

MINUTES
STATE POLICE COMMISSION
May 8, 2014

The State Police Commission convened its monthly meeting at 9:15 A.M. on Thursday, May 8, 2014 in Conference Room 308, Office of Management and Finance/OMV Building, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Present were Vice Chairman Franklin Kyle and Members Joe Cage, Freddie Pitcher, and attorneys Lenore Feeney and William Norfolk. Chairman Jason Turner, W. Lloyd Grafton, and Bill Goldring were absent.

On motion duly made and seconded by unanimous vote of the Members present, the Commission voted to approve the Minutes from the January 9, 2014 meeting.

Lenore Feeney, referee, conducted the swearing in of new Commission member Donald Breaux.

Under Employee Opportunity to Address the Commission, Colonel Michael Edmonson reported that there were three weeks left in the legislative session. He stated that they were still seeking funding for the new pay plan that was approved by the State Police Commission. Currently \$8.9 million has been dedicated in House Bill 1 and the senate is looking for additional funding. The goal is to fund the entire amount. Captain Jason Starnes, Operational Development, reported that if the entire amount was not funded this year the Department will have to come before the Commission to seek approval for a provisional pay plan until the entire amount has been funded.

Colonel Michael Edmonson reported that the 2014-2015 Louisiana State Police budget has a \$7 million reduction. Currently there are 100 vacancies in addition to a prior reduction of 500. Any further reductions to manpower will affect the ability to perform their responsibilities maintaining public service.

Colonel Michael Edmonson reported that Cadet Class will graduate May 22, 2014. Of the 61 cadets who began the academy, 47 are on track to graduate. Utilizing Department of Public Service employees as cadets has been very successful. The next academy is anticipated to begin late 2014 or early 2015.

Under Commission Business, Attorney Bill Norfolk reported that the Irving Benoit appeal was tentatively scheduled to be heard June 12, 2014. The Scott Butler appeal has litigation pending in federal court and the case will be continued until the federal court issues have been resolved.

At the Conclusion of the Commission's agenda, on motion duly made and seconded, by unanimous vote of the members present, the Commission voted to adjourn its meeting at 9:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

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Jason Turner, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Cathy Derbonne, consisting of stylized initials and a long horizontal stroke.

Cathy Derbonne, Executive Director