

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
June 09, 2016

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, June 09, 2016 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Guinn called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Frank Guinn, Chairman
Commissioner Jane Christenson
Commissioner Bob Burns
Commissioner Neff Basore
Commissioner Bill Benton

MEMBER ABSENT:

Commissioner Dr. Lewis Shepherd, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner John Allison, Secretary

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Donna Humphries
Lieutenant Colonel Shawn Garner	Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles
Captain David Sims	Major Mike Foster
Major Lindsey Williams	Captain Dale Saffold
Captain Mike Kennedy	Captain Jeff Drew
Harmony Daniels	Jackie Baker
Elizabeth Johnson	Sherry Woods
Robin Gifford	Captain John Carter
Emma French	Jenna Castleberry
Lieutenant Dennis Overton	Garry Glisson
Elaine Lee	Mary Claire McLaurin
Bill Sadler	Sergeant Chris Goodman
Sergeant Jeff Whitlock	Sergeant Mike Moyer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ret. Major Stan Witt, ASP Foundation	Ret. Janet Chappelle, ASP Foundation
Joe Thielke, ASP Foundation	Randy Lann, ASP Foundation
Marvin Childers, ASP Foundation	Benson Cashion, ASP Foundation
Meredith Rebsamen, Asst. Attorney General	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Benton led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on June 01, 2016.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Basore made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2016 monthly Commission Meeting. Commissioner Burns seconded and the motion passed.

PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Chris Goodman promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop J.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Report – Emma French

Ms. French gave an overview of the reports which were distributed to the Commission. She stated we are at the very end of the fiscal year, we just have a few days left. We have

loaded our budget for Fiscal Year 17, ready to start July. We have the same amount of General Revenue, no increase. We are also starting to work on our biennial budget package where we will be looking at what we are going to ask for, for the next two years. We are going to pay merit pay during the last pay period of the fiscal year.

Administrative Services – Captain Mike Kennedy

Captain Mike Kennedy 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 five new hires, four promotions, four lateral transfers, six voluntary resignations, four extra help new hires, one extra help termination, and one retirement. The commissioned transactions included four lateral transfers, one promotion, and one retirement. We currently have five department members on military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, May paid claims were \$975,151 that's an increase over last month of \$77,800. Our fund balance is \$72,700 lower than it was this time last month for a total of \$6.2 million dollars. The average discount savings for the month of May was 73%. We will continue to monitor the fund claims and balances as we move forward. At the end of this month we will do a 6 month review on the changes that the Commission has already implemented to see where we are at and we will brief the Commission when it becomes available.

As you know we have the 2016A Troop School continuing forward, we are in week five and the recruits are doing their driving school this week. The last group of EVOC students graduated last night, they are qualified and on the range again driving today. We still have 33 enrolled and everybody passed firearms and everybody passed driving this time. We hope to get their assignments to them soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Homeland Security Investigations Presentation – RAC Christopher Merendino

RAC Christopher Merendino introduced himself and stated it is his honor to be here this morning to present a national award to one of your troopers, whom consequently is now a Sergeant. Sergeant Chris Goodman was recognized nationally by our Bulk Cash Smuggling Center which is funded and staffed by the Department of Homeland Security. Sergeant Goodman was recognized for his great interdiction efforts here in Arkansas. RAC Merendino stated he wanted to go over a couple of Sergeant Goodman's successes from last year. During 2015 calendar year, Sergeant Goodman was involved and reported on ten significant bulk cash seizures totaling \$2,959,179. Because of Sergeant Goodman's efforts the Bulk Cash Smuggling Center was able to disseminate valuable incident information to relevant field offices as a basis for further investigative activity. The more notable seizures describing Sergeant Goodman's accomplishments are as follows, on January 7, 2015, Sergeant Goodman reported a seizure of \$791,985 bulk cash from a traffic stop on a Freightliner tractor trailer being operated by two naturalized citizens originally from Vietnam and China. On August 5, 2015, Sergeant Goodman reported a seizure of \$530,040 bulk currency on a traffic stop of a Freightliner tractor operated by two Chinese immigrants residing in New York. On July 21, 2015, Sergeant Goodman reported a seizure of \$904,630 bulk currency from a traffic stop on a Kenmore tractor being operated by two Chinese immigrants residing in New York. On November 12, 2015, Sergeant Goodman reported a seizure of \$510,500 bulk currency on a traffic stop of a Ford F150 pickup truck operated by a resident of Atlanta, Georgia. The Bulk Cash Smuggler takes this information, compiles it and disseminates intelligence nationally and Sergeant Goodman's efforts have resulted in significant additional seizures and arrests on cases in New York and Atlanta, Georgia as well as other places nationally. I want to take this opportunity today to thank Sergeant Goodman for his great effort on interdictions last year and we are hoping he has passed some of that knowledge and expertise to some of his counterparts, so the interdictions efforts this year are just as successful. RAC Merendino then asked Sergeant Goodman to come up and he presented him with a plaque that reads:

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State Trooper Chris Goodman, Arkansas State Interdiction and Criminal Patrol Unit presented in recognition of your outstanding contributions to Law Enforcement and the successful interdiction of illicit bulk cash. Your tireless efforts and willingness to share information has contributed to successfully denying transnational criminal networks their illicit currency.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commission Chairman Guinn announced the Commission would go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Christenson made a motion to go into Executive Session to consider personnel matters, Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:17 a.m.

The open meeting resumed at 10:35 a.m. and Commission Chairman Guinn announced they had a recommendation for the ASP Foundation. Commissioner Guinn asked for a motion to approve Brandon Cage as new member on the Arkansas State Police Foundation. Commissioner Basore made a motion to approve Brandon Cage as a new member of the ASP Foundation, Commissioner Burns seconded and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

The next monthly meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

With no more business, Commission Chairman Guinn asked for motion to adjourn. Commissioner Christenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Benton seconded and the motion passed. Commission Chairman Guinn adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary