

Training Advisory Committee: Meeting Minutes June 9, 2020

Phone meeting: Chair: Lt. Steve Coote, VSP; Vice Chair: Sgt. Jason Covey, Middlebury Police; Sgt. Fred Whitcomb, Stowe Police; Sheriff Jennifer Harlow, Orleans CSD; Senior Deputy Andrew Bent, Washington CSD; Chief Skyler Genest, VT DLC; Officer Dan Delgado, Burlington Police; LT Derrick Tienkin, Winhall Police; Cpl. Adam Murach, Brandon Police; Chief George Merkel, Vergennes Police; Lt. Bob Giolito, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles.

Others Present: VCJTC Director of Training, Cindy Taylor-Patch.

Regrets: Sgt. Chad Barrett, Vermont Fish & Wildlife; Commander Greg Sheldon, Rutland Police.

Meeting was called to order at 1303 hours by LT Coote.

Director Taylor-Patch provided information regarding the current status of the proposed Basic Training changes (increased time for Fair & Impartial Policing, Use of Force, De-escalation, scenario-based training, firearms, interpersonal violence, etc.). This expansion is on long-term hold due to the withdrawal of additional from funding due to SOV budget constraints.

Director Taylor-Patch reported on current plans and practices regarding Basic Training programming under COVID-19 restrictions.

The curriculum for the 2020 domestic violence mandatory training was discussed. Sheriff Jennifer Harlow moved to accept the presentation offered by TC Jennifer Firpo and the VCJTC DV Sub-committee; seconded by Officer Dan Delgado. Motion passed unanimously. The proposed training will now move to the Council for consideration.

Motion to adjourn at 1320 hours was made by Chief George Merkel; seconded by Sheriff Jennifer Harlow. Motion passed unanimously.



Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Taylor-Patch
Director of Training

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