

## **Use of Force Committee Meeting**

### **28 March, 2019**

Prepared by James Park, Technology and Program Clerk

**Members Present:** Corporal Michael Akerlind, Sergeant Eugene Duplissis, Warden Russell Shopland, Corporal Raymond Lopes, Wade Johnson – VT DOC, Trooper Paul Sokolowski, Chief Chris Brickell, Sergeant Matthew Murano, Chief Robbie Blish

**Members Absent:** Sergeant Eugene Duplissis

**Other persons present:** Officer Jason Williams

**Academy Representatives:** Director of Training Cindy Taylor-Patch, Director of Administration Drew Bloom, Training Coordinator Jacob Hansell, Technology and Program Services James Park.

**Meeting called to order: 10:05 am**

#### **Old Business**

- **Approval of the November meeting Minutes**
  - Motion to accept the minutes as is was made by Chief Robbie Blish, Motion was seconded by Trooper Paul Sokolowski.
  - **Motion passed unanimously**

#### **New Business**

- **Patrol Rifle Instructor Course report**
  - Officer Jason Williams spoke to council about the upcoming Patrol Rifle Instructor course. There was talk of how to get instructors who received their certifications prior to 2012 into the course other than auditing week 1 of the Firearms Instructor Course.
    - Committee has decided to meet again after this course is ran to continue this discussion, as a decision can not be made without having ran the course at least once.
  - **Informational only, no action needed**
- **New Members Needed**
  - Corporal Michael Akerlind informed the committee that Donald Keeler and Scott Fisher have retired and will need to be replaced.
  - Training Coordinator Jacob Hansell has been tasked with collecting letters from interested parties for the committee to review before they make a recommendation to Executive Director Gauthier.
  - **Informal no action needed**



- **Report on Level II Firearms**
  - Training Coordinator Jacob Hansell spoke on how he has seen a increase in cooperation between recent graduates and the Level II program.
  - Work on the firearms trailer continues, estimates have the work finishing on the 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - **Informal no action needed**
  
- **Report on Level II Firearms**
  - Training Coordinator Jacob Hansell spoke on the upcoming recertification dates have been selected and will be sent out soon. He asked the committee for clarification on if instructors would have to pass at increased standards or not.
    - Motion was made by Sergeant Murano that instructors would have to pass at the previously defined instructor standards. Motion was seconded by Trooper Sokolowski
      - **Motion passed unanimously**
  
- **Inservice Vermont Specific CEW Course to be offered at the Academy**
  - Training Coordinator Jacob Hansell informed to council that there will be an offering of the Vermont specific portion of the CEW course offered at the academy to help the people who have only gone through the CEW manufacturing course.
  - **Informal no action needed**
  
- **Additional**
  - Director Taylor-Patch took a moment to speak on the continued increase in the quality of Use of Force instructors and wanted to committee to know that the work they do is appreciated.
  - Director Bloom gave a brief update on the Level IIIs use of force program, they did well with no major issues.
  
- **Dismissal**
  - Motion to dismiss was submitted by Trooper Sokolowski, seconded by Corporal Lopes
  - **Motion passed unanimously**

**Meeting Adjourned: 11:30**

