

**Valcour Gov Board**  
**3/13/2024**

Attendees: Matt Sullivan, Michael Manley, Jen Beane, Adam Cohen, Gregory Sheldon, Michelle Hunt, Shawn Loan, Loretta Stalnaker, Brad Loughran, Vegar Boe, Betty Wheeler, Adam Cohen, Eric Shepard, Justin Stedman,

Missing: Mark Anderson, Ben Webster, Nathan Harvey

**Call to Order 1002**

**Approve Minutes – February**

Motion by Chief Stalnaker

Seconded by Betty

Passed unanimously

**Hartford PD Request for access**

Chief Greg Sheldon – looking for real time access because it's important for all the agencies that they dispatch for intelligence and officer safety. Dispatch for the four agencies that use Spillman to see what's going on around us and for the other agencies we dispatch for.

Betty – Does your agency provide real time sharing info into VJISS? Unknown, open to it but believe there's an issue on the IT side.

Cpt Loan – The VIC had wanted access to Spillman and finally got it through a virtual machine, but then ADS banned virtual machines and the VIC then lost access. Would like to have drug overdose data and gun statistics – both VIC and Chief Sheldon would like those to be able to be tracked and the issues seem to be on the IT end.

Betty – need to have conversation with ADS to discuss shortfalls that we are seeing.

Cpt Manley – Maybe the best way to handle this is having it hinged on access both directions.

Chief Sullivan – Support the request for access because the whole idea of Valcour in its design was for all agencies to have access to the information in Valcour. The major concern and need is for officer safety.

Cpt Manley – knew this was coming to a head and they were told when those specific agencies did not want to join Valcour that this would be an issue.

Vegar – Wasn't there a legislative push for all agencies to share data in the state? Yes

Adam – Key is ADS to make it get the data from point A to point B, and historically it has been very difficult to work out problems when ADS is the roadblock. (Cpt Manley agrees: he and Betty will try to work on that side.) Data sharing is key to not have silos and for the importance of officer safety.

Chief Stalnaker – think we need to move forward with access because ADS is such a slow move. (Betty – agrees and include that will work on getting two-way access.) Cpt Manley – supportive of having access but think we lose leverage of having ADS to move forward and since could easily no longer will be a priority for officer safety because we'd resolve that by giving them access now without getting access in return.

Chief Sheldon – I'm approving access to Spillman for anyone who wants access but need to get the IT in line.

Col Stedman – Think that Cpt Manley has a point but may not be that simple

Spt Loan - Hartford had given access to the VIC previously but the issue is that State can't tap into Hartford, so the technical issue is Hartford system is in a box and can't make a line go from the box into the State's network.

Michelle – Based on what the Cpt said it is a security issue not them not wanting to share the info. (Betty – agree, this is an ADS issue and just because we can't use a remote desktop there are other ways to do it.) [Cpt Loan - When the VIC was asking it was just five people asking, but here there is an officer safety issue and a huge group of chiefs and sheriffs so it seems that this all the leverage needed to get ADS moving]

Jen - Is there a way to put a timeline in place for ADS to do the work that doesn't let them ignore, drop the ball, or losing the leverage?

Motion by Col Stedman – Going to work on this issue with ADS to get a two-way street between now and the next board meeting (one month) and whether succeed with ADS or not, Hartford PD will be given access at the next VGB board meeting.

Seconded by Chief Sullivan

Passed Unanimously

### **Customs and Border Patrol – Derby Line request for access**

Brad Loughran from C&BP at Derby Line, looking to have read only access. Have a small team who work with local and federal partners. Looking to be able to look deeper into threats to the boarder and national security. This group does knock and talks with HSI and local VSP notified them that there was a cation flag for threats to LEO and allowed them to choose not to go knock on that door. Appreciate the safety check since feds don't have access to flags in Valcour because all they see is the NCIC violent person file and not all things captured under that.

Looking for access for: All sworn federal partners, four total people.

(Betty) Previously C&BP had access to VIJIS not the CAD/RMS system, because they have historically only mined information and not shared access back into Valcour. (Brad) Do not think they currently have access to VJIS and did not know that was an option and willing to go down that path if it's the preferred path to go. (Matt) Other federal partners do have Valcour access and do not contribute to Valcour.

(Michael) Maybe start with granting VJISS access

Adam – Why are some agencies given access and others not? Betty – Think we need to review all and determine if they are a contributing agency or not.

(Loretta) Historically there have been issues with VJISS crashing and Hartford PD who dispatches for Royalton PD, and find that sometimes VJISS is not enough.

Matt – Are alert flags even in VJISS and are they updated in a timely manner? Betty – I don't think alerts are in VJISS, it just gives the case and person.

Shawn – Some federal partners have access to Valcour because they are working directly with agencies that have active cases in Valcour.

Take a look at VJISS and see what info is being put out and also be more cautious to who has direct access to Valcour.

Michael – Can you work with HSI partners who already have access? (Brad) We could but the problem was the HSI agent wasn't even given the info or didn't know how to locate it.

Does Board Patrol have access? (Brad) No, the only one out of that section is HSI.

Betty – Do they work with the local PD and they could potentially get that info through the local agency?

(Brad) Yes, but it depends on who they talk to, some agencies are willing to help and share but other agencies have been uncomfortable to share any info.

Shawn – Are you looking for access for all or just the intel group? Just the four sworn that are part of the intel group. Vast majority of the officers don't have a need to know. The intel group is part of a cyber terrorism unit that have high security clearance. They work with the VIC but the VIC can't share more info than a case number.

Loretta – need to find a way for officer safety to search alerts for them if we are tabling this until we take they discussion back up. (Cpt Manly – Have them call the VIC [Cpt Loan can facilitate] or the barracks and we should be able to assist them with checking the alert codes for the time being.)

Motion by Cpt Manley to table so we can have further discussion, not opposed to request for access but need more info and know there are going to be more requests from other federal partners.

Seconded by Vegar  
Passed unanimously

### **Request for Burlington PD for Parallel Justice employee access**

A single employee who is a COB employee with a finger print background and extensive background who reaches out to victim of crimes. The role used to have Valcour access and no longer does, having to have a different PD employee give them a list and contact info of crime victims for the COB employee to call victims. Their job is to reach out and assist crime victims, whether that is helping them financially to replace / fix things or just providing resources.

Concern is that at the end of the day this is not LE access and that is Valcour's purpose. Is there a way to block it off to a single ORI? Betty - No there is not a way. Should explore if there is a way for access through VJISS subscription service.

Cpt Manley – same background as any other civilian staff? Yes

Betty - Would the MOU be valid since they are not a Burlington PD employee?

Cpt Manley - If Chief Murad doesn't have ability to fire this person then don't like them having unrestricted access.

Motion by Cpt Manley: In support of the concept but has to be an employee of the Burlington PD.

Seconded by Vegar.

Passed, one nay

Sheriff Anderson / Sgt Shepard will communicate with Chief Murad.

Jen requested Betty send info on getting a VJISS subscription

### **Board Vacancy – Discussion**

Sheriff Gamelin is vacating his seat and it is a sheriff seat, the sheriffs have a meeting coming up and should be bringing a name to the next VGB meeting.

### **Executive Session**

Motion to enter executive session by Chief Stalnaker, seconded by Cpt Manley

Entering executive session 1116

Exiting executive session 1118

No matters to vote on

### **Adjourned at 1119**

Motion to adjourn by Cpt Manley

Seconded by Vegar

Passed unanimously