

MINUTES OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE COMMISSION MEETING
December 11, 2025

The Arkansas State Police Commission met on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at the Arkansas State Police Headquarters, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Commission Chairman Allison called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner John Allison, Chairman
Commissioner Jim Hinkle, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Ken Reeves, Secretary
Commissioner Neff Basore
Commissioner Steve Edwards
Commissioner Jeff Teague

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Mike Akin

STATE POLICE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Colonel Mike Hagar	Lt. Colonel Jason Aaron
Lt. Colonel Mike Kennedy	Major Ron Casey
Major Philip Hydron	Major Mike Moyer
Sherry Woods	Major Jeff Drew
Lieutenant Jamie Gravier	Sergeant Lance Coffman
Karen Perry	Joan Shipley
Eric Wacaster	Captain Randall Murphy
Shelly Cantrell	Captain Joe Carter
Captain John Carter	Captain Scott Joe
Susan Tedford	Major Stacie Rhoads
Captain Brady Gore	Captain Seth Pinner
Sergeant Michael Kyle Ellison	Captain David Williams
Sergeant Christiana McKibben	Captain Wesley Smithee
Lieutenant Marcus Daniels	Lieutenant Bobby Brown
Captain Jeff Plouch	Bridget White
Cindy Murphy	Phillip Warriner
Captain Kyle Drown	Sergeant Dean Pitchford
Lieutenant Darran Austin	Lieutenant Jason Martin
Jonathan Nettles	Captain Craig Teague
Donna Humphries	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Family of Captain Seth Pinner
Family of Sergeant Michael Kyle Ellison
Family of Sergeant Lance Coffman
Family of Sergeant Christiana McKibben
Family of Sergeant Dean Pitchford

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commission Chairman Allison led the pledge of allegiance.

NOTIFICATION OF MEDIA:

The media was notified of this meeting on December 1, 2025.

MINUTES:

Commission Chairman Allison stated the minutes of November 13, Commissioner Reeves made a motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2025, regular monthly commission meeting. Commissioner Hinkle seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Allison stated we have a motion and second, any opposed, the motion carried.

Commission Chairman Allison stated we have Weapon Resolutions.

WEAPON RESOLUTIONS:

Major Philip Hydron presented the following resolutions for consideration by the ASP Commission.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Cleary Chapman efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-five years, five months, and twenty-four days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Cleary Chapman retired from this department October 31, 2025;

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: Corporal Cleary Chapman 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 11, 2025, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003 awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA420, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Basore seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Allison stated we have a motion and a second, any opposed, motion carried.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Cleary Chapman efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of thirty-five years, five months, and twenty-four days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Cleary Chapman retired from this department October 31, 2025;

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: Corporal Cleary Chapman 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 11, 2025, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003 determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number D588751M, that Corporal Cleary Chapman has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Cleary Chapman be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Edwards made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Basore seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Allison stated we have a motion and a second, any opposed, motion carried.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS: Corporal Joseph Gilliland efficiently and effectively served the Arkansas State Police for a period of eleven years, nine months, and twelve days;

WHEREAS: Corporal Joseph Gilliland retired from this department October 31, 2025;

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: Corporal Joseph Gilliland 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 11, 2025, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003 awards him, his Glock Model 17, Serial Number BMSA412, as a token of their esteem and appreciation for service devoted to the Arkansas State Police.

Commissioner Teague made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Allison stated we have a motion and a second, any opposed, motion carried.

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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 11, 2025, in accordance with Act 547 of 2003 determines the fair market value of the Remington shotgun, serial number RS41844P, that Corporal Joseph Gilliland has carried be affixed at \$100.00, and that Corporal Joseph Gilliland be permitted to purchase the shotgun for his personal use.

Commissioner Teague made a motion to approve the above weapon resolution presented to the Commission. Commissioner Reeves seconded the motion. Commission Chairman Allison stated we have a motion and a second, any opposed, motion carried.

Commission Chairman Allison stated next are promotion certificates, Colonel Hagar.

PROMOTION CERTIFICATES:

Colonel Mike Hagar presented a promotion certificate to Captain Seth Pinner promoting him to Captain in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop L.

Colonel Mike Hagar presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Lance Coffman promoting him to Sergeant in the Highway Patrol Division, Troop I.

Colonel Mike Hagar presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Dean Pitchford promoting him to Sergeant in the Director's Office, Office of Professional Standards.

Colonel Mike Hagar presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Christiana McKibben promoting her to Sergeant in the Director's Office, Office of Professional Standards.

Colonel Mike Hagar presented a promotion certificate to Sergeant Michael Kyle Ellison promoting him to Sergeant in the Administrative Services Division, Armory.

Commissioner Hinkle stated Mr. Chairman, while everybody is getting back to their positions, I would like to say how blessed I am in six years to sit up here and so thankful for the families that come and enjoy the recognition. I hate to say it but the family members in most cases look better than the recipient does but sincerely thank you all for bringing your families with you. From my standpoint, my viewpoint it is very enjoyable to see them here.

Commission Chairman Allison stated division reports.

Karen Perry stated good morning, Colonel and Commissioners, you have the November report in front of you, and if you notice we do have some cash flow problems, we are working with DFA on the timing of when we get our revenue. In the past they have given our revenue at the beginning of the month, and they have started giving it at the end of the month, so our expenses are going to look a little bit off. They did not fund our November payroll until December 1. Commission Chairman Allison asked why? Commissioner Reeves asked did they tell you that they were going to do that or was that a surprise? Ms. Perry stated we knew they were going to do that. Commission Chairman Allison stated we knew they were going to do that and the reason for it, is? Ms. Perry stated well they wanted us to come up with the money ourselves. Ms. Perry stated they funded it on December 1.

Commissioner Reeves asked, are we going to run behind every month for the rest of the year. Ms. Perry stated I think it is probably going to take until February or March to catch up. Commissioner Reeves stated they are still going to pay you, just at the end of the month instead of in advance. Ms. Perry stated yes, correct. Ms. Perry stated the way they explained it is the general revenue, the consumers they purchase throughout the month, so the money is not there on the first of the month, the money comes through during the month, so they don't want to give us our distribution until around the 25th. Commissioner Reeves stated so, they just discovered this in 2025, this has been kind of this way for a long time, hasn't it? Ms. Perry stated it has yes sir.

Commissioner Hinkle stated we are reading in the papers though how much additional revenue the state is taking in it is beating the same month a year before, so are they doing this to other state agencies? Ms. Perry stated yes, all the other agencies have experienced this, we are the last agency. Commissioner Hinkle stated if so, there is some fund in the State of Arkansas that is really flush right now.

Commission Chairman Allison asked so how are we doing other than that? Ms. Perry stated other than that we do have one audit finding from Legislative Audit from our 2024 audit and the finding is on one of our bank accounts we were under collateralized by \$2.5 million. Ms. Perry stated what happened was it is a Simmons Bank account, one of the items that was our collateral was not assigned to State Police, it was somebody else's, so the report was wrong. Ms. Perry stated we didn't catch that and Legislative Audit caught it and so it took Simmons almost a year to correct it. Ms. Perry stated so the securities they had tied to it, one of them was not for State Police it was for another company. Commission Chairman Allison stated so an error on their part.

Commission Chairman Allison stated Administrative Services.

Captain Craig Teague stated Colonel, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners good morning, we just finished up assessment week with the recruits so their training is officially over, they will be graduating next Thursday, December 18 at the Benton Event Center. Captain Teague stated I did put some invitations at your seats, so I hope to see you guys there.

Captain Teague stated the POLAR Team saw 80 individuals in November and they had 29 follow-up visits.

Captain Craig Teague stated for the ASP Health Plan, Mr. Chairman I do have you a Christmas gift, we were actually at \$1.3 million in November, so we had a decrease of \$832,000.00 from October, so we are in the green. Captain Teague stated we did put \$435,611.00 into the plan in November. We had contractual savings in October from medical

claims at \$1,774,000.00 so right now we are sitting at \$11,087,000.00 for the total fund balance.

Commissioner Hinkle asked, do you have a formula by which you contribute this \$435,611.00 or is that just an arbitrary number? Captain Teague stated so yes sir, the \$435,611.00 is just additional that comes in from Part B subsidies and drug card rebates, that is just a flow of money that we get from rebates, not from the actual funding that comes in from the State Police.

Commission Chairman Allison stated Major Jeff Drew, Crimes Against Children.

Major Jeff Drew stated good morning, Colonel, Chair, Commissioners, the CACD Hotline received 5,493 calls for November, with 2,431 were accepted for investigation, and additional 685 were for differential responses. Major Drew stated there were ten child deaths in that period, two of those were investigated, seven were assessed, and one was documented. Major Drew stated investigations opened 499 new cases, closed 499 cases, with 132 of those being true, so that gave us a substantiation rate of 26%.

Commissioner Reeves stated, help me clear something up, I asked about this at the last meeting. I read an article in the paper just in the last week or so that has got me confused. I thought last month you told me that we were the initial screening agency that decided whether something went to DHS or whether we investigate it, but, I read this article in the paper that said some state agency actually gets the calls and decides whether or not to refer it to us, can you clear that up for me. Major Drew stated we operate the Hotline, which is where the initial call comes in to, then once it comes in, there is an agreement between us and Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) on which agency handles which allegation, depending on the allegation it will go to that department which would be either CACD or DCFS. Commissioner Reeves stated if I am in Mena, Arkansas and I suspect my neighbors abusing his child and I call the Hotline, that is answered at Arkansas State Police? Major Drew stated yes sir. Commissioners Reeves stated then we decide whether or not we will investigate it, or whether or not we will refer to DHS or take no action. Major Drew stated yes sir based upon the memorandum of understanding (MOU). Commissioner Reeves stated thank you.

Commissioner Edwards stated there have been hearings lately about the cases that never got processed correctly, evidently, what is going on with all of that? Commissioner Hinkle asked, "Are you talking about the Mountain Home case?" Commissioner Edwards stated well that one and others, there were several in the paper that never got the right attention, and things fell through the cracks at DHS. Major Drew stated it depends on if enough information is provided, whether the call will be accepted or screened out, when it is screened out that is where it will end at. Commissioner Reeves asked did you read this article, I have been gone a lot lately, but it was like a week ago, and the lady they were interviewing said that, in regards to the Mountain Home deal, there were like 19 previous calls and no one knew all of that, they weren't tracking the number of calls but that is where I got the impression they were getting the initial calls, because she said we went back and reviewed and saw that we should have done something a long time ago. So, they started doing the comprehensive review to see how many other times that had happened. Major Drew stated right, if I understand you correctly, those calls had made it to DCFS, and they weren't handled properly is what they have admitted. Commissioner Reeves stated so, they would have gotten to DHS from us. Major Drew stated yes sir.

Commission Chairman Allison asked so do we have a record here of multiple calls, if they call on the Allison children would there be some computerized record that this is the 22 or tenth time, they had called on the Allison children? Major Drew stated yes sir. Commission Chairman Allison stated you do have that? Major Drew stated yes sir there is a record in the system and whether it is accepted or screened out, it is still in the system, once it comes in it stays in.

Commissioner Basore asked does the call taker know based on the amount of information they receive, are they able to pull up some of that information, real time to see if this is a repeat call or a different incident or maybe three or four calls for the same incident, do they have any of that information? Major Drew stated yes sir, they will do an entry check while they are on the phone and see what we have on the family. Commissioner Basore stated that they know in Johnny's case the Allisons have had ten different calls at different times, so this

is a re-occurring situation. Major Drew stated they will have record of those calls. Commissioner Reeves stated is there a way that we could, I am not very high tech but, set our system up where if we get the third call on the same child or same family that it flags it. I mean this article talks about bureaucracy, and all I could think about is this little boy in Baxter County who got calls from various people 19 times before anybody went and found out that he was being abused. Commissioner Reeves stated there has got to be a way to trigger this better, instead of us depending on DHS or whoever, maybe we can do something here to flag it. Major Drew stated they have made a change in the system, before you had to have a name to go into the entry, but now it automatically pops up and that is provided to the investigator when it goes out. Commissioner Reeves stated I would hope that we have someone in this agency that is smart enough to do what I am suggesting and that is if we get three calls or five calls on the same family, the same person, it pops it up and we go follow up on it.

Commissioner Basore asked, do we know at ASP, the call center or your direct knowledge of all these calls, but nothing has been done, I don't know if there was a flag that said this is the 19th time and so far, nobody has done anything. Do we have any idea what happens to those cases? Major Drew stated the ones that don't, what happens if they are screened out is they are just maintained in the system, so once an investigation is finally accepted that investigator would have access to all of that. Commissioner Basore stated but I think in the case that Commissioner Reeves is talking about these were sent on the DHS, maybe all 19 or how ever many there were and that was not handled at that end, but did we have any way of knowing that they were not, that this was a re-occurring problem and evidently nothing had happened on the other end. Commissioner Basore stated if you get 19 calls, there is a pretty safe assumption that something is going on, they are not just fake calls and not screened out calls, they are active, something is happening, but nobody seems to be doing anything, do we have any way of knowing that? Major Drew stated the only thing that we are responsible for here is providing them with that information on that investigation. Commissioner Basore stated there is no monitoring, no way to monitor if we have sent it to them 19 times, what are they doing to resolve this issue. Major Drew stated no, we do not have anything in place to follow up to see what they are doing with it, that is that agencies responsibility. Commissioner Reeves stated if you read this article, it was clear I use DHS, that is what I am used to, the whole article the thrust of it is their bureaucracy is what prevented them from finding this out, that is their problem, and I hope they fix it. That does not change the fact that we are the ones that send it over there and we need to take the initiative to try to make this better, I don't want us to be viewed as a bureaucracy like DHS.

Commissioner Edwards asked, were you involved in the recent legislative hearings? Major Drew stated I am sorry. Commissioner Edwards stated there was recently a legislative hearing talking about all of this, were you involved. Major Drew stated the one that took place about a month or so ago, I was not there for that, no sir. Commissioner Edwards stated I think this was more recent than that. Major Drew stated we had a Children and Youth Committee meeting yesterday. Commissioner Edwards stated no, this was in the legislature. Major Drew stated I was not a part of that.

Commission Chairman Allison stated let's talk through that, a call comes into the Department of Public Safety, is that who it is coming into, DPS, what do they do with that, what are they supposed to do with that, send it to us, to the Hotline? Major Drew stated what takes place is when we receive a call at the Hotline, we go over it and make sure it meets the criteria of an allegation, then once we figure which allegation it is, the based upon the MOU that investigation will be assigned to that department whether it be CACD or DCFS and then the investigation occurs. Commission Chairman Allison states so we are going to get it, get the call? Major Drew stated yes sir. Colonel Hagar states it originates with the State Police. Commission Chairman Allison states and then we assign it somewhere, where at? Major Drew stated yes sir, either of the two agencies, CACD or DCFS. Commissioner Hinkle stated the problem is we do not know if they followed up on it. Commissioner Reeves stated right, that is the problem. Commissioner Teague asked who all holds these two agencies accountable? Major Drew states the departments, essentially, we are governed by what is in the maltreatment act. Major Drew stated CACD would fall under ASP and DCFS fall under DHS. Commissioner Teague stated then I guess the question is at what point if CACD is determined to be responsible, at what point does the State Police kick in and say we are going to investigate them. Commissioner Reeves states it probably doesn't, it has been assigned to them, we have lost track of it. Major Drew stated if something is mishandled normally it will

come to me, and I will look into to it to see what we have done and then we will try and make corrections from there. Commissioner Teague stated I think the ultimate thing we have to realize is we are talking about children, children have no one advocating for them, if we don't hold these agencies, if we are responsible for holding them accountable and we don't hold them accountable then we become culpable then, in my opinion. Commission Chairman Allison stated I think the commission should discuss this further at a later time, thank you.

Major Drew stated just to let you know if we have a situation where something is handled, we are pretty accountable on what we do, whether it be simple counseling, or maybe generate some type of investigation for something that is inappropriate within CACD. What is taking place at DCFS I cannot address. But we are pretty accountable for it.

Commissioner Teague asked so DCFS, they are accountable to ASP? Major Drew stated no sir, they are responsible for their own agency, we do not have anything to do with what takes place over there. Commissioner Basore stated they are a separate agency. Commissioner Teague stated that is problematic. Commissioner Reeves asked when I make my phone call from Mena, Arkansas, where is the phone that gets answered here, is it in this building? Major Drew stated it is right down the hall. Commissioner Reeves asked who answers it, do you have different shifts of people, is it manned 24 hours a day. Major Drew stated 24 hours a day, we are allowed 35 operators, I believe we have 32 now, the calls goes into there. Commissioner Reeves then says if I am an operator and the call comes in once I get the facts, the story, I look at this MOU, it tells me what to do either we keep it and investigate it or we assign it to DHS or we don't do anything. Major Drew stated yes sir, if we don't have enough information, it could be screened out and that information would be maintained in the system. Commissioner Reeves stated okay, thank you.

Commissioner Hinkle asked, can we assign it to CID from the get-go, or does it have to go somewhere else? Major Drew stated yes sir, our CID will come into play, when we work with law enforcement it is normally the local agency that is responsible for it and in some situations, they request our CID handle it.

Commissioner Edwards stated I am looking at the article, it was a hearing that was in early October, Representative Gazaway chaired it, and it is talking about the State Police Crimes Against Children, which investigates the most serious accusations, are we doing that? Major Drew stated we handle severe maltreatment, yes sir. Major Drew stated the allegation that took place in the one you are referring to goes to DCFS, most of our allegations are sexually related. Commissioner Edwards stated something that happens 19 times is not a more serious accusation that we should be investigating. Major Drew stated those allegations would go to them, there is nothing said for how many times this occurred, if that allegation comes in it goes to them. Commissioner Edwards asked what make it serious? Major Drew stated most of the stuff we have is sexually related. Major Drew stated we decided in the MOU which agency gets what, the majority of the stuff that we will get, we will work hand in hand with law enforcement on making sure we do the maltreatment portion and the criminal portion as well.

Commissioner Reeves stated we didn't know that we had 19 calls, that is the problem, that is one of the problems. Major Drew stated even with the 19, it would still be maintained by that agency, that it would be something they would be responsible for. Commissioner Reeves stated I know, the calls all 19 of them came in here first, right? Major Drew stated yes sir. Commissioner Reeves stated what I am saying is we didn't have any way to know that we had gotten 19 calls. Lt. Colonel Jason Aaron stated we do have a record, and we knew there were 19 calls taken after there was a query done to determine how many calls were made on this family. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated each one of those were screened appropriately and assigned to DCFS. Commissioner Reeves stated right, but we didn't know there was 19 until after the fact, we didn't have anything to tell us going along the way that we now have six calls, we now have seven, we now have eight. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated yes, we did have that, it was in place and DCFS had that in place as well. Lt. Colonel Aaron, that is part of, on the CACD side of the house that is part of, it is a requirement by that operator to provide that history search and it is also a requirement for a supervisor to approve that file and an audit is conducted to make sure a previous history search was done during those investigative processes. Commissioner Edwards stated I want to ask you. Commissioner Reeves stated we got the 18th call, that person that took that call here, they knew right then that we had 17 calls on this same family before? Lt. Colonel Aaron stated yes, but again that call is assigned

to DCFS and that is one of the big hiccups is the lack of accountability on the DCFS side. During the hearing, I think there were 39 different employees that touched that case and not a single employee was held accountable, disciplined, counseled, terminated or anything as a result of that. Commissioner Reeves stated there is no doubt that they dropped the ball big time the point I am trying to make is we knew or we should have known they weren't doing anything or we wouldn't keep getting all of these calls, there is a better way to do this than what is happening in the past, I hope. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated I can tell you right now, I know yesterday we had a hearing and I know Representative Bentley has introduced an interim study proposal to look at the process of this whole system and we welcome that, we can learn from it and see what we are doing right, but as far as the assignment of those calls, whether it is screened in, screened out, and who it is assigned to, it is defined specifically by state law. Commissioner Reeves stated all 19 were assigned appropriately I think is what you are saying. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated yes sir. Commissioner Reeves stated and I don't question that, it bothers me that we are sitting here and we know this same, it has been called in multiple times, we should suspect somebody on the other end is not doing their job, I don't know if we have an obligation to go tell some other agency what to do, but this is. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated I guess this is probably one of the strenuous, it is a call center, and it is an area that is controlled by two different agencies, you have it funded and DCFS, DHS controls the software, that program that the call is evaluated on, screened in, screened out, assigned but yet our operators are the ones who operate that phone system.

Commissioner Edwards stated I want to ask you a question, again it is in this article, it says that Arkansas State Police Crimes Against Children investigate the most serious accusations, who decides that who decides what is serious and what is not? Lt. Colonel Aaron by statute, in that MOU when the call information comes in to that operator. Commissioner Edwards stated so something that gets called 19 times, we wouldn't think that was serious and we should do something about it. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated it would depend on what the allegation was with each incident. Commissioner Basore stated if it is not criminal in nature, it would be referred, right? Lt. Colonel Aaron stated when these calls, our CACD would be the severe. What would be considered or defined as severe child maltreatment would be the ones assigned to our CACD Investigators. Our CACD Investigators are not commissioned, gun toting, and don't have the authority to arrest individuals. Commissioner Edwards asked, are we currently investigating things through Crimes Against Children or are we just handing them all off? Lt. Colonel Aaron stated no, we are investigating.

Commissioner Reeves stated now that all of this has been fleshed out, is there a better way to do this, do you have any ideas of something, maybe suggest legislation. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated we are looking at the Child Maltreatment Act, which cannot be touched again until the 2027 Session, but we are having a group put together to look at the Child Maltreatment Act. It hasn't been touched in years and so we are looking into it to see what changes need to be made to it. Commission Chairman Allison asked who is the group? Lt. Colonel Aaron stated it was Child and Youth Services yesterday it is a committee that has put this study together or this proposal together for Representative Bentley. Commissioner Basore asked a legislative committee? Lt. Colonel Aaron stated it is a legislative committee. Commission Chairman Allison asked would it be out of line for one of the Commissioners if they are willing to serve on that, would it be out of line to add them? Commissioner Basore stated it is a legislative committee right, made up of all legislators, so you would have to be elected. Colonel Hagar stated you can attend the committee meetings. Commission Chairman Allison stated but you can attend. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated yes, it is open to the public, yes sir. Colonel Hagar stated the Chair would recognize a sitting Commissioner from State Police to ask questions. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated by all means if you, we can give you a copy of the Child Maltreatment Act and review it and if you have ideas bring them forward and we can present it to the committee.

Commissioner Reeves stated back to Commissioner Edwards question, our screening we decide it is not a crime, but it is maltreatment of a child, so we refer it on over to DCFS. But I just assumed that abusing your child could be a crime, surely there is statute that says if you are beating or maltreating your child you could be arrested, am I wrong. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated no you are not wrong, you are correct, but also on those 19 allegations they could have been from not having a clean environment, not having proper nutrition, not attending school, and I don't have that case in front of me, but I am assuming they were similar allegations to that which pushed it to DCFS. If it was an allegation of some sort of sexual abuse, or physical abuse that could have been criminal, it would have gone to CACD to investigate.

Commissioner Reeves asked if these 19 calls were all recorded? Lt. Colonel Aaron stated yes sir. Commissioner Reeves asked are they preserved? Lt. Colonel Aaron stated yes sir. Commissioner Reeves stated, so if we wanted to see a verbatim transcript of each of those 19 calls we could do so. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated I am not sure you could because of your position, not in this setting, I am sure we could probably arrange something. Commissioner Reeves asked the verbatim call is available? Lt. Colonel Aaron stated yes sir, not to the public and I can tell you those calls that are screened out, the supervisor reviewed the ones that are not accepted and screened out to look at and determine whether the right decision was made. Commissioner Edwards asked, these 39 people at DHS that never acted on this thing, are they firing them? Lt. Colonel Aaron stated no, as far as I know, according to their testimony at the hearing I don't know if any of them disciplined. Commissioner Hinkle stated one of the things that seems to me to be a major problem is the answer to Commissioner Teague's question and the fact that they are monitoring themselves. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated I understand that, but the same thing is being done here in a way is you have supervisors that are monitoring subordinates on whether or not they are making the right decisions. I would assume that agency, I would assume there is a subordinate who is making that initial decision or who is conducting that investigation that a supervisor is not reviewing the case file or the investigative file that was put together on what services they provided. There was several failures in that case, and it wasn't just one. Commissioner Teague stated there is accountability issues is what it boils down to. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated yes sir there is. Major Drew stated there is a legislative oversight committee that looks into the things as well. Commissioner Edwards asked if there is a supervisor here, like the 19 calls, that would contact the supervisor at DHS and say look what are ya'll doing about this? Major Drew stated we do not have any oversight over DCFS, once we get that allegation, it goes to them, what takes place with it after that is within that agency. Commission Chairman Allison stated once you send it, it is gone. Commissioner Edwards stated sounds to me like they need the Hotline. Major Drew stated they don't need the Hotline. Commissioner Basore stated they had it at one time and that is why it is not there anymore. Commissioner Edwards stated we need to do the disciplinary part of it. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated in the right setting, I will pull you the personal records and I can show you our disciplinary records to see the accountability we hold here. Commissioner Teague asked who wrote the MOU? Lt. Colonel Aaron stated DHS attorneys and our attorneys, it is a joint, it goes back and forth. Commissioner Reeves stated maybe that is something that needs to be reviewed, you know we passed this thing 19 times because it didn't reach the threshold for us to investigate, make me wonder if we need to take another look at the MOU. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated there has been some changes made to the MOU, I don't know if it stayed in the last changes or not on whether or not the five calls. Major Drew stated that allegation, whether there is one or 25 would go to the agency that is responsible for investigating. It is that agencies responsibility to make sure they are doing what they are supposed to do in order to protect that child. Commissioner Reeves stated I understand what you are saying, that is based on the current MOU and all I am saying is in view of what we are seeing maybe we need to review the MOU that might need to be changed to where we have a little bit more discretion, just a thought. Commissioner Teague stated at the end of the day, I think we have got to do, is how do you deal with the failure, you said there was a failure, how do you deal with a failure, something has got to trigger. Major Drew stated during that process they are looking into what they are doing. Commissioner Teague asked who is they? Major Drew stated DCFS. Commissioner Teague stated so they are checking their own people. Major Drew stated there are checks and balances to make sure they are putting things into place. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated that there was a discussion with the MOU, the initial MOU that they sent over here, there was a lot of additions and revisions made to it that were unnecessary if the supervisor would have been doing their job in the first place as a result of this Mountain Home case. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated if they would just hold their people accountable and make sure, they are doing what they are supposed to do, there is no reason to keep adding policy to something that is not being enforced in the first place. Commissioner Basore asked do we have flow chart of what happens if, for training purposes more or less, for when a call comes in, the operator answers the phone and then certain procedures and actions are generated. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated yes sir. Commissioner Basore asked if that is pictorial representation? Major Drew stated we have a book that we maintain there where they know how to handle it. Commissioner Basore stated I was just curious if it was a flow chart, kind like they use to have in college years ago where if this, then that, is this something that could be accessed for the Commissioners to look at to see what happens when a call comes in. Major Drew stated we can show you anything procedural wise, we just can't give you anything. Commissioner Basore stated maybe something, a call comes in and then you go from there and it goes to the

different agencies. Commissioner Basore stated I don't know that we have a good understanding of what happens when the phone rings, who calls, who is required to call, what types of calls, some calls come in and they are probably, it may be a mad neighbor at another neighbor just trying to get them in trouble. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated a lot of those type calls are that, or they are going through a divorce or a custody battle. Commissioner Basore stated if we had something that looked like that, I think it would answer a lot of our questions, a lot of questions that we might be able to, because we have asked some of the same questions a different way here and we are not really sure what we are asking. Lt. Colonel Aaron stated we can probably get you a flow chart from like call incoming.

Commission Chairman Allison stated thank you for that, we recognize the situation, and you all are working on it, we may get more involved after we discuss it amongst ourselves. Commissioner Reeves asked can I have a copy of the MOU to look at? Lt. Colonel Aaron stated yes sir.

Commission Chairman Allison stated Criminal Investigations, Major Stacie Rhoads.

Major Stacie Rhoads stated good morning, Colonel, Chairman, Commissioners, in the month of November we had initiated 92 investigative cases, 38 of those were primary investigations, we had seven as secondary and 47 we assisted other agencies. We conducted 17 death investigations, seven of those were homicides, we worked two officer involved shootings, and we initiated one officer criminal investigation. Major Rhoads stated we conducted 296 interviews, we executed 80 search warrants, we had 29 court appearances, and we conducted five crime scene scans with our FARO Crime Scene Scanners.

Major Stacie Rhoads stated you know, I don't know what it is, I don't know if it is Mr. Murray Benton getting up here and sharing the thing that I have come to appreciate as a tradition each and every year, but there is something about December that make me a little sentimental and I really considered what I was going to say when I got up here today. Major Stacie Rhoads stated we spent a lot of time scrutinizing what goes on out there and to make sure we don't have 19 calls that are mishandled, so we scrutinize a lot of things that we do in State Police, thankfully so. Major Stacie Rhoads stated but what I have come to find is a lot of times we often fell short of showing that appreciation in the same way that we show scrutiny and I was thinking about that this morning and wanted to make sure that we are sharing the gratitude. Then I was reminded that we had the commission meeting early today so that we attend the Attorney General's awards this afternoon and out of 75 counties, I forget the number but we earned well over half of the awards that are going to be handed out today and had I think at least four or five officers that are vying for the Officer of the Year. Major Stacie Rhoads stated not only is the work being done, but it is also being recognized by supervisors, which we really fall short, it is so easy to go out here and criticize or find fault in things, because we are always looking for improvement, but sometimes you have to stop and turn around and recognize the great work that is being done and that is going to be done today. Major Stacie Rhoads stated I wanted you all to be aware of that, all of the county winners, we were well over half of those.

Commission Chairman Allison stated Highway Patrol, Major Philip Hydron.

Major Philip Hydron stated good morning again, I used to laugh at Major Casey having to follow Major Stacie Rhoads and it is not quite as funny anymore. Major Hydron stated I am proud to say that the Highway Patrol men and women have had a great month, they have worked their tails off. We had 2,019 total criminal arrests, with 1,240 people being arrested as a result of those criminal offenses. Major Hydron stated we also had 255 DWIs, with 9 DUIs, 7,637 hazardous arrests and 438 actual physical arrests and total citations issued were 16,688. Major Hydron stated we were able to assist 2,445 motorists, we had 36 pursuits during the month of November which I am proud to say is a decrease from the previous month. We conducted 1,538 crash investigations with 29 fatalities. We recovered 10 stolen vehicles with a net worth of approximately \$123,000.00 and we also recovered \$50,800.00 worth of stolen property; be it guns or whatever. Total miles driven was 1,110,264 miles. Our SWAT Team completed 12 missions and also conducted 20 hours of training on advanced rifle training. Major Hydron stated that the Aircraft Section conducted 11 missions, our CDL/DL examiners were very busy, they conducted 15,336 individual tests. As a total for Highway Patrol, we had 28,142 calls for service. Our ICP Team, I know you will not find this unusual, they had another great month, they seized \$7,749.00 in U. S. Currency, as

well as 1,702.08 pounds of marijuana, 621.25 pounds of methamphetamine, 12 pounds of cocaine, and 250 pills to include ecstasy, oxycodone, alprazolam, lorazepam, hydrocodone, and clonazepam. They also seized 1,225.5 pounds of THC vapes, THC gummies, and also includes 30 fentanyl pills.

Major Hydron stated I cannot brag enough about the men and women of the Highway Patrol, they are out there working and making a big difference, and I am proud to be here.

Commission Chairman Allison stated next is Regulatory and Building Operations, Major Mike Moyer.

Major Mike Moyer stated Mr. Chairman, Commissioners and Colonel Hagar good morning, during the month of November, the Identification Bureau and AFIS Section processed 11,855 civil background checks and 8,042 criminal fingerprint submissions. The Used Motor Vehicle Dealer Section processed 188 dealer applications, while the PI Security Section processed 396 applications during the month of November. The Fire Investigators conducted 5 origin and cause investigations, with one of those being a fatal fire, and the Bomb Squad handled two separate explosive calls.

Commission Chairman Allison stated Colonel do we have new business to discuss? Colonel Hagar stated yes sir, Mr. Chairman, I would request that we move into executive session to consider personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Reeves stated Mr. Chairman I would move that the Commission retire into Executive Session to consider personnel matters. Commissioner Edwards seconded, and the motion passed. Commission Chairman Allison asked anyone opposed and stated we will return.

Commissioner Reeves stated before we do, since a lot of you leave while we are in there, Merry Christmas to everyone and I pray for your safety every day.

The Commission went into the Executive Session at 9:55 a.m. At 11:01 a.m., Commission Chairman Allison stated I will call the meeting back to order please. Colonel, do you have a personnel matter, I am going to turn it over to you.

Colonel Hagar stated thank you, Mr. Chair, after consideration, we will be making a lateral transfer of Captain David Williams from Troop E to Troop D in the Highway Patrol Division.

Commission Chairman Allison asked is there anything else to come before the commission today, any questions from anyone?

NEXT MEETING:

Commission Chairman Allison stated the next regular scheduled meeting, January 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Commission Chairman Allison stated with no further business, I will adjourn the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Commission Chairman

Commission Secretary