



Committee On Training

James Monroe Building

101 N 14th St
Richmond, VA 23219
Rooms C, D, and E

MINUTES

October 14, 2021

Members Present

Chief Kelvin Wright, Chair
Ms. Angie Carrera
Mr. Lamont Carrington
Ms. Tonya Chapman
Officer Bennie Evans
Captain Robert Holland
Superintendent William Smith
Chief James Williams
Ms. Kristi Wright

Members Absent

Ms. Mary Biggs
Sheriff Vanesa Crawford
Mayor Carolyn Dull
Mr. Jagdish Katyal
Mr. Bryan Porter
Sheriff Anthony Roper

1. **Call to Order.**

Chief Wright called the meeting of the Committee on Training (COT) to order.

2. **Approval of past minutes.**

Chief Williams made a motion, seconded by Captain Holland, to accept the minutes from the meeting on May 20, 2021. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. **Division Update.**

Mr. Harvey Powers, Division Director, DCJS Division of Law Enforcement, provided updates on Compulsory Minimum Training Standards and Performance Outcomes for Law Enforcement Officers, Uniform Lesson Plan, Decertification expansion, Statewide Standards of Conduct for Law Enforcement and Jail Officer Work Group, TRACER Database, and MARCUS Alert projects

4. **Old Business.**

Chief Wright reported that there was no old business.

5. **New Business.**

a. Certification as a Certified Crime Prevention Community - Town of Smithfield

Mr. Harvey Powers, DCJS Law Enforcement Division Director, presented information on the certification of the Town of Smithfield as a Certified Crime Prevention Community. Mr. Powers recommended the committee approve certification. Ms. Chapman made a motion for approval, seconded by Ms. Wright. The motion was approved by all present board members.

b. Re-certification as a Certified Crime Prevention Community – City of Newport News

Mr. Harvey Powers, DCJS Law Enforcement Division Director, presented information on the re-certification of the City of Newport News as a Certified Crime Prevention Community. Mr. Powers recommended the committee approve re-certification. Superintendent Smith made a motion for approval, seconded by Captain Holland. The motion was approved by all present board members.

c. Informational Updates on Compulsory Minimum Training Standards and Performance Outcomes for Law Enforcement Officers

Ms. Lois Kinch, DCJS Training Standards Coordinator, provided a summary of updates and revisions to the Minimum training Standards and provided an update on several planned meetings in the coming weeks to meet with the COT membership to review the revisions. No vote was necessary for this information presentation.

d. Information Updates on the establishments of the Compulsory Minimum Training Standard's for Detector Canine Handlers used by the Department of Corrections.

Ms. Lois Kinch, DCJS Training Standards Coordinator, provided updates on progress for the development of the Minimum Training Standards for Detector Canine Handlers used by the Department of Corrections. No vote was necessary for this information presentation.

6. Public Comment

Chief Wright made a request for any public comment and Superintendent Jeffrey L. Newton, CJM, of the Middle River Regional Jail, addressed concerns over requirements for staff at Regional Jail Facilities that have functions not requiring them to carry a firearm, and the need for them to be annually trained in firearm proficiency. Superintendent Newton cited concerns related to the verbiage used in Virginia Administrative Code 6VAC20-80-80 (Firearms Training). Ms. Chapman and Superintendent Smith asked follow-up questions, of Superintendent Newton for clarification and agency percentage of staff at Middle River Regional Jail that were designated to roles requiring the need for Firearms training to which Superintendent provided some additional incite.

7. Next Meeting

Chief Wright advised that the next COT meeting date would be on December 9, 2021.

8. Adjournment.

Chief Wright asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting which was made by Ms. Chapman. Chief Williams seconded the motion and the meeting was concluded.

APPROVED:


Chair

12-9-2021
Date