

VERMONT CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COUNCIL
June 4, 2020
PITTSFORD, VERMONT
10:00 AM phone conference

Members in Attendance

Chief Christopher Brickell, Chair, Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police
Heather Simons, Vice Chair, Proxy for Interim Commissioner James
Baker, Vermont Department of Corrections
Jason Batchelder, Proxy for Commissioner Louis Porter, VT Dept of Fish &
Wildlife
Sergeant Timothy Gould, Vermont Trooper's Association
Attorney General TJ Donovan, Vermont Attorney General's Office
Colonel William Elovirta, Proxy for Interim Commissioner Wanda Minoli, Vermont Dept of Motor
Vehicles
Erica Marthage, Bennington County State's Attorney
Gary Moore, Public Seat
Mark Anderson, Vermont Sheriff's Association
Silas Loomis, VT Constables Association
Commissioner Michael Schirling, Vermont Dept of Public Safety
Michael Major, Vermont Police Association

Absent

Other Attendance

Jacob Humbert, Assistant Attorney General
Trevor Whipple, Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns
Gail Williams, Vermont Police Academy
Cynthia Taylor-Patch, Director of Training, Vermont Police Academy
Drew Bloom, Director of Administration, Vermont Police Academy
Lieutenant Steven Coote, Vermont State Police
Captain Julie Scribner, Vermont State Police
Major Ingrid Jonas, Vermont State Police, Proxy for Commissioner Michael Schirling
Col. Matthew Birmingham, Vermont State Police

1. **Chief Brickell:** Called the meeting to order at 10:01.
2. **Move Additions or subtractions from agenda to number to agenda number 2:** Addition 2A:
to discuss the current state-of-affairs with the protests and tie in a discussion on the statement
the Council put out.
3. **Approval of prior minutes:** Motion by Gary Moore to approve prior minutes, second by
Constable Loomis. All in favor, motion passed.

2A. Attorney General TJ Donovan talked about the affairs associated with the protests, what is the best action, and the need to be the lead for community members. Council discussion continued around the concerns about protesters wearing guns, agitators, the need to act proactive together, and the difficulty for Constables. Talk also included getting ahead of mandatory trainings. Chief Brickell asked for volunteers to work on a top 10 list of actions before the next Council meeting on June 17th. Heather Simons as the head person, Major Jonas, Col. Batchelder, and someone from the AG's Office will work on formulating a statement with the help from Cindy Taylor-Patch and Drew Bloom.

- 4. ED Search Update:** Sheriff Anderson update the Council on the process for hiring a new Executive Director using a process previously used in his county. The proposal and materials were sent to Council members by email. He outlined creating a search committee consisting of 15 +/- members which will include Academy staff to give input, and a second committee as the hiring committee consisting of representation from DPS, Chiefs, Sheriffs, Council Chair, and the director of racial equality. The timeline for the process is three weeks from posting. The position was posted today.
- 5. Upcoming 110th training:** Discussion included the timeline difficulty due to where we are at with COVID. The difficulty in planning, August 3rd start date will be tough, and the Academy needs more answers on out-of-state recruits, number of recruits allowed, number allowed to stay overnight. Chief Brickell asked Council members for input on keeping the start date of August 3rd and hope for restrictions to lift, then figuring out what to do if it is not lifted. It was suggested that Cindy and Drew put together plan A and plan B using the Aug start date including in the plan to use distance learning training and the date recruits would need to come into the Academy. These plans can then be taken to the Sec of Administration for approval. Council members stated their concerns of the start date being unrealistic. Heather Simons suggested creating a plan for 32 recruits and what it would take to get it done.

Trevor Whipple appreciates all that has been done and asked if help is needed to let him know and VLCT will help where they can.

The June 17th meeting is still on and will be at the Fire Service if it is possible.

- 6. Motion to adjourn:** Constable Loomis made motion to adjourn, second by Gary Moore.

Meeting adjourned at 11:51

