



Committee On Training

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March 24, 2016

Members Present

Chief Jeffrey Brown
Colonel Bobby Russell
Sheriff Vanessa Crawford
Chief James Williams
Chief Kelvin Wright
Chief Scott Sheild Williams
Captain Matthew Hanley
Mr. Michael Doucette
Mr. Robert Soles
Mr. Edward Macon
Ms. Lisa Hernandez

Members Absent

Ms. Michelle Mosby
Mr. Patrick Bridge
Mr. Gilbert Smith

1. **Call to Order.**

Chairman Brown called the meeting order at 10:00 a.m.

2. **Approval of past minutes.**

Mr. Doucette moved to accept the minutes from the meeting on December 10, 2015. Chief Jim Williams seconded the motion. With no objections, the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. **Certified Crime Prevention Campus Application.**

The Committee was provided read ahead documents concerning the Certified Crime Prevention Campus Application for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Mr. Rick Arrington, Crime Prevention Program Manager, provided a brief on the status of the Application for Virginia Tech and recommended the Committee's approval.

Colonel Russell moved to accept the recommendation. Sheriff Crawford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Certified Crime Prevention Community Re-certification Application.**

The Committee was provided read ahead documents concerning the Certified Crime Prevention Community Re-certification Application for Chesterfield County.

Mr. Rick Arrington, Crime Prevention Program Manager, provided a brief on the status of the Re-certification Application for Chesterfield County and recommended the Committee's approval.

Chief Scott Williams moved to accept the recommendation. Chief Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Certified Crime Prevention Community Re-certification Application.**

The Committee was provided read ahead documents concerning the Certified Crime Prevention Community Re-certification Application for the Town of Christiansburg.

Mr. Rick Arrington, Crime Prevention Program Manager, provided a brief on the status of the Re-Certification Application for the Town of Christiansburg and recommended the Committee's approval.

Colonel Russell moved to accept the recommendation. Mr. Doucette seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Chairman's Comments**

Chairman Brown announced the promotion of one of the COT Members. Lieutenant Scott Shield Williams, formerly employed with the Newport News Police Department, was appointed Chief of Police for Hampden-Sydney College in February of this year. Congratulations were received from fellow members on the announcement.

7. **Review and approval of proposed revisions of Training Standards related to Terrorism Awareness Performance Objectives.**

The Committee was provided read ahead documents and handouts pertaining to the proposed draft language addressing the revision of training standards related to terrorism awareness.

Ms. Barbara Peterson-Wilson, Law Enforcement Program Coordinator, provided an overview of the revisions and proposed language for training standards related to terrorism awareness.

Chairman Brown inquired as to the Department's intention to replace the outdated course currently associated with the terrorism awareness performance objectives.

Ms. Peterson-Wilson explained the Curriculum Review Committee's recommendation for a separate performance objective, which specifically addresses current terrorism trends and threats. The current performance objectives address outdated first responder actions.

Sheriff Crawford moved to accept the recommendation. Chief Jim Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Regulatory Update.

Ms. Barbara Peterson-Wilson, Law Enforcement Program Coordinator, presented a summary of the following regulations either entering or currently in the NOIRA Stage of the Administrative Process:

- 6VAC20-60 Rules Relating to Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Dispatchers
- 6VAC20-70 Rules Relating to Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Noncustodial Employees of the Department of Corrections
- 6VAC-20-130 Regulations Governing the Privacy and Security of Criminal History Record Information Checks for Firearms Purchases

Chairman Brown requested Ms. Peterson-Wilson to provide an overview of the Periodic Review Process.

Ms. Peterson-Wilson was delighted to offer information pertaining to the Periodic Review and APA Process.

9. Summary of Public Comment.

Ms. Nicola Tidey, Chapter President for the Virginia Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO), addressed the Committee in regards to 6VAC20-60 Rules Relating to Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Dispatchers. Ms. Tidey provided an overview of the Virginia APCO and highlighted the areas of concern made during the public comment period on 6VAC20-60. Ms. Tidey indicated she has been very involved in the process of reviewing dispatch regulations and working closely with the Department. She stressed the importance of issuing hourly minimum training standards for basic, as well as in-service training for dispatchers. Ms. Tidey used this forum to introduce herself, as well as the Virginia Chapter of APCO, and their commitment to achieve a collaborative effort in working to provide more structure to the training of dispatchers throughout the Commonwealth.

Chairman Brown thanked Ms. Tidey for addressing the Board and sharing her comments and concerns.

Ms. Teresa Gooch, Division of Law Enforcement and Security Services Director, provided positive feedback and thanked Ms. Tidey for her efforts and involvement in this process.

Colonel Russell also provided commendable comments to Ms. Tidey and thanked her for her efforts.

Captain Hanley addressed the challenges of the communications field and acknowledged the need for interoperability and thanked Ms. Tidey again for her efforts.

Chairman Brown expressed his enthusiasm in moving forward to implement the structure needed for training and thanked Ms. Tidey for being present for today's meeting.

Ms. Tidey thanked the Chairman and the Board for their comments.

10. Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Committee on Training will be held on May 12, 2016.

11. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Approved:

Jeffrey Brown
Chair

Date