January 29th, 2024

12:00 PM

Teams Meeting

Members in Attendance:

Sheriff Jennifer Harlow-Orleans County

Cassandra Burdyshaw- Human Rights Commission

Heather Holter- Vermont Council on Domestic Violence

Carolyn Hanson- Attorney General’s Office

Jodie Bacon- Vermont Center for Crime Victims Services

Other Attendees:

Chris Brickell- Vermont Police Academy

Ken Hawkins- Vermont Police Academy

Jennifer Firpo – Vermont Police Academy

Members not in attendance:

Doug Norton- Lt. VSP

Kathryn Brayton – Victim Services Director

**Call to Order:** Chris Brickell

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** None

**Sub-committee responsibilities:**

Deputy Director Brickell discussed the responsibilities of the VPA and subcommittees. The members clarified that there are regularly scheduled meetings on the second Thursday of the month. Deputy Director Brickell shared feedback that he received from law enforcement that there is concern regarding the timing of the rollout of training. VPA responsibilities include posting agendas, taking, and posting minutes, creating and delivery of training content. There is a need for us at the VPA to work more closely with the subcommittee to produce and provide training and be ready for law enforcement at the beginning of the year.

**2024 Mandatory DV Training**

Deputy Director Brickell clarified that there is an expectation that training for the Domestic Violence Involving Law Enforcement Model Policy be developed. Committee members clarified that the intent was to include that in the mandatory training for 2024. Deputy Director Brickell further clarified there is no intention to interfere with the work already done by the subcommittee as they have SME in this field, but the expectation is that the model policy portion of the training be available as soon as possible. Committee members agreed that was possible if that content was offered separately from the mandatory training, and felt it was best delivered by a person within law enforcement. Sheriff Harlow and Jenn Firpo will work to make that happen and agreed a timeframe of March was reasonable. It was decided that training to the LEAB policy would be prepared for March, but not be the “mandatory training” that law enforcement is responsible to have. Carolyn Hanson suggested that the IACP or LETTAC be contacted to provide the policy training. Jenn Firpo will follow up to see if that is feasible in the expected timeframe. The committee will continue the work on the mandatory training with dates to be announced as soon as the contract process is complete. Additional content for the mandatory training will be provided by Sarah Robinson and Heather Holter at the February meeting.

**New Business:**

None

**Motion to Adjourn:** Sarah Robinson, 2nd Carolyn Hanson