MINUTES STATE POLICE COMMISSION

August 14, 2014

The State Police Commission convened its monthly meeting at 9:05 A.M. on Thursday, August 14, 2014 in Conference Room 308, Office of Management and Finance/OMV Building, 7979 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Present were Chairman Jason Turner, Vice Chairman Franklin Kyle and Members Joe Cage, W. Lloyd Grafton, Bill Goldring and attorney Lenore Feeney. Freddie Pitcher and attorney Bill Norfolk were absent.

On motion duly made and seconded by unanimous vote of the Members present, the Commission voted to approve the Minutes from the June 12, 2014 meeting.

There were no employees present to address the commission.

Faye Morrison, representing the Department of Public Safety, and David Young, Louisiana State Troopers Association, presented the proposed changes to State Police Commission Rules Chapter 12 regarding Troopers rights related to administrative investigations. The current statutory bill of rights includes provisions that infringe on the constitutional rights of the commission and in turn takes away its decision making authority. This has arisen in a number of cases already but has yet to be resolved which puts troopers in the unfortunate position of not knowing what rights they have or what would happen if they were to litigate a case. Currently Louisiana State Troopers Association, Louisiana State Police and Louisiana State Police Commission are working together to develop the troopers rights related to administrative investigations and will present the final draft to the commission at the September meeting.

Under Commission Business, Karae Stracener, Deputy Director, reported that the Commission had recently met with Internal Affairs and Human Resources to discuss the possibility of a shared database, parts of which could be utilized by each department. This would cut down on the work load of each department. Once it is determined what information will be needed a meeting will be scheduled with IT.

Jason Turner, Chariman, reported that State Commission Rule 6.14(d) which involves merit increases is in conflict with the State Police pay plan. He advised that Operational Development will be reviewing the rule and recommending revisions.

The appeal of Adrian Brown, Docket Number 14-215-T, is scheduled for October 9, 2014.

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 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Jason Turner, Chairman

Cathy Derbonne, Executive Director