April 28, 2022 : 1015

Microsoft Teams

**Members in Attendance:**

Erin Hodges, Sgt. Vermont State Police

Mark Anderson, VT Sheriff’s Association

Jason Batchelder, Col. Vermont Fish and Wildlife

**Other Attendees:**

Lindsay Thivierge – Vermont Police Academy

Kenneth Hawkins – Vermont Police Academy

Jacob Hansell – Vermont Police Academy

**Call to Order:**  Sgt. Erin Hodges 10:18

**Changes to Agenda:** There are no proposed changes to the agenda.

**Approval of prior minutes**: Sgt. Hodges moved to accept the minutes from January 26th as written. Second by Sheriff Anderson. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Vermont Police Academy – Jacob Hansell:**

Presentation on previous practices around Waiver process and Deadly Force requirements. Former process would require OOJ Candidate participating in a Deadly Force brief followed by qualification with sidearm at the range.

Discussion: Suggested Statewide Use of Force policy review be required of any new OOJ Waiver candidate that could be signed off by a VCJC Certified Firearms instructor who could also provide attestation for a Firearm Qualification. This may prevent the need for Waiver Candidates having to be physically present at the Academy to accomplish this portion of the Waiver Prescription. This would fall in line with current Waiver procedures already established.

Motion made by Sgt. Hodges to include the Statewide Use of Force Training and Firearms Qualification in the OOJ Waiver Process. So moved by Sheriff Anderson, Seconded by Col. Batchelder. All in favor.

**Waiver Candidate Review**

Director of Administration Lindsay Thivierge presented a Waiver information from Robert Cormier of Hartford Agency of Public Safety. It is the intent of Mr. Cormier to be a “working Chief” and based on certifications and documents provided Sheriff Anderson made a motion to accept the staff recommendation of Mr. Cormier into the Level III Waiver process. All in favor, no objections.

Motion to adjourn moved by Sheriff Anderson, second by Sgt. Hodges. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned