



Committee On Training

Patrick Henry Building
East Reading Room
1111 E. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

MINUTES

October 12, 2023

Members Present

Superintendent William Smith (Chair)
Sheriff C. O. Balderson
Ms. Mary Biggs
Mr. Lamont Carrington
Sheriff Michael Chapman (*via Zoom*)
Ms. Robin Deulio
Officer Bennie Evans, Jr.
Ms. Maria Jankowski
Mr. Jagdish Katyal
Captain Clifford Kincaid
Ms Kristi Wright (proxy for Hon. Karl R. Hade)
Mr. D. Bradley Marshall
Ms. Renee Maxey
Dr. Sessa Joi Moon (late arrival)
Mr. Bryan Porter
Ms. Ashley Waddell
The Honorable Anthony C. Williams

Members Absent

Chief Jeffrey Katz (Vice Chair)
Ms. Ebony Clark
Chief Maggie DeBoard

1. Call to Order.

Superintendent William Smith called the Committee on Training (COT) meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

2. Approval of past minutes.

Superintendent Smith entertained a motion for approval of the minutes from June 15, 2023 and September 14, 2023, as submitted. Motion made by Mr. D. Bradley Marshall and seconded by Ms. Mary Biggs. The motion was passed unanimously.

3. Division Update.

Mr. Harvey Powers, Division Director, DCJS Division of Law Enforcement, provided updates to the Committee regarding the Law Enforcement Division.

-Uniform Lesson Plan project-Caroly Naoroz, former ULP Coordinator accepted a position developing a Criminal Justice Program with the University of South Carolina. Brandon Williams had been brought on to continue and expand the agency's efforts in

this area. Brandon comes to DCJS with over 15 years of experience in criminal justice including an extensive background in lesson plan development.

-The Uniform Lesson Plan contract with Force Concepts was completed in September and this week DCJS Staff and Force Concepts had an in-person meeting to summarize their efforts and to establish a plan for the implementation of lesson plans. We will continue a relationship with Force Concepts as they expressed interest in continuing to assist our efforts in providing quality content to our Criminal Justice academies. DCJS is currently reviewing completed materials. Additional edits will be made until there is a high level of confidence in the content, to be delivered by a cadre of instructors, piloting the lesson plans in a small group of academies across the state.

-Continue work on online testing components in TRACER with hopes of nearing completion soon.

-DCJS LE Division has a critical role that is legislatively mandated in facilitating the VLEPSC program. Eight Agencies were recently assessed and all passed. This is an incredibly challenging task. As of right now, there are 107 Virginia agencies that are VLEPSC accredited.

-DCJS also has a critical role, legislatively mandated, in the decertification of law-enforcement officers and jailors. As of today, 112 persons have been submitted for decertification this year, 94 completed. Last year, 93 were decertified; we have already surpassed that number.

-DCJS remains committed to being highly engaged with constituents, traveling the state, and always being available to discuss issues and resolve them together, transparently, and with partnership.

-The division is also working on a number of reports due to the legislature November 1, to include Fire Marshalls Becoming Certified Law-Enforcement Officers and, Law Enforcement Return to Work program covering persons that retired and are returning to certified law-enforcement positions.

-Today, before you will be training standards and certified crime prevention communities.

-Report concluded.

4. Old Business

Superintendent Smith reported that there was no old business.

5. New Business

- a. Ms. Kristi Shalton, DCJS, provided information regarding Dispatcher Curriculum Review Committee Member Updates and sought the approval of the appointment of Mr. Preston Main as a voting member of the Dispatcher Curriculum Review Committee. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mr. D. Bradley Marshall, seconded by Ms. Mary Biggs. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Ms. Kristi Shalton, DCJS, sought the approval of revisions to the compulsory minimum training standards for civil process and courtroom/courthouse security officers. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mr. D. Bradley Marshall, seconded by Ms. Mary Biggs. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Tina Sumpter, DCJS, requested Fairfax County be recertified as a Certified Crime Prevention Community after having met all the required objectives for certification. A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Ms. Mary Biggs, seconded by Mr. D. Bradley Marshall. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Next Meeting.

December 7, 2023 @ 10:00 A.M.

8. Adjournment

Superintendent Smith asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting which was made by Mr. Katyal, seconded by Ms. Mary Biggs. The meeting was concluded at 10:27 A.M.

Approved:  Date: 12-7-2023
Chair