



Vermont Criminal Justice Council

TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Minutes

March 10, 2022

Location: Physical Location – VT Police Academy, Pittsford, Vermont
and Online Meeting (via Teams)

Committee Members Present:

Chair: Sgt. Jason Covey, Middlebury Police
Vice-Chair: Chief George Merkel, Vergennes Police
Sheriff Jennifer Harlow, Orleans CSD
Chief Skyler Genest, Vermont Department of Liquor & Lottery
Sgt. Fred Whitcomb, Stowe Police
Maira Tungatarova, Governor Appointee to the CJC
Brian Searles, Governor Appointee to the CJC
Warden Jeremy Schmid, Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife
Christopher Louras, Governor Appointee to the CJC
Lt. Robert Giolito, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles

Others Present:

Cindy Taylor-Patch, Director of Training

Absent:

Sgt. Andrew Bent, Washington CSD (teaching Level II class)
Sgt. Dan Delgado, Burlington Police
Commissioner Michael Schirling, Vermont Department of Public Safety
Chief Derrick Tienken, Winhall Police
Inspector John Federico, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles/VSEA.
Sgt. Adam Murach, Brandon Police

Call to order at 12:34pm by Chair Sgt. Jason Covey.

Approval of Prior Minutes: A motion was made by Sheriff Harlow, seconded by Council Member Searles, to accept the meeting minutes of February 24, 2022 with one minor correction regarding next meeting date; All in favor. Motion passed.

Level II Training Optimization – Council Recommendation Report (First Draft) – Chair, Sgt. Jason Covey

Sgt. Covey opened discussions, asking for questions or concerns about the draft submitted for review. Committee members discussed general concerns regarding the three levels as defined in statute but agreed to keep the focused narrowed to Level II for this report. It was also agreed that the primary focus of the current version is problem identification.

A motion was made by Chief Merkel and seconded by Council Member Louras to approve the report as drafted for submission to the Executive Director and Criminal Justice Council. All in favor. Motion passed.



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**Motion made by Sheriff Harlow to adjourn at 1:30; seconded by Chief Genest. All in favor.
Motion passed.**

Next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2022, at 12:30.