



WISCONSIN LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION

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## **Republican National Convention**

June 13, 2016

Today at 2:30 pm, I attended a meeting at Hill Farms with WLEA Chapter 1 Director Brian Zaemisch, Major Chuck Teasdale, and Capt. Paul Matl we discussed the upcoming Republican National Convention in July.

At the beginning of the meeting Major Teasdale started out by acknowledging WLEA response to his initial proposal regarding the convention. Major Teasdale stated he was willing to attempt to abide by our preference for a regional call up, but had some concerns about depleting the staff in the South East Region. Major Teasdale pointed out that the Southeast Region only has a staff of approximately 47 members. The Southeast Region had 13 volunteers. The thirteen volunteers would remove approximately 1/3 of their staff if all 13 volunteers participated in the event. We would likely have to draw staff from other regions to cover sectors or other responsibilities.

Major Teasdale and, Capt. Matl had 2 proposals which were discussed. Chapter 2 Director Brendan Braun was called on cell phone to participate in the discussion because the Waukesha Post would be the initial group on the geographical call up the union had proposed. Major Teasdale suggested a regional call up list by seniority or a statewide call up list because it would draw staff from a wider area by seniority. I was not aware of the number of staff in the Southeast Region. The number of personnel there when reduced by the 13 volunteers was concerning considering all of the other State Patrol commitments that happen in the region some counties would could not bear large reduction even with back filling. Everyone discussed possibilities for staying with the union's desire to have a geographical call up procedure. In the end having the other commitments of the region met while having 1/3 of the staff removed in the Southeastern Region was not deemed practical.

I have no issue with a statewide call up list based on seniority from the volunteer list. This is a first time situation involving the entire State Patrol staff, we don't have any past practice with an event of this kind. Having this event start out with a statewide list based on seniority, and by volunteers. Is an excellent way to start out in my opinion. We can work on this going forward, this establishes a decent point to work from. When management's two proposals were discussed both Brian Zaemisch, and Brendan Braun didn't think the membership in their respective regions would have much of an issue with going with the statewide seniority call up list. My opinion was and is, these two regions would be the first 2 regions involved in the call up in a geographical call up scenario; they should have the biggest voice in how the list gets done. In a geographical call up scenario Waukesha, and De Forest Posts would have had the largest number of likely participants.

We did discuss the possibility of angering possible senior members that would witness members junior to them going to the event and driving through their region to get there. Given all of the possible effects the detail would have in one way or another the statewide seniority list drawn up from those that volunteered seemed the most agreeable and equitable for both sides.



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### **Initial Arrangements**

- Housing will be in dorms at Case Western Reserve University
- Travel begins July 16, 2016 by caravan
- Orientation July 17, 2016
- Boots on the ground July 18, 2016

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