

Valcour Gov Board

1/11/2023

Attendees: Eric Shepard, Jen Beane, Craig Gardner, Michael Manley, Matt Sullivan, Ben Webster, Michelle Hunt, Betty Wheeler, Tammy LaCourse, Mark Anderson, Kim Prior, Justin Stedman, Steve Laroche, Christopher Brickell, Commissioner Jennifer Morrison

Missing: Larry Eastman, Adam Cohen, Vegar Boe, Nathan Harvey

Call to Order

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Add to Agenda

Common Call Type Recommendations

Corrections to Alert Bulletin Policy

Common Call Type Recommendations

Approve Minutes (October)

Moved by Michelle, seconded by Mike

Passed Unanimously

Approve Minutes (December)

Motion by Mike, Seconded by Betty

Passed Unanimously

Hartford Dispatch Access

No one present, tabled indefinitely

VPA – CEW/UOF Reporting

Each year the VPA needs to receive CEW/UOF Reporting like the Race Data, they are wondering if VGB can authorize an all-Valcour push. Not all agencies use Valcour for Taser reporting. If all agencies were using Valcour for UOF we could do this, but may not be that effective since many agencies are not using Valcour.

Tabled for now

Membership Question

Betty Wheeler is unclear if she was a voting member or a non-voting member. She has been coming regularly and no one has been able to find minutes from that long ago. Betty Wheeler should become (or continue being) a voting member through the June 2023 until the new Charter Make-up comes into effect.

Moved by Mark, Seconded by Mike

Passed Unanimously

CrossWind requests opportunity to review polices before published/posted – Due to members not being present towards end of last meeting VGB unable to take official action in December and left it as having an understanding that VGB should allow a designated member of CrossWind (Tim Charland) to review policies before they go into effect.

VGB will not be bound to any reflections from CrossWind, this is a courtesy process practice.

No vote needed but this will be VGB’s practice moving forward to provide CrossWind a draft before published.

Corrections to current Alert / Bulletin Policy

- Corrections to the current
- 6.1.a CrossWind Technologies
- 6.1.c (yellow)
- 6.1.d (green)
- 6.1.e (blue)
- Motion by Eric
- Seconded by Justin
- Passed Unanimously

Common Call Type Recommendations

Michelle posted what common call types are currently listed and come up with definitions but some agencies were having a hard time trying to figure out what was mapping. The reason in the governor’s officer is looking for regular stats to be reported from common call types. Trying to provide all agencies with guidance to properly map the common call types. Agencies are expected to map their own call and DPS is only doing their own.

When agencies are remapping is the historical data being changed? Ones that DPS corrected didn’t change historical data, only changes data moving forward. Correct we don’t want any historical data changed, just want accurate data moved forward. Reports going to governor’s office are based only off of common call type and they are only counts not specific incident details.

Only lingering question was “civil process” and not sure what agencies are using it. There are only seven agencies that have that call type. Generally speaking this could fall under “court orders” common call type, since that is usually what that is. There is no harm in leaving it, and there are seven agencies that have used it, maybe change label. Common call type “civil process” is not mapped to anything, all the call types of civil process are mapped to “administrative.”

Maybe push this out as guidance from the VGB instead of policy. Need to come from Chair or Co-Chair of the VGB to send out to all agencies. Mark will send that out once Michelle makes final change.

VGB Makeup – Charter discussion Update

VSP’s proposal is also the Commissioner’s proposal.

VSP proposal
Two representatives the Vermont State Police
One representative of the DPS/Commissioner’s Office
ADS
One representative from one different Law Enforcement State Agency or Department not including the Department of Public Safety.
One representative that works in multi-discipline dispatching (Fire, EMS, LE)
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Continued discussion has created a contract committee of the VGB that will be represented by the Chair and Vice chair of VGB with that ADS felt comfortable withdrawing their request for a voting position on the VGB.

Separate contract board: ADS, Commissioner, Chair, and Vice Chair. This meets the need of ADS for the contract requirement.

Starting point

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1. Two representatives the Department of Public Safety (or its successive entity)
2. Two representatives from VACOP local/municipal police departments
3. Two representatives appointed by the Sheriffs' Association.
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Commissioner just wants to continue pushing data quality. Today is the first time the media will be aware of the heat map when it will be presented to the legislature.

Justin – the LE state agencies limited to only one and allowing it to include DPS is broad enough for the amount of other agencies to have opportunity for representation. Objection is getting rid of geographically distributed departments and there is little opportunity for many agencies to get involved. Seems to be more restrictive than what was envisioned. Mike → wouldn't the other agencies be able to come to the one representative and that person could bring all concerns forward as representing. Justin - Yes

DPS proposal was 11 members originally but is down, the removal of ADS seat would present a new opening for a seat.

Eric – why are we moving forward and massaging the DPS proposal and not trying to flex the original proposal that the working group brought forward? Mark – we owe the commissioner's office conversation and we are going to work through the below VGB Discussion chart. We want everyone to be able to discuss reasoning for why/why not we want to move forward and why/why not the DPS proposal would or wouldn't fit. You never know who is going to show up and want to make sure to have seats (like four in #7 and #8 of the VGB Discussion chart) vague enough to fit all the people who actually want to show up and work.

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VCIC Auditor

DSAS

Crosswind

#7 & #8 are the largest spread of folks without putting people in boxes.

Trying to take current membership and seeing where people fit into each category. Talking about charters and big picture things but ultimately, we are talking about our current membership.

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(Discussion regarding agencies with 20 employees as the cut off for #7 & #8) Ben has info from all agencies except six that haven't responded and can get numbers of employees based on what VCIC is reporting. Maybe 20 isn't the correct employee number since all agencies have shrunk so over the years. Trying to get assets who further the community and not politics. Mike raised concern with community pushing back to letting VSP take any seat for #7 since they have specific seats designated. Mark – we just voted Betty in and that makes VSP currently have four members and no one is pushing back against any of those. Eric echoed that good skills comes from all and that's why we don't want to box in certain people and not allow access to all the people who have the specific skills we need represented on the VGB.

Any other discussion? Justin – want to clarify, driving for that at-large seat positions because see value in the flexibility.

Is 13 the number we want to land on instead of 11? Think 13 should be fine since we all regularly show up. Eric – Too small then you don't get representation. Betty – So many subcommittees, it'll tax people and won't get work done.

Eric – Recollection is that Vegar would be fine either way. He has such institutional knowledge but it's also a public meeting and he could still come. Mark will verify with Vegar.

Mike – 13 is fine but do not agree with the VGB Discussion and the at-large agencies. Would want to think and discuss further.

(Taking a look at where the current members would fit into the DPS Proposal)

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Eric – This removed a lot of folks all from municipal proposals. Geographical takes folks from where the talent is not from any specific agency.

Mark – let's say we increase the municipalities to three, could see sheriffs say why do they get three and we only get two? This opens up little bickering. We continue to go around this way, which is why we have tried with the geographic at-large because the differences between communities geographically is so important since things do not work the same way on either end of the state.

Eric – don't see what the issue of geographical at-large. What is the concern? Mike – concerned about numbers. Not as much as geographic. What about combining the VACOP municipalities and Sheriffs? Need to keep discussing.

Mark – this is a conflicted issue for a variety of reasons.

Eric – we are not as far apart as it may feel.

Mark – should we meet more regularly than every other month?

Mike – **motion that we meet every month on the designated date/time until we sort out the charter make up.**

Seconded by Eric.

Passed Unanimously

Adjournment

Michelle motion to adjourn

Seconded by Mike

Passed unanimously

Adjourned at 1125

Next meeting Wednesday, 2/8/2023 @ 1000