



## **Level II Review Working Group September 9, 2024 (10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)**

Meeting #3 Date and Time: September 9, 2024, 10:00am – 11:00am

Meeting Physical Location: 317 Academy Rd., Pittsford, VT

Meeting Remote Location: Via Teams

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Members in attendance: Chief Loretta Stalnaker, Chief Jason Covey, Sheriff Mark Anderson, Robert Schell VT JUD, Commissioner Jennifer Morrison, Chief Anthony Cambridge

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

Chief Jennifer Frank was present as a member of the public.

Call to Order -

1. Shrf. Mark Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM with a quorum present.
2. An addition to the agenda was noted as Chief Frank was present as a representative of the public at the 8/26/24 Working Group meeting (J. Morrison / L. Stalnaker 2<sup>nd</sup>).
3. The 8/26/24 minutes were accepted with the correction that Chief Frank was present as a representative of the public (J. Morrison / J. Covey 2<sup>nd</sup>).
4. Extensive discussion continued about the revision of the level II training and scope of practice requirements. Topics discussed included -
  - a. The revision of the level II curriculum should first focus on the basic core and high liability issues which were identified in the TAC findings. One example would be to offer report writing later in the FTO process and replace it with more core training. Additionally, by shifting to remote learning of certain topics, access to the education could also be improved.
  - b. Level II officers are frequently used in roles their training was not initially structured for or does not comprehensively cover. Some of the primary areas are use of force, emergency vehicle operations, and firearms.
  - c. As part of the 3-phase certification process, there should be more opportunities to integrate use of force training.
  - d. The VPA level II training is currently primarily delivered via PowerPoint presentations and should include the scenario-based training utilized in the level III academy.
  - e. Job tasks should be identified clearly for each of the 3 certification levels.
5. Shrf. Anderson introduced a committee reporting template adopted from the Department of Public Safety.
  - a. A proposed strategy is to depart from a parallel training model to a progressive approach that would restructure and align the current level II training with elements of level III. Committee members were assigned topic areas to define levels of responsibilities and scope(s) of practice based on the report template.
    - i. Define and build out what level II responsibilities should be (JC/AC/LS).
    - ii. Court security/executive protection scope of practice (MA/RS)
    - iii. Prisoner transport scope of practice (MA/LS)
6. The goal for next meeting will be to develop the scope of duties and identify liability issues.
7. There was no public comment.
8. Meeting adjourned at 10:59AM (J. Covey, L. Stalnaker 2<sup>nd</sup>).  
Next meeting: Monday, 10AM 9/23/24.