



**STATED MEETING OF THE SLED CONSTABLES ADVISORY COUNCIL  
July 23, 2009**

The regular stated meeting of the SLED Constables Advisory Council was held at 1:00 P.M. Thursday, July 23, 2009 in the Palmetto Room at SLED Headquarters, Columbia, South Carolina.

**I. CALL TO ORDER.**

Robert Johnson, Chairperson, called the meeting to order promptly at 2:00 P.M. and declared a quorum present. The meeting was opened with prayer by Joel Wood. Those in attendance were as follows:

Constable Advisory Council in attendance

Kenny McLean	At Large Member CAC
Bob Johnson, Chairperson	Midlands Region CAC
Joel Wood	Piedmont Region CAC
Jim Ward	Low County CAC
Bill Doar	Pee Dee Region CAC

SLED Representatives in attendance:

Tim James, Assistant Director  
Lynn Rolin,  
Lt. Ben Moore

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the stated meeting for June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 were before the Council. The minutes were approved as amended by common consent.

The docket was presented and approved by common consent.

**III. Old Business**

- Chairman Johnson reported that Bill Hixon was researching the possibility of obtaining insurance for Constables and will report to the Chairman at a later date. Chairman Johnson presented a brochure from Southern States Police Benevolent Association, Inc. concerning insurance available through the Association. The brochure was received as information.
- Chairman Johnson reported that he would like to continue to explore the organization of a Rapid Response Team that would report to SLED Headquarters in the event of a disaster and that would be dispatched as needed with the mission to assess the need for manpower and equipment. There would be FEMA courses required for those that would be assigned to the team. There was no action taken by the Council.



- Chairman Johnson would like for the Council to produce a program that could be recorded on a DVD that could be given to Law Enforcement Agencies to explain how Constables could be of service to the Agency. Also the program could be used as a recruiting tool. There was no action taken by the Council.
- Joel Wood requested a report on utilization of Constables by SLED. Lt. Moore and Lynn Rolin reported that Constables are continuing to be utilized in the preparation of Concealed Carry Permits. Richard Spangler is looking at the use of Constables in the area of "white crimes". Constables have assisted SLED on two "round-up operations". Bob Johnson will assist agencies with "cold cases."
- Bill Doar raised a question about a letter of introduction from SLED for Constable Advisory Council Members. This item was taken under advisement with no action taken.
- Bill Doar raised a question concerning the term "close proximity" as it pertains to Advanced Constables working for Law Enforcement Agencies. Lt Moore reported that a letter had been drafted that would clarify the issue.

IV. New Business:

- Assistant Director James reported that the SCLEOA Board had discussed SCLEOA policy on Constables being covered by insurance while working with a Law Enforcement Agency. A proposal will be presented for a vote at the SCLEOA convention at Myrtle Beach in September. Assistant Director James thanked the Council for their efforts in keeping Constables informed of SCLEOA efforts to resolve this issue. No Action was required by the Council.
- Assistant Director James presented a draft of the certificate that will be given to the appointees to the various Sub-Committees of the CAC. Jim Ward made a motion that the wording of the certificates be approved as submitted and the motion received a second from Kenney McLean. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Bill Doar made a motion that the following be adopted as a "Mission Statement" for the Training Committee:

*"The Training Committee shall identify the needs and assist Constables in obtaining training to prepare Constables to better serve the citizens of South Carolina."*

and that the following be adopted as goals for the Training Committee in 2009:



*The Committee will review existing training requirements for Constables*

*The Committee will design a core curriculum for Constable Training*

*The Committee will coordinate with SCLEOA to develop training for the upcoming SCLEOA Convention with emphasis on gangs, stolen vehicles, terrorism, and technology.*

The motion received a second from Kenny McLean and was unanimously approved.

- Jim Ward made a motion that a Council Meeting be held at the SCLEOA Conference in Myrtle Beach on September 14, 2009 at a time to be announced. The motion received a second from Joel Wood and passed unanimously.
- Kenny McLean made a motion that the following be adopted as a “Mission Statement” for the Policy and Procedures Committee:

*“The Policy and Procedures Committee shall recommend to the Constables Advisory Council (CAC) policies and procedures which will enhance the Constables program and shall recommend to the CAC the deletion of any impractical or unnecessary policies and procedures.”*

and that the following be adopted as goals for the Policy and Procedures Committee in 2009:

*The Policy and Procedures Committee shall make their initial presentation to the CAC at the August 2009 meeting of the CAC.*

*The “Final Draft” of a revised “Policy and Procedures Manual” shall be presented to the CAC by the December 2009 meeting of the CAC.*

*The “Policy and Procedures Manual” shall be revised as needed with quarterly publications of the Policy and Procedures Manual by the CAC.*

The motion received a second from Jim Ward and passed unanimously.

- Kenny McLean presented his thought on a “new identity” for Constables and asked what we can do to set Constables apart. By common consent, it was decided that the State Color, “Indigo Blue” be adopted as the official color of the CAC and a logo be developed and presented to the CAC for approval.



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- Bob Johnson made a motion that the approval of a “Mission Statement” for the Chaplin Committee be postponed until the August meeting of the CAC. The motion received a second from Kenny McLean and was unanimously approved.

V. Next Meeting:

The next regularly stated meeting of the Constables Advisory Council will be held on August 20, 2009 in the Palmetto Room at SLED Headquarters in Columbia, South Carolina.

VI. Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Joel Wood.

Respectfully Submitted by

Joel E. Wood, CAC Piedmont Region

