

**VERMONT CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COUNCIL**

**June 26, 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 Lisa Menard, Vermont  
Department of Corrections – by phone

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

Major Ingrid Jonas, Vermont State Police – by phone

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

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

**Missing**

Michael Major, Vermont Police Association

Sheriff Stephen Benard, Vermont Sheriff's Association

**Other Attendance**

Executive Director Richard Gauthier, Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council

Jacob Humbert, Assistant Attorney General

Trevor Whipple, Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns

Gail Williams, Vermont Police Academy

**Chief Brickell:** Called the meeting to order at 9:03.

**Addition to or Subtraction from agenda:** Add to the agenda #4a Executive session.

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

**Executive Director's Report:**

- **DRE Update** – The most recent follow up meeting was canceled. Director Gauthier received a call from Commissioner Anderson to advise he might have a funding source for the DRE position. Director Gauthier will continue to follow up on this progress.
- **TC Position** – The Academy has received funding for fiscal year 2020 and would have to ask yearly for future funding. This means the position will have to be listed as a limited services position which will have a big impact on applicants. Director Gauthier has spoken to the position pool committee who has since then approved a full-time permanent position. Director Gauthier will be filling out and filing the necessary paperwork.
- **RFP** will be discussed during Executive Session.

- **IADLEST update** – A thumb drive containing the Use of Force training has been sent. Their expert is ahead of schedule and will be sending his draft report by the middle of next month.
- **Champlain College update** – Has not gotten back to us. They were given the dates of the Council meetings. Director Gauthier is hoping they show up at the next Council meeting as they are looking at going ahead with their training proposal in May of 2020.
- The East Wing of the Academy is scheduled to be remodeled which will have 17 beds and a large day room. The space belongs to the Fire Academy but there is a MOU with them to share the space with the Police Academy.
- Director Gauthier made the Council aware that the Canine Committee has changed the name of their provisional certification to Limited Operational.

Chief Brickell asked if there was any contact with Sheriff Roger Marcoux on the facility he has been looking at purchasing for training and if the Academy has enough instructors to send there. Director Gauthier feels the space would be adequate for training of in-service and Level II trainings and there it would not be impossible to have instructors go there to teach.

Director Gauthier apologized for not having an update on the entrance testing or alternate path to certification at this time. The committees have not met recently.

Gary Moore made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss legal contracts and the litigation, motion was second by Silas Loomis. All in favor.

**Executive Session 9:20 – 10:05**

- No actions were taken during Executive Session.

Trevor Whipple informed the Council about a meeting tomorrow led by James Baker on mental wellness services for first responders.

Col. Elovirta asked if the Academy does any Under 100 trainings.

No update from Heather Simons on CRITAC but she continues to remind them.

Silas Loomis made a motion to adjourn, second by Col. Elovirta. All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 10:17.