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LAW EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (LEEMI) GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

L'Auberge Casino and Resort, Lake Charles March 4, 2020

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A quarterly meeting of the Law Enforcement Executive Management Institute (LEEMI) Governing Board was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. Chief James Harris, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Harris.

Ms. Briana Blanchard conducted the roll call. Members of the LEEMI Board who were present: Chief James Harris, Chief Scott Ford, Mayor David Butler and Chief Jim Craft. A membership quorum was present.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Chief Harris called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented (from October 17, 2019). Mayor Butler made a motion for approval. Chief Craft seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief Harris called for old business and presented a response to a question raised at the last meeting regarding the retention period for body camera footage. Chief Harris reported that he researched the retention period of body camera footage and found that New Orleans Police Department has a policy that maintains non-evidentiary footage for 2 years and that the International Association of Chiefs of Police does not have a recommended retention period. He also reported that the Police Executive Research Forum recommends a 30-60 day retention period on non-evidentiary body camera

footage. Chief Harris encouraged other Police Chiefs to look into web-based storage for their body camera footage due to its efficiency and low cost.

Chief Craft discussed the body camera survey that the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement sent out in 2019. He reported that all 64 sheriff's offices responded to the survey and that only 93 of the 323 police departments completed the survey. Chief Craft noted that the survey results were sent to the legislature, LACP and LSA and that it can be found on the LCLE website.

Ms. Rebekah Taylor presented an update on the 2020 LEEMI New Police Chiefs' Training. She shared that the class was held at JESTC on February 10-14 and they graduated 26 new police chiefs.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Harris called for any new business. Mr. Fabian Blache addressed the Board to discuss the 2019 CEU deficiency report. He reported that 65 police chiefs have not reported their annual training requirement and, in turn, are deficient. All police chiefs listed on the report have been notified multiple times that they are now in violation of state law that stipulates the training requirement. Mayor Butler discussed the simplicity of completing 12 hours of training within a calendar year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Harris called for other business and there was none to discuss.

Mayor Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chief Ford, and the motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned