

Law Enforcement Advisory Board

June 21st, 2021 – Minutes

The Law Enforcement Advisory Board meeting was held via the Microsoft Teams application during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Call to Order

Members present included Michael Schirling, Shawn Burke, Jenifer Harlow, Jason Batchelder, John Campbell, Matt Romei, Matt Valerio, Heater Simons, John Federico, and Dominica Padula. Also present - DPS Executive Director of Policy Development Jennifer Morrison.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The board unanimously voted in favor of Shawn Burke as Chair and Tony Facos as Vice-Chair.

Agenda Additions

There were none.

March 29th Minutes

Sheriff Harlow made a motion to approve the March 29th, 2021 minutes which was seconded by Chief Romei and unanimously approved by the board.

Update on H.145 and 2nd draft of Use of Force Policy

Jennifer Morrison provided an update on the process related to the final draft of the State Use of Force Policy. A variety of stakeholders were reviewing Appendix D of the policy – Use of Force Guidelines for Interacting with Persons Known to be Experiencing or Perceived to be Experiencing Mental Impairment. The Criminal Justice Training Council would be constructing the training to be delivered to all law enforcement prior to the legislation effective date of October 1st, 2021.

Discussion of the role of the LEAB on proposed statewide model policies

The board discussed what policies would benefit from LEAB review / leadership. The board concurred that a priority could be a model pursuit policy for Vermont law enforcement. The only action item taken at this stage was to have this discussion as a standing agenda item.

Discussion on proxy members

John Campbell questioned whether or not proxy members were allowed by statute. This agenda item was tabled for the next meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the LEAB was set for September 20th, 2021 at 0930 hours. The meeting will be held virtually with an in-person option congruent with the open Meeting Law.

Meeting adjourned