

VERMONT CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COUNCIL

April 17, 2020

PITTSFORD, VERMONT

2:30 PM phone conference

Members in Attendance

Chief Christopher Brickell, Chair, Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police

Heather Simons, Vice Chair, Proxy for Interim Commissioner James

Baker, Vermont Department of Corrections

Colonel Jason Batchelder, Proxy for Commissioner Louis Porter, VT Dept
of Fish & Wildlife

Sergeant Timothy Gould, Vermont Trooper's Association

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

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

Gary Moore, Public Seat

Sheriff Mark Anderson, Vermont Sheriff's Association

Major Ingrid Jonas, Vermont State Police, Proxy for Commissioner Michael Schirling

Silas Loomis, VT Constables Association

Michael Major, Vermont Police Association, Patrol Officer Bristol Police Dept.

Commissioner Michael Schirling, Vermont Dept of Public Safety

Jacob Humbert, Assistant Attorney General

Absent

Erica Marthage, Bennington County State's Attorney

Other Attendance

Jacob Humbert, Assistant Attorney General

Trevor Whipple, Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns

Lieutenant Steven Coote

Sergeant Seth Loomis, Vermont Troopers Association

Gail Williams, Vermont Police Academy

Cynthia Taylor-Patch, Vermont Police Academy

Drew Bloom, Vermont Police Academy

Retired Sheriff Stephen Benard

Kenneth Hawkins, Vermont Police Academy

James Park, Vermont Police Academy

Chief Brickell: Called the meeting to order at 2:30.

Chief Brickell let the Council members know that over the last couple weeks the Management Team consisting of Cindy Taylor-Patch, Drew Bloom, Tim Gould, and Steve Coote have all been working very hard day and night to get the 109th Basic class through their training, and gave an overview of the memo from Cindy Taylor-Patch dated April 15th. The memo states the recruits would need to return to the Academy within one year to make up missing

subjects, post-basic classes, and complete the FTO requirements that have been added on to their training. The FTO requirements are outlined on a memo from Training Coordinator Ken Hawkins. These requirements are an additional requirement for basic recruits and will be a tool to help them succeed. Chief Brickell noted the need for the Council to vote on this process so it will be very clear what the process is and will help to remedy any issues that may arise.

- Colonel William Elovirta made a motion the 109th basic class will receive level III authority upon completion of the quarantined training class, conditioned upon completing the training prescription required by the Council, as provided in the 4/15/20 memo from Director of Training Cindy Taylor-Patch, which shall be in addition to the traditional post basic training and a 120 hour FTO process, unless waived or otherwise revised by the Council. Second by Gary Moore. Roll call vote was unanimous with all the Council Members.

Retired Sheriff Stephen Benard updated the Council on the Executive Director Search stating the Secretary of Administration through the Governor's Office has put an indefinite hold until the virus restrictions have been complete.

Sheriff Mark Anderson had questions upon receiving notice today the entrance testing for May has been cancelled. He asked what effect in terms of the up-coming June part-time academy and what effect will the quarantine have on the people that have completed the Level II process. Cindy Taylor-Patch assured him the packets will still be able to be processed during the quarantine and Chief Brickell affirmed alternatives for testing are being looked and will continue to be discussed.

Chief Brickell made motion to adjourn. Second by Gary Moore.

Meeting adjourned 2:50