

Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting
Minutes of Meeting
April 19, 2012

- Rick Gauthier called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm with Board members Tom Hanley, Captain Rob Evans, and non-board member Suellen Royea present.
- Rick Gauthier reviewed the constables' difficulty of getting their field training to comply with the July 1, 2012 deadline should the constable be performing law enforcement, they need to be at least part-time certified. He briefed those present about the problems and his testimony at the Legislature. He also highlighted some of the Training Council's discussions and ways they may be able to help. It was also noted that the constables have asked for a 2 year extension. Some of the concerns other agencies have about providing training to constables is that once a constable is certified, there is no further supervision; not knowing the constables background; the training one constable gets from one agency may be different at another agency; and sensitive information getting into the wrong hands. The difference between full-time and part-time certified training and work limitations were reviewed. Rick noted that Vermont is in the minority of identifying full/part-time status and that Legislature seemed shocked at the differences in training for full-time/part-time certification. A brief discussion about training options and identifying a training program was held.
- Rick noted he is still waiting for a letter from Gov Ops and gave a brief overview of S.248 and the results of his research. There will be a couple of meetings with guest speakers and he will be reaching out to other states.
- Non-bias policing-no meeting has been scheduled to identify the essential elements. The deadline is January 1, 2013 for all agencies with at least 1 full time officer to have policies in place.
- Captain Evans asked Rick for the total number of FTOs. Rick will get that information to Ed Miller.
- Tom Hanley reported that the Chiefs are getting ready for the annual meeting.
- Captain Evans noted over 1,000 law enforcement officers were present at the New Hampshire Chief's viewing. Rick Gauthier noted that the funeral for Addison Sheriff James Coons will be April 30, 2012.
- Meeting adjourned at 1:43 pm.