

**Vermont Criminal Justice Council
Domestic Violence Sub-Committee
June 10, 2021**

Members in Attendance

Chief Robbie Blish, Chair, Woodstock Police Dept
Carolyn Hanson, Attorney General's Office
Heather Holter, Vermont Council on Domestic Violence
Jennifer Firpo, Vermont Police Academy
Kathryn Brayton, Vermont State Police, Victim Services Director
Casandra Burdyshaw, Vermont Human Rights Commission
Elaine Boyce, Center for Crime Victims Services

Other Attendees

Gail Williams, Vermont Police Academy

Meeting was called to order at 11:02

Chief Blish made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 8, 2021, meeting.
Second by Kathryn Brayton. All in favor. Motion passed.

Committee members discussed the results of the survey that was sent out. 235 responses were received of which half of these were from patrol officers. The results showed most preferred in person trainings. The top three topics were stalking, dominate aggressor determination, and law enforcement role in seizing firearms in the protection order process. Jenn explained the vetting process to get mandatory trainings approved. Discussion continued regarding some of the questions from the survey and using the Academy's website for a place for providing information and links pages for officers to use.

It was decided to concentrate the 2022 training on the seizing of firearms and touching on where officers can go for needed resources. Carolyn will reach out to Darren Mitchell and Judge Carbon through the FTAP Grant to see if they would be able to assist in training. Jenn will put together a time line for the training curriculum to be complete and



approved by the sub-committee by October 1st to go to the Council for approval to be rolled out early 2022. A live webinar training was the preferred method with hopes the FTAP people would be available for officers to email any questions too. Jenn suggested it would be helpful to all officers if the FTAP people could copy her on the questions and answers for her to put on the Academy website.

For the officers who responded to the survey Jenn is going to do the drawing to find out who wins the flashlight donated by Chief Blish.

No new business to discuss.

July Meeting is being cancelled. The next meetings will be August 12th and September 9th.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:15.