

SMINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING  
October 11, 2018

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Allison called the meeting to order at 10:00 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  
Commissioner Jeffery Teague

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL ATTENDING:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Lt. Colonel Tim K’Nuckles
Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner	Major Lindsey Williams
Major Mark Hollingsworth	Major Charles Hubbard
Major Forrest Marks	Major Mike Foster
Captain John Carter	Captain David Cooper
Captain Tod Shaw	Sergeant Jeremy Roberts
Trooper Andrew Pannell	Lieutenant Jamie Gravier
Elizabeth Johnson	Jackie Baker
Lieutenant Mike Moyer	Sergeant Brandon Margis
Sergeant Chris Waters	Corporal Michael Reed
Corporal Michael Bowman	Trooper Matt Price
Captain David Lafferty	Emma French
Sherry Woods	Caitlin Teague
Robin Gifford	Captain Wesley Smithee
Phillip Warriner	Bridget White
Sergeant Mike Middleton	Lieutenant Darran Austin
Bill Sadler	Jonathan Nettles
Elaine Lee	Donna Humphries

OTHERS PRESENT:

Andres’ Rhodes, Governor’s Office	Doug Smith, Governor’s Office
Sara Farris, Asst. Attorney General	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Edwards led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on October 08, 2018.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Christenson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2018 monthly Commission Meeting. Commissioner Basore seconded and the motion passed.

PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Lieutenant Scott Joe promoting him to Lieutenant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop K.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Mike Middleton promoting him to Sergeant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company A East.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Jeremy Roberts promoting him to Sergeant in the Director’s Office, Executive Protection.

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Brandon Margis promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop H.

OFFICIAL COMMENDATION:

Sergeant Chris Waters gave an overview of the nomination of Corporal Michael Bowman for an Official Commendation.

Sergeant Waters stated Corporal Bowman is assigned to Crawford County in the Highway Patrol Division. Corporal Bowman is also a K-9 handler and member of the Interstate Criminal Patrol Team. Over the course of 2017, Corporal Bowman has seized 334 pounds of marijuana, 7 grams of methamphetamine, 1 pound of cocaine, 20 pounds of heroin, 1 gallon of PCP, 1 stolen vehicle and over \$38,000 in drug proceeds. Those seizures resulted in 13 arrests. As a K-9 handler, Corporal Bowman is responsible for the training, maintenance and general care of his K-9 partner, Ringo. Corporal Bowman makes his K-9 and himself available to area law enforcement officers for drug detections, searches and article recovery. The success Corporal Bowman and Ringo have achieved as a team in 2017 is quite impressive. Corporal Bowman deployed Ringo on 56 narcotics searches in 2017. Corporal Bowman also participates in the Van Buren Citizens Police Academy where he demonstrates Ringo's capabilities. Corporal Bowman has many years of experience in criminal interdiction and is consistently successful. He has become a mentor to young troopers and it is my opinion that Corporal Michael Bowman is worthy to receive this Official Commendation.

Colonel Bryant presented an Official Commendation to Corporal Michael Bowman.

Sergeant Chris Waters gave an overview of the nomination of Trooper Matt Price for an Official Commendation.

Sergeant Waters stated Trooper Matt Price is assigned to Crawford County in the Highway Patrol Division. Over the course of 2017, Trooper Price has seized 279.5 pounds of marijuana, 8.8 pounds of cocaine and \$265,000 in drug proceeds and a total of 10 criminal arrests. Trooper Price accomplished these impressive results during his first year as an Arkansas State Trooper and while still on probation. Trooper Price is not assigned to the Interstate Criminal Patrol Team, he is self-motivated and took it upon himself to learn these interdiction skills on his own. Trooper Price approaches his duties with a high level of enthusiasm that is infectious among his peers and it is my opinion that Trooper Matt Price is worthy to receive this Official Commendation.

Colonel Bryant presented an Official Commendation to Trooper Matt Price.

Captain Todd Shaw gave an overview of the nomination of Trooper Andrew Pannell for an Official Commendation.

Captain Shaw stated on December 21, 2017 Trooper Andrew Pannell was off duty when he observed a vehicle in the ditch on U. S. Highway 67 near the 35 mile marker. Trooper Pannell stopped, even though he was off duty, to check on the welfare of the vehicle occupants. Trooper Pannell found the male driver of the vehicle to be unresponsive, the vehicle running in gear and the door locked. A McRae Officer arrived on scene and gained entry into the vehicle using his baton. Trooper Pannell helped remove the subject from the vehicle, placing him on his back in the ditch. The subject was not breathing and exhibited signs of an opioid overdose. TFC Brandon Trewyn arrived on scene at approximately this time and Trooper Pannell advised him of what he had observed. TFC Trewyn retrieved his Naloxone from his unit and administered one dose to the subject. A first responder with the McRae Fire Department began chest compressions as Trooper Pannell opened the subject's airway. After these measures were taken, a pulse was detected and the subject began to breathe. TFC Trewyn administered a second dose of Naloxone and the subject became more responsive. Emergency Medical Services arrived on scene at approximately this time and began treating the subject. Trooper Pannell's actions, efforts and willingness to act even when off duty are deserving of recognition.

Colonel Bryant presented an Official Commendation to Trooper Andrew Pannell.

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Commission Chairman Allison congratulated those who received their promotion certificates and those who received Official Commendation Awards.

DIVISION REPORTS:

Fiscal Section – Emma French

Ms. French gave an overview of the reports which were distributed to the Commission. She stated you have your reports and we are about ¼ of the way through the year. We are doing okay. We have two big meetings, one this afternoon is the Audit Committee where we go and Colonel Bryant will talk about our audit finding. October 23 is our budget hearing, we have not received executive rec yet, but we anticipate getting it one day next week and then we can start preparing for our budget hearing.

Commission Chairman Allison asked if we had a final conclusion of any audit findings in the Legislative Audit Committee Review. Ms. French stated yes we had a finding for timekeeping on misuse of time, so that is the issue we will be talking about this afternoon.

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 seven new hires, one voluntary resignation, one lateral transfer, three promotions, and one extra help end assignment. The commissioned transactions included six lateral transfers, one voluntary resignation, and two promotions. We currently have four current military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, September paid claims were \$939,075 which is an increase of \$175,690 from last month and the fund balance is \$3,759 higher than last month for a total fund balance of \$6,314,161.00. The average discount savings for the month of September was 79%.

We are continuing with our campaign for recruit school for 2019, we have about 340 initial contact forms at this point and we are beginning the second phase of the hiring process and the screening part of that. We will cut the application process off on the deadline date of October 19, 2018.

Commissioner Basore asked what the date of that school is. Major Hubbard stated it will start February 24, 2018.

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 employees, Commissioner Christenson seconded and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:17 a.m.

Commission Chairman Allison called the meeting back to order at 10:53 a.m. and stated we have been in executive session discussing personnel matters.

Commission Chairman Allison stated he would turn it over to Colonel Bryant for any recommendations. Colonel Bryant stated the first position is a Lieutenant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop I. My recommendation to the Commission would be Sergeant Matt Miller for the position of Lieutenant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop I. Commissioner Christenson made a motion that Sergeant Matt Miller be promoted to Lieutenant, Commissioner Benton seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the next position is a Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop K, Hot Springs, Montgomery, Pike and Polk Counties. My recommendation to the Commission would be Corporal Jorge Oseguera for the position of Sergeant in the Highway

Patrol Division, Troop K, Hot Springs, Montgomery, Pike and Polk Counties.  
Commissioner

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Basore made a motion that Corporal Jorge Oseguera be promoted to Sergeant, Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed.

Colonel Bryant stated the last position is a Sergeant in the Regulatory & Building Operations Division, PI/Security. My recommendation to the Commission would be Corporal Dustin Morgan for the position of Sergeant in the Regulatory & Building Operations Division, PI/Security. Commissioner Christenson made a motion that Corporal Dustin Morgan be promoted to Sergeant, Commissioner Edwards seconded and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

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

With no more business, Commission Chairman Allison adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

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Commission Chairman

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Commission Secretary