February 12th, 2024

10:00 AM

Teams Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Sheriff Jennifer Harlow-Orleans County

Doug Norton- Lt. VSP

Kathryn Brayton – Victim Services Director

Heather Holter- Vermont Council on Domestic Violence

Carolyn Hanson- Attorney General’s Office

Jodie Bacon- Vermont Center for Crime Victims Services

Sarah Robinson- Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Other Attendees:

Chris Brickell- Vermont Police Academy

Jennifer Firpo – Vermont Police Academy

Members not in attendance:

Cassandra Burdyshaw- Human Rights Commission

**Call to Order:** Sheriff Harlow

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** None

**Approval of minutes:**

Sarah Robinson moved minutes from the September, January 11th, and January 29th meetings be accepted as a slate, Jodie Bacon seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Model Policy Training:**

Dates for this training should be ready to start on March 18th. This will not be mandatory training. It will be pre-recorded and delivered via scheduled Zoom sessions. Sheriff Harlow and Jenn Firpo will be presenting.

**2024 Mandatory DV Training**

It was clarified that the mandatory 2024 domestic violence training is projected to begin in mid-June. A contractor has been selected and is in the contracting phase. This training will include content on officer involved domestic violence, statutory updates provided by Sarah Robinson, and safety planning from Heather Holter with a network program advocate.

Sarah Robinson went over the statues she plans to cover. It was suggested that the statute numbers be used rather than the act number to make it easier for people to reference later. There may be some additions as the current legislative agenda progresses.

Heather Holter confirmed the tentative June date for this training. It was pointed out that there is a federal holiday in the middle of that week. Jenn Firpo will discuss with the contractor. Heather Holter shared that she does not yet have an outline for her portion but plans to for our next meeting. The Network advocate she plans to team with has just returned from family leave.

**New Business:**

A date for next month’s meeting was discussed due scheduling conflicts. The new date is March 7th at 11:00

**Motion to Adjourn:** Heather Holter, 2nd Sarah Robinson