

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
March 10, 2022

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Edwards called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Steve Edwards, Chairman
Commissioner Murray Benton, Sr., Vice Chairman
Commissioner John Allison
Commissioner Jim Hinkle
Commissioner Ken Reeves
Commissioner Neff Basore

MEMBER ABSENT:

Commissioner Jeffery Teague, Secretary

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Colonel Bill Bryant	Lt. Colonel Shawn Garner
Major Forrest Marks	Major Charles Hubbard
Major Jeff Drew	Major Jason Aaron
Major Lindsey Williams	Sherry Woods
Gary Glisson	Captain Mike Moyer
Jenna Castleberry	Captain Brad Lann
Captain Scott Russell	Sergeant Ray Triplett
Captain Brady Gore	Lieutenant Kim Warren
Corporal Jason Baethke	Captain David Moore
Sergeant Corey Ray	Captain Wesley Smithee
Lieutenant Matt Miller	Captain Stacie Rhoads
TFC Dale Young	Dan Mack
Sergeant Robert Middleton	Sergeant Michael Bain
Donna Humphries	

OTHERS PRESENT:

J. R. Hankins, DPS	Jackie Baker, DPS
Sara Farris, Attorney General's Office	Jordon Triplett
Daniel Faulkner, Attorney General's Office	Mitch McCoy
Justin Rotten	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commission Chairman Edwards led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on March 4, 2022.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 regular monthly commission meeting. Commissioner Basore seconded, and the motion passed.

PROMOTION CERTIFICATE:

Colonel Bill Bryant presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Raymond Triplett promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop L, Benton, and Washington Counties.

NALOXONE AWARDS:

Captain Brady Gore stated on December 28, 2017, Corporal Dale Young was patrolling Interstate 30 in Miller County, he stopped a west bound vehicle for a traffic violation. While visiting with the female driver, Corporal Young began to suspect that she may be under the influence of some type of narcotic. Later during their conversation, the driver admitted to Corporal Young that she did indeed ingest hydrocodone, oxycodone, and even smoked

marijuana prior to being pulled over. Corporal Young arrested the driver and transported her to the Bi State Justice Center in Texarkana. Shortly after arriving at the detention center Corporal Young noted that the driver's impairment seemed to be getting worse. She was nodding and her pupils were extremely constricted which is a sign of impairment. The effects of her impairment continued to deteriorate to the point where Corporal Young could tell she was on the verge of overdose and an ambulance was called. While waiting on the ambulance, Corporal Young made the decision to administer a dose of Naloxone. Within 30 seconds of administering the dose, the driver became alert again and began communicating with Corporal Young. Due to Corporal Young being observant and recognizing the signs of a pending overdose, he is to be recognized today.

Colonel Bryant presented a Naloxone Lifesaving Award to Corporal Dale Young.

Lieutenant Matt Miller stated on November 16, 2019, Corporal Jason Baethke responded to a residence at the intersection of State Highway 374 and State Highway 7 in Newton County regarding an unresponsive male. Corporal Baethke was familiar with the residence and knew that he was the only first responder in the area that had Narcan. Upon arrival Corporal Baethke observed an AED attached to a victim and first responders administering CPR. Corporal Baethke was ready to deploy the Narcan with approval from the paramedics that were in route but were approximately 30 minutes away. Due to a breathing apparatus the first responders had over the victim's nose; Corporal Baethke provided the Narcan to them to deploy. Within seconds his heart rate began to increase, and he was showing mild signs of responsiveness. Corporal Baethke noted the time the first dose was administered and began to clear the residence of obstruction for the paramedic's gurney. Eight minutes after the first dose was administered the first responders asked Corporal Baethke to provide a second dose. North Arkansas Regional Medical Center Paramedics approved the second dose via the radio. After the initial Narcan was administered the victim began to recover and was completely responsive by the time the paramedics arrived on the scene. Corporal Baethke assisted in loading the victim in the ambulance where he was transported to a nearby Air Evac helicopter and was flown to Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville for continued care. If not for the situational awareness and proactive actions of Corporal Baethke, there is a high probability that the victim would have succumbed to the fatal overdose.

Colonel Bryant presented a Naloxone Lifesaving Award to Corporal Jason Baethke.

Fiscal Section – Jenna Castleberry

Jenna Castleberry presented an oral summary of the written report distributed to the Commission. Ms. Castleberry stated we are 2/3 of the way through the Fiscal year and we are keeping an eye on things. Our next goal or project is we are working on our annual operations plan for FY24 as well as starting our biennial budget preparations, we will be gearing up for all of that very soon. Fiscal Session completed last week, and our appropriation bill was approved. Legislative Audit has arrived and has begun auditing FY 21. Fuel's yearly average is \$2.82, we budgeted \$2.85. March monthly average so far is trending at \$3.15. Commissioner Allison asked did you say you are paying \$3.15 now? Ms. Castleberry stated yes sir, that was as of last week, just an average. Commissioner Allison asked have you bought any today? Ms. Castleberry stated I did last night, and it had increased significantly. Commissioner Allison stated it is going to keep going. Ms. Castleberry stated we are watching it and strategizing. Commissioner Benton asked if we ever try to buy or consider contract where the price is locked in? Ms. Castleberry stated we do buy bulk fuel off of a state contract. We do that here at headquarters and over maintenance at the hill. Commissioner Allison stated that is a good question, do you buy out 90 days, you buy out 120 days or do you know. It is a state contract, how does that work, do you know how it works. Ms. Castleberry stated I don't know how that is set. Commissioner Benton stated I think it is a certain rack price plus a first-rate profit so it would still fluctuate. Ms. Castleberry stated it does absolutely fluctuate. Commissioner Benton stated what you can do is, I would love to help, is you can go out and buy at a specific price and lock it in for a period where regardless of the market you could still get it at that price. Commissioner Allison stated that is both good and bad, because it could go down and you are locked in at the higher price. Commissioner Benton stated at least you are in budget. Ms. Castleberry stated when we were working on the contract with the Office of State Procurement, they had advised at that time against a locked rate because it was so much lower.

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 uniformed noncommissioned transactions include six new hires, and two terminations. The commissioned transactions include six terminations, two transfers and one promotion. Currently we have six military deployments.

Regarding the ASP Health Plan, February paid claims were \$1,047,440.00 which was an increase of \$77,428.00 from last month. The fund balance is \$179,185.00 higher than last month for a total fund balance of \$11,567,002.00. The average discount savings for the month of January was 53%.

A quick update on our current Troop School we currently have 21 recruits they completed last week a full week of crash investigation which was 1 of 3 weeks. This week they are working on domestic violence and criminal investigations. So, we have a graduation date of June 16, 2022.

Commission Chairman Edwards asked if that fund balance was a record? Major Hubbard stated it is probably fairly close. We are stable right now. You know last year, it is unfortunate with Covid, however our claims were down in general and that enabled us to bring that balance up a little bit further than it had been. Commissioner Allison asked is it the revenue or the discounts or a combination of both? Major Hubbard stated I think it was a little bit more on the reduced claims cost for last year, I don't think the revenues have really changed much. I think really it was more of the reduced you know hospitalization and collective services and things of that nature from last year. You know we went that extended period where there was not a lot of medical services being provided and there was a change in that, a little delay, and I think that delayed some of those claims. We have seen an uptick a little bit this year of some of those claims, I think we are supplementing some of those lost from last year, so we will just have to see where we are at, at the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Edwards asked do we have any new business. Colonel Bryant stated Mr. Chairman we have a promotion to consider today. Colonel Bryant stated we have the ASP Sergeant position in Highway Patrol Troop D, Crittenden County.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Reeves made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the promotion of a Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop D. Commissioner Allison seconded, and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 9:20 a.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards called the meeting back to order at 9:49 a.m. and asked Colonel Bryant if he had any recommendations.

Colonel Bryant stated we have one promotion to consider, ASP Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop D, Crittenden County, my recommendation is Corporal Steven Roberts. Commissioner Hinkle made a motion that Corporal Steven Roberts be promoted to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop D, Crittenden County. Commissioner Basore seconded, and the motion passed.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Edwards stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chairman Edwards stated we are going to take a few minutes to get set up for the appeal hearing, so we will take a little break.

Commission Chairman Edwards asked for a motion to adjourn.

With no further business, Commissioner Reeves made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Hinkle seconded, and Commission Chairman Edwards adjourned the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary