



Committee On Training

Pocahontas Building
Senate Room A
900 East Main Street
Richmond, VA 23219

MINUTES October 13th, 2022

Members Present

Sheriff C. O. Balderson
Ms. Mary Biggs
Mr. Lamont Carrington
Sheriff Michael Chapman (via Zoom)
Ms. Ebony Clark (via Zoom)
Chief Maggie Deboard
Officer Bennie Evans, Jr.
Major Robert Holland
Mr. Michael HuYoung
Mr. Tim Coyne/PROXY for Ms. Maria Jankowski
Mr. Jagdish Katyal
Chief Jeffrey Katz
Mr. Edward Macon
Ms. Renee Maxey
Mr. Bryan Porter
Superintendent William Smith
Ms. Ashley Waddell
The Honorable Anthony C. Williams

Members Absent

Dr. Sesha J. Moon

1. Call to Order.

The Honorable Bryan Porter, Acting Chair, called the Committee on Training (COT) meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

2. Selection and Vote for Chair and Vice Chair from COT Membership

Due to the retirement of Chief Kelvin Wright as Chair, and Sheriff Anthony Roper as Vice Chair, of the Committee on Training, The Honorable Bryan Porter made a motion to nominate Colonel William Smith for the position of Chair, seconded by Ms. Mary Biggs. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion was passed unanimously.

Mr. Jagdish Katyal made a motion to nominate Chief Jeffrey Katz for the position of Vice Chair, seconded by Colonel William Smith. A roll call vote was conducted and the motion was passed unanimously.

3. Approval of past minutes.

Colonel William Smith entertained a motion for approval of the minutes from June 16, 2022, as submitted. Motion made by The Honorable Bryan Porter and seconded by Ms. Mary Biggs. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Division Update.

Mr. Harvey Powers, Division Director, DCJS Division of Law Enforcement, provided updates on Erik Smith, former Manager, Law Enforcement Policy and Standards, and has moved on to the Office of the Attorney General. Frank Pitzer has stepped in as acting manager until the vacancy is filled. New basic training objectives for Law-Enforcement are currently in the AG's office with no defined timeline. Additionally, new uniform lesson plans to accompany these new objectives are being worked on by vendor, Force Concepts. These are currently in the draft stage and feedback is welcomed. DCJS has entered into a contract with Benchmark Analytics for an agency Learning Management Software (LMS) for online training which will eventually provide secure online testing for academies to meet training objectives. Decertification training is currently being developed to deliver training throughout the state on how the process should work, answer questions, and garner feedback that may help legislators improve the process. Ashley Hart, new employee, will be assisting in the reexamination of dispatcher basic training objectives and possible implementation of dispatcher in-service. Lastly, DCJS is being tasked with reexamining the training objectives for courtroom security and civil process servers with the objective of having the highest quality professionals serving in every role we can along with the support of those we serve.

5. Old Business

Colonel William Smith reported that there was no old business.

6. New Business

- a. Donna Michaelis/Kim Simon, DCJS provided informational updates on regulatory changes for Campus Security and School Safety Officers.
- b. Donna Michaelis/Kim Simon, DCJS provided an overview of proposed training standards for school resource officers.
- c. Lois Kinch/Dallas Leamon, DCJS provided information on training standards for the 2022 passage of SB593 and sought approval of the training standards for a legislative mandate for an addition to the auxiliary officers. A motion to approve was made by Chief Jeffrey Katz, seconded by Ms. Mary Biggs. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. Lois Kinch, DCJS, provided an overview of the planned special informational meeting of the COT on October 27, 2022, for the presentation of revised training standards for Jail Officers.

7. Public Comment-There was no public comment.

8. Next Meeting.

Thursday, December 8, 2022, at 10:00 A. M.

9. Adjournment.

Colonel William Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting which was made by Chief Jeffrey Katz, and seconded by Mr. Anthony Williams. The meeting was concluded at 10:32 A.M.

Approved:  Date: 12-8-2022
Chair