

Use of Force Committee Meeting

June 5, 2019

Prepared by Jake Hansell, Training Coordinator

Members Present: Sergeant Michael Akerlind - Colchester PD, Wade Johnson – Vermont Department of Corrections, Trooper Paul Sokolowski – Vermont State Police, LT Warden Russ Shopland – Vermont Fish & Wildlife

Members Absent: Corporal Randy Lopes, Chief Robbie Blish, Sergeant Eugene Duplissis, Chief Matt Murano

Others Present: Officer Jason Williams, Officer Stephen Gutierrez, Trooper Darryl Cremo.

Academy Representatives: Director of Training Cindy Taylor-Patch, Training Coordinator Jacob Hansell, Technology and Program Services Clerk James Park

Meeting called to order: 10:01 am

Old Business

- **Approval of the 28 March 2019 meeting minutes**
 - Motion to accept the minutes was made by Trooper Sokolowski, seconded by LT Shopland.
 - **Motion passed unanimously**
- **Patrol Rifle Course report**
 - Officer Williams gave a follow up report after the first offering of the VCJTC Patrol Rifle Instructor course. He reported that three days is the perfect amount of time for what this course was conceived to do, given the number of students he had, and would be a sufficient addition to the Firearms Instructor School. Officer Gutierrez and Trooper Cremo, student who attended the course, provided the committee with feedback as well.
 - There was continued discussion on how to include current instructors who do not meet the prerequisites. Training Coordinator Hansell will find out how many are affected and if the demand is great enough to warrant developing an alternative plan for them.
 - **The committee has asked Officer Williams to submit the course curriculum documentation to the committee when he has it completed.**
- **Report on Indoor Range Maintenance**
 - Training Coordinator Hansell gave a brief update on the indoor range. A contract has been signed to mitigate issues with the indoor range and its needed upkeep.
 - **Informational, no action needed**



New Business

- **New Member Recommendations**
 - Previously, the committee had sought out resumes of interested persons looking to join the committee to fill vacancies. The submission period has ended, and the committee met to discuss and give their recommendations to Executive Director Gauthier.
 - Members discussed a need to keep balance on committee between firearms and Use of Force. Applications were discussed and recommendations were forwarded for final approval.
 - **No action needed.**
- **Next Meeting Date Selected**
 - The committee members have decided on 15 October 2019 as the next meeting date.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:10

