November 14th, 2024

1:00 PM

Teams Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Sheriff Jennifer Harlow-Orleans County

Heather Holter- Vermont Council on Domestic Violence

Doug Norton- Lt. VSP

Loretta Stalnaker, Chief, Royalton Police Department

Carolyn Hanson- Attorney General’s Office

Sarah Robinson- Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Other Attendees:

Jennifer Firpo- Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Chris Brickell- Vermont Criminal Justice Council

Nicole Peatman- Cpl. Essex Police Department

Katie Newell- Human Trafficking Case Manager

Savanna Williams- Umbrella

Brett Stokes- Director, Center for Justice Reform Clinic at Vermont Law and Graduate School.  
Stacy Shortle- Psychologist, Rutland School District

Members not in attendance:

Jodie Bacon- Vermont Center for Crime Victims Services

**Call to Order: Sheriff Harlow**

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** None.

**Approval of minutes:**

October minutes approved

**2024 Mandatory DV Training:**

Jennifer Firpo reports thatthis year’s DV training continues to go well. Over a thousand officers have been trained. The remaining scheduled sessions re available. Feedback has been positive.

**IADILEST Report:**

Director Brickell explained that the report is an early part of a long-term curriculum update process. IADILEST is now reviewing curriculum topic by topic. They are analyzing the content, comparing it to best practices. They will then make their suggested changes and format everything into a framework resulting in a defensible training. They will work with existing instructors and interested parties with a short time for feedback. The topics that they have worked on retained approximately 80-85% of the existing content, reformatted to provide deliverables needed and to show competencies.

**U/T Visa training for Law Enforcement:**

Brett Stokes, Director of Center for Justice Reform Clinic at Vermont Law and Graduate School was invited to discuss training law enforcement on U/T Visas. LEOs provide a critical role in survivors accessing these visas which will allow them to remain in the country lawfully. The suggestion is that departments/barracks have one or two people who are versed in making referrals for help in obtaining these visas and in the steps officers will need to do to support this though every officer should have this knowledge. In addition to the training guide would be developed if personnel changes and to support those who may not use the information frequently. Members agreed that this training should be available before the 2026 mandatory training update but may also be included at that time as well. Brett suggested that he could have the training ready to roll out in spring or summer. It was also discussed that the training could complement the upcoming FIP training but that is still in development. Brett also feels that the training could be delivered remotely. We will revisit this once Brett is back from maternity leave.

**New Members:** Stacy Shortle was able to attend this meeting to introduce herself and meet current members. The process of officially onboarding is ongoing.

**New Business:**

None

**Public Comment:**

None

**Meeting adjourned**