February 20, 2023

10:00 AM

Teams Meeting

**Members in Attendance:**

Cassandra Burdyshaw

Christopher Louras

Brian Searles

Bill Sorrell

Sheriff Mark Anderson

**Members Absent:**

**Other Attendees:**

Christopher Brickell – Deputy Executive Director Vermont Police Academy

**Call to order:**

Burdyshaw called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM

**Motion to Approve the Minutes from the February 1, 2023 Committee Meeting:**

Sorrell moved to approve the minutes. Searles seconded. Anderson abstained because he did not attend the February 1 meeting. The minutes were approved.

**Discussion of current draft of rules:**

*Proposed Rule 16, traffic control*

Anderson discussed the details of what traffic control entails. Anderson stated that “traffic control” is referred to in statute 20 V.S.A. § 2358 (b)(1)(B)(i), which states that the “scope of practice of a Level I law enforcement officer shall be limited to security, transport, vehicle escorts, and traffic control…” Sorrell stated that the Rules Committee explanatory document for the VCJC could include an explanation that traffic control for Level 1 certification refers to management of traffic and not to enforcement of motor vehicle laws. Anderson also stated that there are no Level 1 law enforcement officers in Vermont. Anderson suggested changing proposed rule 16’s language from “traffic control” to “management of traffic flow.” Burdyshaw will change the language in the draft rules.

*Proposed Rule 13, who certifies instructors*

Committee members agreed with the draft changes. Burdyshaw will change the language in the draft rules.

*Proposed Rule 14, quorum for professional regulation hearing*

Committee members agreed with the draft changes. Burdyshaw will change the language in the draft rules.

*Proposed Rule 27, suspensions and revocations*

Anderson stated that failing to complete training is not necessarily misconduct, and he stated example of a law enforcement officer who is injured and unable to complete required trainings. Anderson suggested including decertification in the title of Proposed Rule 27 so that it states “suspensions, decertifications, and revocations.” Burdyshaw will change the language in the draft rules.

**Next meeting:**

March 2, 2023

**Potential Future Agenda Items:**

To be determined

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Searles moved to adjourn the meeting. Louras seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.