978	Town of Madisonville	24,317
3979	Bienville Parish SO	12,773
3980	City of Minden	21,509
3981	St. Charles Parish SO	67,823
3983	Grant Parish SO	19,482
3985	City of Abbeville	6,429
3988	Caddo Parish SO	45,057
3989	City of Morgan City	21,412
3991	Winn Parish SO	22,630
3992	East Baton Rouge Parish SO	101,004
3993	City of Baker	22,536
3996	Claiborne Parish SO	18,955
3997	City of Shreveport	6,077
3998	City of Ville Platte	10,427
3999	City of Franklin	813
4000	Assumption Parish SO	40,919
4001	City of Covington	24,405
4003	St. Mary Parish SO	20,495
4005	Franklin Parish SO	22,205
4007	East Carroll Parish SO	13,378
4008	Natchitoches Parish SO	128,573
4010	Lafourche Parish SO	80,310
4011	DeSoto Parish SO	25,670
4012	City of Shreveport	115,927
4015	West Feliciana Parish SO	27,692
4016	East Feliciana Parish SO	17,484
4019	City of Crowley	15,027
4020	Vermilion Parish SO	25,039
4021	St. John the Baptist Parish SO	16,660
4022	Red River Parish SO	16,492
4023	Morehouse Parish SO	26,671
4025	City of Monroe	24,447

4027	Richland Parish SO	24,564
4028	City of Jeanerette	5,158
4029	Plaquemines Parish SO	17,823
4030	City of Opelousas	54,946
4031	City of DeRidder	22,770
4032	Beauregard Parish SO	23,758
4033	City of Leesville	20,573
4034	St. Helena Parish SO	11,161
	TOTAL	2,526,652

GRANT NO.	AGENCY	FUNDS REQUESTED
3941	Calcasieu Parish SO	280,000
	TOTAL	280,000

Application number 4029, Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office, was tabled due to lack of representation. Chief Mike Knaps made a motion to accept all other applications, and Sheriff J. Austin Daniel seconded it. All members agreed, and the motion passed, with Sheriff J. Austin Daniel abstaining on application number 4015.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Someone asked about whether the electronic cigarettes would be taxed with the tobacco tax, and whether we could get a portion of that. Bob Wertz said it was a potential source of income that needed to be explored.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chief Mike Knaps made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Barry Bonner seconded the motion, and the motion passed. The Board Adjourned.