

VERMONT CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COUNCIL

July 31, 2019

PITTSFORD, VERMONT

9:00 AM

Members in Attendance

Chief Christopher Brickell, Chair, Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police
Heather Simons, Vice Chair, Proxy for Commissioner Mike Touchette, Vermont
Department of Corrections

Sean Fowler, Proxy for Commissioner Louis Porter, VT Dept of Fish & Wildlife
Sergeant Timothy Gould, Vermont Trooper's Association

Gary Moore, Public Seat

Silas Loomis, VT Constables Association

David Scherr, Proxy for Attorney General TJ Donovan, Vermont Attorney General's Office

Erica Marthage, Bennington County State's Attorney – by phone

Colonel William Elovirta, Proxy for Interim Commissioner Wanda Minoli, Vermont Dept of Motor Vehicles – by
phone

Michael Major, Vermont Police Association

Sheriff Stephen Benard, Vermont Sheriff's Association

Absent

Major Ingrid Jonas, Vermont State Police

Other Attendance

Executive Director Richard Gauthier, Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council

Jacob Humbert, Assistant Attorney General

Trevor Whipple, Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns

Gwynn Zakov, Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns

Gail Williams, Vermont Police Academy

Cynthia Taylor- Patch, Vermont Police Academy

Chief Brickell: Called the meeting to order at 9:04.

Addition to or Subtraction from agenda: No additions or subtractions.

Approval of Prior Minutes: Silas Loomis made a motion to accept prior minutes, second by Sgt. Gould. All in favor, motion passed.

Executive Director's Report:

- **DRE Update** – Finance is splitting the funding between DPS and AOT at \$40k per agency. The Academy will have to make up the \$10k difference out of their budget. The Academy's budget analyst is working on this.
- **TC Position** – The position has been approved, recruiting has begun, and there are three applicants. The ad will run until Aug 18th. This is a permanent classified position. The position will be hard to fill as it is a paygrade 25 so the pay is not as high as applicants would like and it is group F retirement.
- **RFP** – BGS sent out RFP's. The deadline is the end of this week so we will know more next week. Jacob Humbert is going to look into this and see where they are in the process.

- **IADLEST update** – A thumb drive containing the Use of Force training has been sent to John Blum but wouldn't work so another one was sent out. John has a few questions on the materials for his report. No projected day as of today for the report.
- **Alternate Path to Certification** – Committee met on Monday and settled on a process. Discussions were put into a proposal and sent to the committee members for final check and approval before the proposal is sent to the Council.
- **Entry Standards** – Committee met on Monday the 22nd to discuss vendors. Director Gauthier suspects there will be another meeting or two but anticipates having information ready for the Council meeting in September. Cynthia Taylor-Patch gave an overview of a presentation given by the Texas DPS about the PT standards they are using on the Concept 2 Rower. The Academy is looking at switching to the rowers, but it will be a couple years out. The cost for each rower is around \$900.00.

Gary Moore made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss pending litigation and finding premature public disclosure would put the Council at a disadvantage and is likely the case for which the Council and State are a party, motion was second by Sheriff Benard. All in favor.

Executive Session 9:24 – 10:42

- No actions were taken during Executive Session.

Trevor Whipple announced they will be sending out invites for the Town Fair on Oct 3rd.

Gary More made a motion to adjourn, second by Silas Loomis. All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 10:45.