

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
December 12, 2024

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Teague called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jeffery Teague, Chairman
Commissioner John Allison, Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Jim Hinkle, Secretary
Commissioner Ken Reeves
Commissioner Neff Basore
Commissioner Mike Akin
Commissioner Steve Edwards

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Colonel Mike Hagar	Lt. Colonel Mike Kennedy
Major Jeff Drew	Major Mike Moyer
Captain Randall Murphy	Captain Brad Lann
Captain David Williams	Captain Chris Goodman
Captain Jeff Plouch	Sergeant Chris Garner
Jenna Castleberry	Sherry Woods
Susan Tedford	Sergeant Rodney Davenport
Corporal Scott Troy	Karen Perry
Sergeant Josh Elmore	Kalika Rogers
Dan Mack	Cindy Murphy
Sergeant Alan Johnson	Lieutenant Jay McAllister
Sergeant Corwin Battle	Janet Chappelle
Shelly Cantrell	Lieutenant Marcus Daniels
Donna Humphries	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Hugh Finkelstein, DPS	Carey Garner
Sarah DeBusk-Griffith, AG's Office	Mallory McAnulty

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commission Chairman Teague led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on December 2, 2024.

MINUTES:

Commission Chairman Teague stated you have or should have the minutes of the previous meeting before you, what is your pleasure? Commissioner Reeves stated I make a motion to approve the minutes of the regular monthly commission meeting. Commissioner Basore seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Teague stated we have a motion and a second, all in favor, I, any opposed and the motion passed.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Sergeant Alan Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Sergeant Michael Garlington efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-six years, seven months, and thirty days;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Michael Garlington retired from this department October 31, 2024;

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 Michael Garlington 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, December 12, 2024, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003 awards him, his Glock Model 19, Serial Number BMFZ793, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Hinkle made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Akin seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Teague stated we have a motion and a second, all in favor, I, any opposition, and the motion passed.

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WHEREAS: Sergeant Michael Garlington efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of twenty-six years, seven months, and thirty days;

WHEREAS: Sergeant Michael Garlington retired from this department October 31, 2024;

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 Michael Garlington 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, December 12, 2024, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003 determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number RS79387Z, that Sergeant Michael Garlington has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Sergeant Michael Garlington be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

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PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

Colonel Mike Hagar presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Josh Elmore promoting him to Sergeant in Highway Patrol Division, Troop H.

Colonel Mike Hagar presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Joseph Todd Harris promoting him to Sergeant in Highway Patrol Division, Troop E.

Colonel Mike Hagar presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Christopher Garner promoting him to Sergeant in Highway Patrol Division, Troop A.

Commission Chairman Teague stated at this time we have our division reports, and we will start with our Fiscal Report, Ms. Perry.

Karen Perry stated good morning, Colonel, and Commissioners, we had a busy month in November getting ready for our Legislative Hearing and the legislature did approve our budget for the State Police. Our Risk Assessment which we complete every other year has been submitted and turned into DFA. I would be happy to answer any questions.

Commissioner Allison asked did you get more money? Ms. Perry stated no we didn't. Commissioner Allison asked did you ask for more money? Ms. Perry stated we did and they

said no. Commissioner Allison stated you will never get it if you don't ask.

Commission Chairman Teague stated Administrative Services, Captain Craig Teague.

Captain Craig Teague stated Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, and Colonel Hagar good morning, the Administrative Services report for November includes the following transactions. For the uniformed noncommissioned we had two new hires, one rehire, one promotion, two retirements, and one voluntary resignation. The commissioned transactions included two promotions, three voluntary resignations and ten transfers which included eight in SWAT, one in Troop E, and one in Company A. We currently have five military deployments.

Captain Craig Teague stated for the 2024B Troop School we are still at 39 recruits; they are in week nine and graduation is still set for March 27th.

Captain Craig Teague stated the Wellness Unit assisted 52 individuals in November and made four follow-up visits. Dr. Lackey processed four Act 537 visits, the nurse practitioner assisted 47 patients, and the Baptist Health Community Nurse saw 24 patients.

Captain Craig Teague stated regarding the ASP Health Plan, the November paid claims were \$1,100,827.81, that is a decrease of \$765,688.00 from last month. The fund balance is \$467,709.91 higher than last month for a total fund balance of \$14,224,207.17. Savings discount for November was 71.6%.

Commissioner Edwards stated that is a record fund balance. Captain Teague stated it is good right now. Commissioner Allison stated you had \$1,700,000.00 in claims last month. Captain Teague stated yes sir. Commissioner Allison asked was there any extraordinary items in there. Captain Teague stated there were two or three large individual claims, am I right. Susan Tedford stated yes sir, there were several invoices that hit in the month of November that were rolled over from October. Commissioner Allison stated is that not a record month for us, \$1,800,000.00 in payments, isn't that the highest we have ever had, I think it is the highest in my twenty years here? Commissioner Allison stated it is good we have the money, but sad that we have a lot of sickness. Commissioner Basore stated well we have got more troopers than we have experienced in years past. Commissioner Allison stated it is important we protect that fund.

Commission Chairman Teague stated Crimes Against Children, Major Drew.

Major Jeff Drew stated good morning, Colonel, Chair, and Commissioners, the CACD Hotline received 5,353 calls in the month of November, with 2,317 of those being accepted for investigation. Major Drew stated there were 11 child deaths reported, two were investigated, and nine assessed. Major Drew stated our investigations accepted 490 new cases and closed 513 with 151 being found true for a substantiation rate of 29%.

Commission Chairman Teague stated Criminal Investigations, Captain Randall Murphy.

Captain Randall Murphy stated Commissioners, Mr. Chairman, Colonel good morning, in November CID opened eight death investigations, seven assault and battery investigations, two terroristic acts, 13 child pornography cases, 16 narcotics delivery cases, and four sexual assaults. We also assisted other agencies with 34 investigations ranging from drugs to death investigations. Captain Murphy stated I will briefly highlight one case in particular. Captain Murphy stated in January of 2022 a road incident on I-630 resulted in suspects firing 70 rounds into a vehicle, the driver was struck 20 times causing permanent paralysis. The victim was unable to identify the suspects, and the sole witness could only describe the vehicle as a dark SUV. Over the course of two years, Agent David Harrell pursued callously, ultimately gathering suspicious evidence to charge 3 individuals with Attempted Capital Murder. His investigation also uncovered crucial information now being used in the prosecution of these suspects in armed robberies and 4 homicides investigated by other agencies. The arrest themselves were a collaborative effort between Company A, Company B, and the ASP SWAT Team. Commission Chairman Teague asked when did this occur? Captain Murphy stated January of 2022 is when the shooting took place.

Commission Chairman Teague stated Highway Patrol, Captain Brad Lann.

Captain Brad Lann stated good morning, Colonel Hagar, Commissioners, November has been a busy month for the Highway Patrol Division, they had 2,443 criminal arrests, with 1,577 total persons arrested, they made 289 DWI arrests, 3 DUI arrests and 8,091 hazardous arrests. Captain Lann stated they made 517 physical arrests with a total between traffic and criminal of 18,167 charges. There were 48 vehicle pursuits, troopers investigated 1,741 accidents, 33 of those were fatal. They recovered 21 stolen vehicles at an estimated value of \$465,880.00. Captain Lann stated for drugs seizures there was 699 pounds of marijuana, 2.56 pounds of methamphetamine, .75 pounds of cocaine, 439 various pills seized, and they also seized \$57,173.00 in money. Captain Lann stated the Aircraft Section conducted 4 aircraft missions, and 5 training missions. DL/CDL gave 15,618 tests across the state and dispatch received a total of 28,353 calls for service.

Commissioner Akin stated just a comment, I saw the clip where they stopped the car hauler that had the Lamborghini and the Porsche on it. I thought that was pretty observant, that they picked up that those are some expensive cars and lets just ask questions and come to find out both of them were stolen and said one of them had been missing since 2022. Captain Lann stated yes sir. Commissioner Akin stated somebody will probably be glad to find that. Commissioner Reeves stated some insurance company will be glad.

Commission Chairman Teague asked are pursuits still running about the same, higher or lower? Captain Lann stated yes sir, we are running about the same as last year. Captain Lann stated that new law went into effect and a lot of those cases are still making it through the court system, it will probably be a little bit of time before we start seeing any difference.

Commissioner Allison asked do we promote that publicly; I know I have seen it before. Colonel Hagar stated yes, we did. Commissioner Allison asked so did we stop that or are we continuing to promote that? Colonel Hagar stated every few months it recirculates back out, but there has been a PSA campaign.

Commission Chairman Teague stated next Major Moyer.

Major Mike Moyer stated Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Colonel Hagar good morning. During the month of November, the Identification Bureau processed 19,957 civil background checks and 8,337 criminal background checks. The Used Motor Vehicle Dealer Section processed 232 dealer applications. The PI Security Section processed 424 applications. The Fire Investigators conducted eight origin and cause investigations, and the bomb squad handled one explosives call that was where 50 military mortar rounds were located.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Chairman Teague stated Colonel I understand that we need to go into Executive Session. Colonel Hagar stated yes sir, I would ask that we go into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Reeves stated I move that we retire into Executive Session to consider personnel matters. Commissioner Hinkle seconded, and the motion passed. Commission Chairman Teague stated we have a motion and a second, all in favor, I, any opposed and the motion passed. The Commission went into Executive Session at 10:20 a.m.

Commission Chairman Teague called the meeting back to order at 11:10 a.m. and stated I think Colonel we have some personnel issues to take care of.

Colonel Hagar stated yes sir, first of all we have a request for reinstatement from Shannon Michael Davis, who will be assigned to Troop H, Scott County if the commission approves. Commissioner Reeves made a motion that Shannon Michael Davis be reinstated. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Teague stated we have a motion and second, all in favor, I, any opposed and the motion passed.

Colonel Hagar stated next, we have Company A Lieutenant and my recommendation is Sergeant Jason Martin. Commissioner Steve Edwards made a motion that Sergeant Jason Martin be promoted to Lieutenant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company A. Commissioner Akin seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Teague stated we have a motion to approve and a second, all in favor, I, and the motion passed.

Colonel Hagar stated next is the Lieutenant in the Director's Office, Auto Shop, my recommendation is Sergeant Alan Johnson. Commissioner Hinkle made a motion that Sergeant Alan Johnson be promoted to Lieutenant in the Director's Office, Auto Shop. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Teague stated we have a motion to approve, and a second, all in favor, I, and the motion passed.

Colonel Hagar stated next is Company C in Hope for Lieutenant my recommendation is Sergeant Joshua Heckel. Commissioner Basore made a motion that Sergeant Joshua Heckel be promoted to Lieutenant in the Criminal Investigation Division, Company C. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Teague stated we have a motion to approve and a second, all in favor, I, and the motion passed.

Colonel Hagar stated the last is Troop A Highway Patrol Sergeant, my recommendation is Corporal Nathan Williams. Commissioner Allison made a motion that Corporal Nathan Williams be promoted to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop A. Commissioner Akin seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Teague stated we have a motion to approve, and a second, all in favor, I, and the motion passed.

Commission Chairman stated and the last one we have is a lateral. Colonel Hagar stated yes sir, the lateral has been made for Sergeant in the Administrative Services Division, Training, that is going to be Sergeant Nicholas Brown.

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Teague stated the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, January 09, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Teague stated if there is nothing else, we stand adjourned. With no further business, Commission Chairman Teague adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary