



Committee On Training

Patrick Henry Building – West Reading Room
Richmond, VA 23219

MINUTES

May 10, 2018

Members Present

Colonel Bobby Russell
Mr. Edward Macon
Mr. Patrick Bridge
Sheriff Anthony Roper
Mr. Bryan Porter
Mr. Robert Soles
Mayor Carolyn Dull
Chief James E. Williams
Ms. Mary Biggs
Ms. Angie Carrera
Captain Robert Holland
Chief Kelvin Wright
Sheriff Vanessa Crawford
Chief Cervera

Members Absent

Ms. Lisa Hernandez
Chief Tonya Chapman

- 1. Call to Order.**
Colonel Russell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
- 2. Approval of past minutes.**
Ms. Mary Biggs moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on December 7, 2017. Mr. Bryan Porter seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
- 3. Division Update.**
Ms. Teresa Gooch, Division Manager, reserved her update for the New Business portion of the agenda.
- 4. Old Business.**
Colonel Russell stated there was no old business.

5. New Business.

a. Presentation of Special Conservator of the Peace (SCOP) Curriculum Review

Committee Recommendations – Ms. Gooch provided the members with a presentation. She discussed the similarities and differences between law enforcement and SCOP training standards and the change to Virginia Code 9.1-150.2. Special conservators of the peace have the same powers as law enforcement therefore the SCOP CRC unanimously determined the training requirements for SCOPs should mirror law enforcement training requirements. The statute identifies the maximum amount of entry-level training hours as 98 hours for unarmed SCOPs, and 130 hours for armed SCOPs. She also discussed the breakdown of the hours. Teresa also recognized the Curriculum Review Committee members present and seated in the audience.

Colonel Russell asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mr. Soles wanted to make COT members aware of the new legislation that goes into effect July 1, 2018. The bill prohibits all SCOPs from using the word “police”. Mr. Soles states that there are concerns for the SCOP community and their security measurements with this new bill because they do carry a badge and firearms.

Captain Holland asked the following questions:

1) Once all the new required training passes, will there be performance outcomes and criteria established just like law enforcement training? Ms. Gooch stated yes and that this is just the overall concept of what is to come. They have yet to finish this process and that will be the next stage of the development.

2) Where will all the training be taken place?

Ms. Gooch stated that this training can occur at a regional academy or a private training facility.

3) Will it be the same process as a General Instructor? Yes all the trainers will be DCJS certified just as a General or Firearms Instructors.

Colonel Russell stated that the staff is requesting a motion to forward this recommendation to Criminal Justice Service Board. Mr. Williams moved to accept the recommendation. Ms. Carrera seconded the motion. The motion passed 13 to 1.

b. Regulatory Update – Ms. Peterson-Wilson provided a quick update on the regulation VAC20-30 Rules Relating to Compulsory In-Service Training Standards for Law Enforcement Officers, Jailors or Custodial Officers, Courtroom Security Officers, Process Service Officers and Officers of the Department of Corrections, Division of Operations. Several months ago DCJS started a regulatory action to add in-service requirements for a two professions.

Dispatchers:

In 2016 the Dispatcher Curriculum Review Committee and the COT approved the following in-service requirements.

- Dispatchers should be required to complete 24 hours of in-service training.
- Require in-service to be completed every two years.
- Breakdown of in-service hours are as follows:
 - 2 hours of legal
 - 2 hours of career development

Noncustodial employees:

Noncustodial employees are defined as employees of the Department of Corrections (DOC) specifically designated by the Director of DOC to carry a firearm

- Breakdown of in-service requirement:
 - 2 hours cultural diversity
 - 4 hours legal training
 - 34 hours career development
- Annual firearms training

Colonel Russell asked if there were any questions or comments. Mayor Dull commented on how she appreciated Ms. Peterson-Wilson explaining the definition of a noncustodial employee. There were no other comments.

c. Regulatory Action - Mr. Smith provided us with an update on the regulatory actions.

DCJS has proposed a series of revisions to the existing regulations (6VAC20-20, 6VAC20-50, 6VAC20-60, 6VAC20-70, 6VAC20-90 6VAC20-100) to: correct and update Code citations; address inconsistent terminology, definitions, and processes; codify DCJS practice and policy; clarify training extensions will not be granted for failing to pass/meet compulsory minimum training standards and requirements; and to separate agency responsibility and academy responsibility.

DCJS will start a regulatory action in 6VAC20-90 Rules Relating to Regional Criminal Justice Training Academies to provide training academies clear instructions on the requirements for certification and recertification. The title will be changed to Rules Relating to Criminal Justice Training Academies. The proposed language codifies the current Department policy and practice which requires academies meet 100% of the certification standards identified in the Certified Criminal Justice Training Academy Certification Checklist and Report for initial certification and the Certified Criminal Justice Training Academy Re-certification Checklist and Report for re-certification. The process, responsibilities, and timeline for reassessment and the application of enforcement actions which include probation, suspension and revocation have been described in detail.

Finally, the appeal process has been described and includes an initial appeal to the director of the Department. In the event the academy director does not agree with the director of the Department, a second opportunity to appeal to the Executive Committee of the Board has been included.

Colonel Russell asked if there were any questions or comments. There were no comments from the COT members.

6. **Summary of Public Comment.**

There were no comments during the public comment period.

7. **Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the COT will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

8. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

A motion for adjournment was made by Ms. Carrera, and seconded by Mr. Macon. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved:



Bobby Russell
Chair

6.14.18

Date