



Level II Review Working Group - Initial Meeting August 12, 2024 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)

Meeting Date and Time: August 12, 2024, 10:00am – 11:00am

Meeting Physical Location: 317 Academy Rd. Pittsford, VT

Meeting Remote Location: Via Teams

Members in attendance: Chief Loretta Stalnaker, Chief Jason Covey, Sheriff Mark Anderson, Trevor Whipple, Robert Schell, Commissioner Morrison, Chief Anthony Cambridge, Domenica Padula, Esq.

Staff in attendance: ED Brickell, TC Dan Pennington, and Staff Attorney Kim McManus.

No members of the public present.

Call to Order

1. Chris Brickell called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.
2. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.
3. Overview of the creation of the Level II Working Group was given by Executive Director Brickell.
4. Election for working group Chair and Vice Chair
 - a. Chief Stalnaker motioned for Mark Anderson to serve as Chair, this motion was seconded by Trevor Whipple – motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Sheriff Anderson moved to nominate Chief Cambridge as the Vice Chair, Commissioner Morrison seconded – motion passed unanimously.
5. There was a brief discussion of on the focus of the committee, direction of work to reduce the liability of level II. The committee should develop a statement of need to outline the necessity of level II. Sheriff Anderson indicated the committee should create a problem statement and goals for the working group. These goals will help guide how the group responds to the TAC report, with the focus on solving the deficiencies of level II rather than reacting to the current challenges.
6. Group discussions on goals and ideas for the committee included –
 - a. Consideration of a tiered system with “trade-based” approaches that have fundamental core course requirements for all certification levels with a strategy to develop guidelines that tailor the training to what actual level IIs are doing - a singular pathway with shared courses.
 - b. To develop frameworks that help elevate Level II and Level IIEs to levels IIIs without circumventing the Level III program standards while increasing accessibility to the training.
 - c. The level 2 program is vital and should not go away however needs elevating to decrease liability.
 - d. The example of courtroom security was discussed as it is not part of the standard level II training, and the committee should explore opportunities to create training that

could utilize the level I certification to support specific law enforcement roles.

- e. Expenses and Resources need to be factored into future recommendations and the final report.

- 7. All committee members should review the TAC report prior to the next meeting
- 8. Meeting schedule set bi-weekly on Monday's at 10AM beginning 8/26, with a goal to finish by the end of the year prior to the Legislative session.
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 10:31, motion by Loretta Stalnaker.