

## **Law Enforcement Advisory Board**

**June 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 0930 hours. The meeting will be held virtually with an in-person option congruent with the open Meeting Law.

### **Meeting adjourned**