

Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting  
DPS Headquarters, Lab Classroom, Waterbury VT  
Minutes of Meeting  
November 17, 2016

- Vice-Chair Rick Gauthier called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm with John Treadwell, Attorney General's Office; Jason Batchelder, Fish & Wildlife; Kevin Lane, VSP; Kyle Kapitanski, Orange County Sheriff's Department; Garry Scott, VSP; Jim Hughes, State's Attorney; Kyle Midura, WCAX; Chief Jennifer Morrison, Colchester Police Department via conference call; and Suellen Royea, DPS/CJS present. It was noted that the quorum requirement was not met. (Gwynn Zakov, Vermont League of Cities and Towns (via conference call) and Michael O'Neil, VSP, joined the meeting after it was called to order.)
- **Review of Minutes from June 15, 2016 Meeting:** Item tabled. No discussion was held.
- **Old Business:**
  - **Body Worn Camera Report:** Rick Gauthier noted the document distributed was not a proposed model policy from the LEAB; the sections in red and blue were what the ACLU and the Network would like to see in the model policy. The document was also distributed to the Chiefs and Sheriffs. Their feedback was that the policy is too cumbersome and will cause confusion, and there is a strong object to prohibiting officers from reviewing recordings. Some of the legislation requirements were reviewed; certain contents to be included in the model policy, cost of camera, storage, whether any grants might be available, and when should they be turned off. Reviewing the recordings was discussed with a strong support for officers being able to review the recordings. A suggestion was made to be responsive on what the legislature wants, and that the LEAB/Council review the policy in 1 year or 18 months. It was also noted that the current proposal is very cumbersome should be very simple and have clarity regarding when to turn on and off the equipment. Rick Gauthier offered to review a number of policies collected from around the state, trim this down to a more useful format, and ensure compliance with the Legislature request. Once drafted, he will circulate it for review to meet the December 15, 2016 deadline.
  - **Annual Report:** Rick Gauthier noted that the report is due January 15, 2017 and suggested reviewing the meeting minutes and include the report to Senate Judiciary on body worn cameras to create the report. Jennifer Morrison suggested including the future of the LEAB.
- **New Business:**
  - **Future of LEAB:** Rick Gauthier reviewed his concern with the decline in meetings/input in the Legislature. He noted that the Legislature looks for our report every year and suggested building a business plan in January/February with a plan on accomplishing

those tasks identified. Other suggestions made included: to create Ad-hoc groups that come up and go away, and to reach out to the Public Safety Commissioner for guidance. The creation of the LEAB was reviewed. A final suggestion was made to table discussion until January. There was no disagreement with the concepts suggested.

- **Other Business:**
  - LPRs was briefly reviewed and it was noted that different portions of the legislation have different effective dates.
  - A question was asked about any priorities that may be discussed in the next Legislative session. Some thoughts included: concern about labor, general law enforcement, introduction of language to expand level 2 for training, BWC policy, study on building a complex, marijuana, introduction of legislation regarding assaults on first responders as hate crime, regionalization of dispatching services, more mobile crisis workers in the field, and consolidation amongst state and municipal agencies.
- **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:33 pm.