

VERMONT CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COUNCIL

April 24, 2019

PITTSFORD, VERMONT

9:00 AM

Members in Attendance

Chief Christopher Brickell, Chair, Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police
Heather Simons, Vice Chair, Proxy for Commissioner Lisa Menard, Vermont
Department of Corrections – by phone

Lt. Justin Stedman, Proxy for Commissioner Louis Porter, VT Dept of Fish &
Wildlife

Michael Major, Vermont Police Association

Major Ingrid Jonas, Vermont State Police

Sergeant Timothy Gould, Vermont Trooper's Association

Gary Moore, Public Seat

Sheriff Stephen Benard, Vermont Sheriff's Association

Silas Loomis, VT Constables Association

David Scherr, Proxy for Attorney General TJ Donovan, Vermont Attorney General's Office

Erica Marthage, Bennington County State's Attorney

Missing

Colonel William Elovirta, Proxy for Interim Commissioner Wanda Minoli, Vermont Dept of Motor Vehicles

Other Attendance

Executive Director Richard Gauthier, Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council

Director Cindy Taylor-Patch, Vermont Police Academy

Jacob Humbert, Assistant Attorney General

Trevor Whipple, Vermont Leagues of Cities and Towns

Gail Williams, Vermont Police Academy

Chief Brickell: Called the meeting to order at 9:06.

Addition to or Subtraction from agenda: Add to the agenda #5a Executive session.

Approval of Prior Minutes: Mike Major made a motion to accept prior minutes, second by Silas Loomis. Jacob Humbert asked for his title to be corrected. All in favor, motion passed.

Executive Director's Report:

• **Legislative Update:**

- S124 is a repeat of 273. Senator White advised it is not going any where this year but is on the table for next year.
- H518 the bill proposing language addition to FIP. Director Gauthier feels Chief's and Sheriff's need to be more vocal and that it is important the committee knows this is still on the table with the Council. AG's office has not agreed to any specific language but is not oppositional and would like to see the bill go through.

- **Entrance Test Workgroup:** Have Identified a couple tests that work for law enforcement which look at the potential for learning and personality traits. For the PT test a rowing process used out west has been looked at. The Academy and VSP are working together on this and in June Cooper will be coming to talk about the rowing test. The workgroup will continue to monitor testing options.
- **Alternate Path Workgroup Update** The workgroup is looking at recommending CLEP so officers meeting the set requirements would be able to go from Level II to Level III certification. The workgroup will continue working on the criteria for a Level III alternate path.
- **DRE Update:** Highway Safety is not able to fund this position. Director Gauthier has met with Senator Sears, Secretary Flynn, and Col. Birmingham to discuss the need for funding. Senator Sears believes he could find the \$145,000 for this year. Future years would need to be added to the Academy's budget. Director Gauthier is waiting to hear if we will get the funding for this year.

Waiver Committee discussion: Chief Brickell explained the need of adding this topic to the agenda. Director Gauthier handed out a paper listing the evolution of the waiver process and explained the past process and how the current process came to be. The Academy has a standard prescription for all out-of-state waiver officers, and the process is moved along as quickly as possible to include holding a waiver class that has run with as few as two people. There is currently a class coming up in June. Chief Brickell asked the Council if they would like to continue with the waiver process as is or bring the waiver committee back. The Council members supported the current waiver process and disbanding the waiver committee.

Gary Moore made a motion to go into Executive session to discuss legal contracts and the litigation, motion was second by Sheriff Benard. All in favor.

Executive Session 10:30 – 10:50

- No decisions were made during Executive Session.

Contract Issue Update: Nothing new at this time but Director Gauthier will reach back out to IADLEST.

Mike Major asked to be added to the Chief's or Sheriff's group email list so he can receive any notifications sent out.

Sheriff Benard made a motion to adjourn, second by Mike Major. All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 10:55.