

**Vermont Criminal Justice Council
Domestic Violence Sub-Committee
April 8, 2021**

Members in Attendance

Chief Robbie Blish, Chair, Woodstock Police Dept
Carolyn Hanson, Attorney General's Office
Sheriff Sam Hill, Washington County Sheriff's Dept
Heather Holter, Vermont Council on Domestic Violence
Sarah Kunz-Robinson, Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
Jennifer Firpo, Vermont Police Academy
Kathryn Brayton, Vermont State Police, Victim Services Director
Cassandra Burdyslaw, Vermont Human Rights Commission
Doug Norton, Vermont State Police

Other Attendees

Gail Williams, Vermont Police Academy

Meeting was called to order at 11:03

Carolyn Hanson made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 11, 2021 meeting. All in favor. Motion passed.

Committee members discussed the best way to set up the survey questions on training topics to be sent to law enforcement officers. It was decided to have officers choose the top topic they would most like future trainings on, and to include an option for the officer to fill in their suggestion of training for the topic they choose.

It was agreed to add a few questions to the survey asking officers:

- Which format they felt most effective for trainings. Zoom, in person, combination, etc.
- Add a box on the survey for other to let officers write in a training topic not listed.
- What situations are being seen, or grappled with, that trainings should be provided on.



- Removing S.133 from firearms and clarifying the topic is regarding law enforcement officer's role in the abuse prevention order process.

Jennifer Firpo will be creating the questionnaire to distribute by the end of April, giving officers a two-week deadline for submitting their answers.

No new business to discuss.

Next meeting is May 13, 2021.

Sheriff Hill made the motion to adjourn, second by Heather Holter. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:48