

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
February 01, 2018

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, February 01, 2018 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Guinn called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner John Allison, Chairman
Commissioner Bob Burns, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Jane Christenson, Secretary
Commissioner Neff Basore
Commissioner Bill Benton
Commissioner Steve Edwards

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles
Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner	Major Mike Foster
Major Forrest Marks	Major Mark Hollingsworth
Major Lindsey Williams	Major Charles Hubbard
Sherry Woods	Jenna Castleberry
Emma French	Major Jeff Drew
Phyllis Huitt	Jackie Baker
Elizabeth Johnson	Robin Gifford
Captain Jason Aaron	Lieutenant Randall Dias
Corporal Tiffany Dycus	Gary Glisson
Caitlin Teague	Mary Claire McLaurin
Captain Wesley Smithee	Lieutenant Ronnie Qualls
Captain Brady Gore	Captain David Lafferty
Lieutenant Scott Woodward	Lieutenant Stacie Rhoads
Lieutenant David Cooper	Captain Paulette Ward
Elaine Lee	Lieutenant Jamie Gravier
Lieutenant David Moore	Trooper Ben Ibarra
Sergeant Eric Henson	Mary Jo Saling
Sergeant Brad Lann	Sergeant Jeff Whitlock
Lieutenant Mike Moyer	Lieutenant Kim Warren
Lieutenant Dennis Morris	Corporal Jimmie Neal Thomas
Corporal Michael Thomas	Corporal David Small
Sergeant Ronnie Stewart	Lieutenant Todd Shaw
Bridget White	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ret. Captain Darrell Stayton	Robyn Stayton
Emily Gravier	Pamela Drew
Ashley Drew	Andrea Marks
Retiree Sheila Stanley	Misty Hubbard
Lacie Kirchner, Attorney General’s Office	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Benton led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on January 23, 2018.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Christenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 monthly Commission Meeting. Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed.

PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Major Jeffrey Drew promoting him to Major in the Crimes Against Children Division.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Major Charles Hubbard promoting him to Major in the Administrative Services Division.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Jamie Gravier promoting him to Lieutenant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop G.

OFFICIAL COMMENDATIONS:

Sergeant Brad Lann gave an overview of the nomination of Major Forrest Marks for an Official Commendation.

Sergeant Brad Lann stated it is my honor to present to you an official commendation nomination. One thing I have learned over the course of my career is that sometimes even off duty, the good Lord puts us in the right place at the right time that is a story I would like to share with you. On July 22, 2017 at approximately 7:06 p.m. Trooper Kenya Campbell stopped to check on a stranded motorist on Interstate 30 west near the Roosevelt overpass. Trooper Campbell immediately detected that the male subject she was out with was on some type of drug, after looking at it, we believe he was on what we call PCP which is a dissociative anesthetic drug that disassociates your brain to wait for pain. At that time Trooper Campbell began calling for other units. I began to check on her status, I knew she had called for help, she quite answering the radio and that got us really concerned. The male subject advanced on Trooper Campbell, she deployed her taser and at one point the guy just stood there and looked at her while she was tasing, even took the taser probe out and threw it on the ground. So that tells you the level of intoxication she was dealing with. The subject advanced on Trooper Campbell again and she began striking him with her ASP baton, the subject grabbed Trooper Campbell by the arms and would not let her go. Major Forrest Marks just happen to be leaving a graduation at Verizon Arena and was coming I-30 westbound when he realized Trooper Campbell was in trouble. He was off duty and immediately pulled over and came running to Trooper Campbell's aid. As Trooper Campbell was tangled up with the subject, Major Marks came running from behind and gave a good football tackle from behind. A struggle ensued, he took him to the ground and a citizen stopped to help. With Major Marks, the citizen and Trooper Campbell they were finally able to get him into custody and get him to the jail. This incident occurred on top of an overpass. It is my belief that without the help of Major Marks, this incident could have been much worse. Trooper Campbell and the Troop A Staff are thankful for Major Marks and the citizen who put themselves in harm's way to help Trooper Campbell, as a result Trooper Campbell walked away with a minor injury.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented an Official Commendation Award to Major Forrest Marks.

Sergeant Ronnie Stewart gave an overview of the nomination of Corporal Jackie Stinnett for an Official Commendation.

Sergeant Ronnie Stewart stated it is a cumulative effort for what Corporal Jackie Stinnett has done over the past year. A little bit of history on Corporal Stinnett, in 2017 he lead not only my post but the entire troop in criminal arrests, his efficiency and total dedication to his duties was very evident by the quality and overall quantity of his work. This trooper has separated his self from his peers for two straight years and his hard work definitely deserves to be recognized. I realize that everything we do is not about the numbers, but I have a hard time believing that the work this trooper has done over the past two years especially in the area of criminal arrest has not made a huge impact on the numerous small towns in the area. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that what Corporal Stinnett has done over the past two years has saved lives. Corporal Stinnett is not only a hard working trooper but is also a devout family man with a wife and two children He has performed COPPS programs at several local schools, he is the field training officer, Drug Recognition Expert, Firearms Instructor as well as an EVOC instructor. Corporal Stinnett has assisted with the planning and execution of several troop wide criminal saturation patrols for Troop I and has participated in saturations with the Interstate Criminal Patrol Team. To give you an idea of some of the things that he has been involved with, on April 7, 2017 Corporal Stinnett and several troopers from my post was assisting the Baxter County Sheriff's Office with an escaped inmate. Corporal Stinnett stayed there along with members of the dog team from Calico Rock, Baxter County Sheriff's Office, and Mountain Home Police Department. The

dog last lost the track after about three hours of tracking, the sheriff subsequently called off the search for the inmate. Corporal

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Stinnett returned back to the area well after dark and ended up catching the individual behind a house. That is just typical of how Corporal Stinnett works. Another instance, he made a traffic stop on Highway 5 near Gassville and he seized over 168 dosages of LSD, which for that area is unheard of. Another instance was where he stopped a car that had fictitious tags, the individual kept lying about it and lying about it and after he investigated it he found it was a stolen vehicle. For all this just the type of work Corporal Stinnett does is why I nominated him for an Official Commendation.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented an Official Commendation Award to Corporal Jackie Stinnett.

Lieutenant Kim Warren gave an overview of the nomination of Corporal David Small for an Official Commendation.

Lieutenant Warren stated on Saturday, April 15, 2017, Agent Small responded to the Searcy County Sheriff's Office who was searching for a missing 14 year old little girl. Agent Small and the Sheriff's Department began searching for her in different locations in Searcy County all through the night when she was determined to be missing. Quickly Agent Small discovered that the child had been communicating online and due to this fact Agent Small began to do some search warrants and conducted through the internet and tried to see if he could find some information on where this child might possibly be. But he quickly realized he was going to need additional resources, the problem with this was this was the night before Easter Sunday. Sometimes that is a difficult time to reach some of your needed resources, but on that Sunday he was able to contact several agencies that responded as well as all of Company E agents and supervisors and we all went to the little town of Marshall and set up a command post there. Agent Small knew that the case would need to be solved through computer technology so he quickly prepared multiple search warrants for devices that were found in the home and to expedite these search warrants, he contacted and utilized multiple resources including the ASP Helicopter which was utilized to transport these devices quickly to Northwest Arkansas which was the only location we had at that time to search those devices. As information began coming in, a website application said that the victim may have been online, so he started preparing court orders and subpoenas and all of the things that were necessary to gather all that information. While dealing with all of these complicated issues, he continued to maintain all the leads on the investigation as the case agent as well as coming up with new ideas and suggestions to help find the child. He worked from very early in the morning to around midnight every day for four straight days that that child was missing. He never gave up hope of finding her alive. On the fourth day of the search, a possible location of the child was developed in Texas. With the assistance of FBI field agents, the residence of a known pedophile was searched and the victim was recovered. Agent Small ensured that the victim was provided any necessary services when she was recovered and also he went out on a plane himself to Texas to bring the child back home to her parents. This investigation was basically a massive manhunt that was conducted through cyberspace which had never been really done before, especially on such a large scale. This overwhelming case did not deter Agent Small from completing his mission and doing an amazing job at bringing a girl home to her family. His dedication and tenacity was instrumental in the successful recovery of this child. He showed excellent leadership skills as well as maintaining an amazing attention to detail that was necessary to follow all leads in this case.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented an Official Commendation Award to Corporal David Small.

Sergeant Eric Henson gave an overview of the nomination of Trooper Ben Ibarra for an Official Commendation.

Sergeant Eric Henson stated on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at approximately 4:51 p.m., after receiving word of a bank robbery that had just occurred at the First National Bank of Fort Smith at 9300 U. S. Highway 71 South, and the teller reporting the tag number on the black van that the suspect drove off in. Trooper Ibarra who was working his assigned area of Franklin County, which is about three counties over from this, ran the tag through ACIC which returned to a leasing company with a Greenwood, Arkansas address. He then looked

up that address on the internet and found that it belong to McConnell Funeral Home in Greenwood. Trooper Ibarra called McConnell Funeral Home and asked the manager if they had a black van. The manager said yes and provided a license plate number that matched the

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one reported by the bank teller. Trooper Ibarra explained why he was inquiring and the manager stated the van was being used by an Alex Cole who was supposed to be back before they closed for the day. She called the Cole subject and told him she was needing to close the office and needed the van back as soon as possible. He told her he was about 10 to 15 minutes out. Trooper Ibarra relayed this information, along with running a check on Alex Cole in ACIC to find a Huntington, Arkansas address for him, to Trooper Josh Porter and the Greenwood Police Department who were able to set up near the funeral home. Meanwhile Sergeant Matt Toon headed toward the address in Huntington. Shortly after setting up near the funeral home, the van and suspect were spotted and a stop was made where the suspect was apprehended by Trooper Porter and the Greenwood Police Department Officers. Money taken in the robbery at the bank was located on the suspect. Thanks to Trooper Ibarra's quick thinking, research of information received, and actions of calling the funeral home to confirm what he had discovered, the suspect and money taken in the robbery were quickly captured solving this crime.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented an Official Commendation Award to Trooper Ben Ibarra.

WEAPON RESOLUTION:

Major Forrest Marks presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Captain Lance King efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty years, three months, and ten days;

WHEREAS: Captain Lance King retired from this department December 31, 2017;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Captain Lance King has made formal request that his service weapon be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, February 01, 2018, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Sig Sauer Model P229, Serial Number AD17555, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Basore made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Captain Lance King efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty years, three months, and ten days;

WHEREAS: Captain Lance King retired from this department December 31, 2017;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Captain Lance King has made formal request that his shotgun be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, February 01, 2018 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of

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the Remington shotgun, serial number D5967998M, that Captain Lance King has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Captain Lance King be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Christenson made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioners Benton/Burns seconded and the motion passed.

Major Mike Foster presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Jimmy Danley efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-three years and fourteen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Jimmy Danley retired from this department December 31, 2017;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Corporal Jimmy Danley has made formal request that his service weapon be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, February 01, 2018, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Glock Model 21, Serial Number PKS473, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Basore made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Benton seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Jimmy Danley efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-three years and fourteen days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Jimmy Danley retired from this department December 31, 2017;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Corporal Jimmy Danley has made formal request that his shotgun be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, February 01, 2018 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC622751, that Corporal Jimmy Danley has carried

be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Jimmy Danley be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Christenson made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed.

Major Mark Hollingsworth presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Sergeant Kenneth Whitmore efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-nine years, eight months, and thirteen days;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Kenneth Whitmore retired from this department December 31, 2017;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Kenneth Whitmore has made formal request that his service weapon be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, February 01, 2018, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Glock Model 30S, Serial Number XDN961, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Sergeant Kenneth Whitmore efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-nine years, eight months, and thirteen days;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Kenneth Whitmore retired from this department December 31, 2017;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Kenneth Whitmore has made formal request that his shotgun be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, February 01, 2018 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number PC5413322, that Sergeant Kenneth Whitmore has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Sergeant Kenneth Whitmore be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Christenson made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Burns seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Charles Doug Estes efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-one years, five months, and two days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Charles Doug Estes retired from this department December 31, 2017;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

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WHEREAS: Corporal Charles Doug Estes has made formal request that his service weapon be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, February 01, 2018, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, awards him his Glock Model 30S, Serial Number XDN855, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Charles Doug Estes efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-one years, five months, and two days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Charles Doug Estes retired from this department December 31, 2017;

WHEREAS: His departure creates a vacancy that will be most difficult to fill, which is recognized by each and every member of the Arkansas State Police Commission;

WHEREAS: Corporal Charles Doug Estes has made formal request that his shotgun be retired with him and remain in his possession;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: The Arkansas State Police Commission, in its regular meeting at Arkansas State Police Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas on Thursday, February 01, 2018 in accordance with Act 547 of 2003, determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number CC13719D, that Corporal Charles Doug Estes has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Charles Doug Estes be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Christenson made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioners Edwards/Benton seconded and the motion passed.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Section – Emma French

Ms. French stated we don't have any reports for you, it's a little early in the month. We can tell you that we did spend some time looking at our budget and our concealed handgun revenue is coming in pretty low, so we had to make some adjustments there. She stated we are starting the process to pay certificate pay, we are going to try to do that a little earlier this year. And otherwise we are in a pretty good place.

Commission Chairman Allison asked why concealed weapons revenue is coming in low. Ms. French stated there could be several reasons, I don't really know, it may be just the fact that there is such a controversy about whether or not Arkansas is open carry, maybe people don't feel they need to get a license. It is about \$600,000 lower than last year.

Commission Chairman Allison asked over what time span is that \$600,000, are you talking about a year? Ms. French stated yes, a year. Commission Chairman Allison stated I remember at one time we had so many request that we had them stacked by months in there. Ms. French stated yes and we had extra help people to help process all of them.

Commissioner Basore said when you say a year, do you mean from fiscal year or 12 month period. Ms. French stated fiscal year. Commissioner Basore said so from June or July, so half the year we are down \$600,000. Ms. French stated the whole year would be \$600,000. Ms. French stated we have made an adjustment for that and we are going to watch and see how we do these last few months.

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Administrative Services – Major Charles Hubbard

Major Hubbard presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. He began by reporting the Human Resources/Personnel transactions for the month; the civilian transactions include ten new hires, four voluntary resignations, three promotions, one disciplinary, and two retirements. The commissioned transactions included five lateral transfers, one voluntary resignation, and three promotions. We currently have six military deployments.

Troop School Orientation is set for February 9 and the start of Troop School is set for February 25 with 35 recruits.

Major Hubbard explained we do not have the updated ASP Health Plan information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commission Chairman Allison asked Colonel Bryant if there was a need to go into Executive Session and Colonel Bryant stated we have personnel matters to discuss. Commission Chairman Allison asked if there was a motion. Commissioner Basore made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering employment, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of an employee, Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

Commission Chairman Allison called the meeting back to order at 11:09 a.m. and stated we have been in executive session discussing personnel matters.

Commissioner Chairman Allison stated he would turn it over to Colonel Bryant for any recommendations. Colonel Bryant stated the first order of business is he wanted to announce that he is going to laterally transfer Sergeant Seth Pinner into the vacant Sergeant position in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop G.

Colonel Bryant stated second order of business, we have a vacant position of Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company C – North. My recommendation to the Commission would be Corporal Jimmie Neal Thomas for the position of Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company C – North. Commissioner Basore made a motion that Sergeant Thomas be promoted to Sergeant, Commissioner Benton seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated last order of business, we have a vacant position of Lieutenant in the Director's Office, Fleet. My recommendation to the Commission would be Sergeant Jefferson Whitlock for the position of Lieutenant in the Director's Office, Fleet. Commissioner Benton made a motion that Sergeant Whitlock be promoted to Lieutenant, Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Allison stated the March Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

With no more business, Commission Chairman Allison asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Christenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Burns

seconded and the motion passed. Commission Chairman Allison adjourned the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary