

## **Valcour Governance Board**

### **2/9/2022**

Attendees: Ryan Brady, Eric Shepard, Craig Gardner, John Gonyea (Guest), Michelle Hunt, Amy Messier, Kim Prior, Betty Wheeler, Tammy LaCourse, Jen Beane, Darwin Thompson, Adam Cohen, Robert Mckenna, Vegar Boe, Matt Sullivan, Justin Stedman, Nathan Harvey, Mark Anderson, Larry Eastman,

Missing: Stephen Laroche, Lori Malloy,

### **Call to Order**

@ 1002

### **Approve Minutes**

Motion by Vegar  
Seconded by Michelle  
Approved unanimously

### **Constable Request**

Requests for access to Valcour, ties into the sponsorship discussion.

Com Schirling wants to expand access to those who have access to Valcour.

John Gonyea speaking on VCIC's behalf as the CJIS system's agency for Vermont. VCIC comes into play whenever there is unrestricted access to Valcour. Want to make sure non-authorized users have the correct access to only limited info. Think it's very important to frame the conversation as if I'm the constable it's the not the case if the individual constable can have access to the data but if the town's management for the constable can have access to data.

Currently three constables that have ORI assigned to them, but pre-dates the current director, none of them have terminal access. Bethel reached out pre-Covid and started the process but that fell through the cracks and has not been completed.

Have there been more constables that have asked about getting ORIs? None have reached out since Covid started. Qualifications from FBI to get ORI are significant. Even if VCIC thinks that you should get an ORI that does not mean you get one, VCIC has to submit your request to the FBI and they run their own review process before determining. To be considered a LEA you do not have to have an ORI.

If they do not have terminal access does that not allow them to have Valcour access because they do not have a secure facility? Not everyone who currently has Valcour access even has terminal access; example: the courts do not because they did not want to jump through all the hoops to get the terminal access.

Restricted data versus general info in RMS: What information do we need to be protecting? Authorized person, authorized purpose. III/29C/motor veh info; not having to do with LE access/drug access; NIC/SID numbers are restricted (so that's in the name jacket)

Do any Constabularies have offices? Most do not have a secure, private office

VCIC cares if you are supposed to have access and go through all the appropriate steps then you can have access. Past constables have never shown interest in following up to complete steps.

We should not inadvertently or intentionally allow others to access Valcour (ie restricted data), it is extremely important not to do and risks the entire state losing their access, so VCIC would have to shut down the problem agency because that access jeopardizes everyone's access.

It's one thing to access data through the message switch but there is no way that you can limit the fields that they see in the existing RMS.

VGB carries a weighty decision on policy but the actual potential punishment (for misuse) falls to agencies that sponsors or allow others into the system.

How the Valcour structure holds parties responsible relies on the agency holding itself responsible first. Constables work for the town so their accountability comes from the town either the town manager or the town council. Versus elected constable who do not fall under anyone's authority in terms of liability management.

Any motions to allow constables access at this point? No – table the discussion indefinitely

***Bethel***

***Granville***

***Poultney***

## **Go Live #2**

All from Go Live #2 are now live

## **Meeting Dates and Regularity**

Propose to meeting quarterly instead of monthly since most of the discussion needed was based on the Go Live and now that that is complete, we may not need to meet as regularly. Maybe make it every other month and have a placeholder in the schedule.

Motion by Eric – hold our meetings every even month on the second Wednesday at 10 am (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)

Seconded by Justin

Passed unanimously

## **Sponsorship**

Eric, Justin, Steve, Matt

Took the preexisting VIBRS language and redid it for this board. Made it so the board had some ability to restrict who could be granted access to the system. Goal to protect the Valcour system. Tried to be broad but not allow agencies to LE shop around if one agency will not give them access, so VGB has final say if any concern is raised.

How are we addressing current sponsorships? Are some be grandfathered in? Maybe as a board go through the list. Well it is not the VGB's liability; it is the individual agency's liability.

Com Schirling has not seem this yet. Does the policy need to go through legal or anyone else?

Looking at trying to get a different version of Valcour for agencies who want some access but do not need access to all or have

## **Seat Changes**

Matt still technically on the Burlington books so still filling that seat, will look at potential changes in coming months.

## **Adjournment**

Motion but Justin

Seconded by Vegar

Passed unanimously at 1052