



# Vermont Criminal Justice Council

## TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Minutes

October 21, 2021

Location: Physical Location – VT Police Academy, Pittsford, VT and Online Meeting (via Teams)

**Committee Members Present:** Chair: Lt. Steve Coote, VSP; Vice Chair: Sgt. Jason Covey, Middlebury Police; Sgt. Fred Whitcomb, Stowe Police; Chief Derrick Tienken, Winhall Police; Lt. Robert Giolito, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles; Chief Skyler Genest, VT DLC; Major Justin Stedman, Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife; Sgt. Dan Delgado, Burlington Police; Christopher Louras, Governor Appointee to the CJC, Chief George Merkel, Vergennes Police; Brian Searles, Governor Appointee to the CJC, Inspector John Federico, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles/VSEA.

**Others Present:**

Cindy Taylor-Patch, LECTC's Ken Hawkins and Andrew Graham, Captain Teresa Randell, Vermont State Police, Lt, Tom Mozzer, Vermont State Police.

**Absent:** Commissioner Michael Schirling, Maira Tungatarova, Governor Appointee to the CJC; Vermont Dept. of Public Safety; Tammy Boudah, Howard Center; Sgt. Adam Murach, Brandon Police; Sheriff Jennifer Harlow, Orleans CSD; Sgt. Andrew Bent, Washington CSD; Commander Greg Sheldon, Rutland Police;

**Call to order:** 1240 hours by Chair Lt. Steve Coote.

**Approval of Prior Minutes:** A motion was made by Chief Merkel, seconded by Council Member Searles to accept the meeting minutes of September 23, 2021 as amended; All in favor. Motion passed.

**CJC Rules discussion:** Rules Subcommittee Chair Evan Meenan reviewed the CJC Rules of particular relevance to the TAC and asked members to consider providing feedback regarding necessary Basic Training and mandatory in-service courses. Meenan noted the question of ARIDE training and SFST/ARIDE refreshers have been identified as a specific issue to issue to be examined in this context. TAC members agreed to take up the work.

**Out-of-Jurisdiction Waivers:** Waiver Subcommittee Chair Brian Searles presented the issue of agency leaders who are hired into Vermont from out-of-state and how their training requirements should be handled. The training required for out-of-state waivers was discussed generally. No action taken.

**Level II Basic Training Overview:** TC Ken Hawkins provided a brief overview of the Level II training phases and will provide more detail at the next meeting regarding specific schedule and content. No action taken.

**Motion made by Sgt. Covey to adjourn at 1:26; seconded by Chief Merkel.**