

Greetings Denise -

Representative Sweaney asked that I coordinate with you regarding some upcoming events connected to the Law Enforcement Advisory Board's (LEAB) work on the development of a statewide CEW (Taser) policy. (CEW is the acronym for *conducted electrical weapon*, which is the term that the LEAB uses; Taser is actually a brand name for a CEW).

The LEAB is in the process of developing a statewide policy and has a draft, which I have attached for your convenience (along with a document entitled Key Components). The draft is very much a work in progress. In addition, the Board is holding a series of meetings to obtain more information and public comment. The first of these meeting was held in Room 11 this past Monday. The focus of this meeting was on the law enforcement perspective.

The Board intends to invite a representative from Taser, the company that supplies CEWs to VT law enforcement and a representative from AEGIS, a company that represents it can measure the actual amperage output of a CEW. I have attached a recent article which features AEGIS which may provide some helpful background.

Board Vice Chair Paco Aumand, of DPS, and Chair Rick Gauthier, Executive Director of the Vermont Police Academy, will be in touch with Taser and AEGIS regarding scheduling. Representative Sweaney advised that H Gov Ops would likely want to hear testimony from these two entities. I have communicated that request to the Mr. Aumand and Mr. Gauthier and, by way of this email, I am requesting that they coordinate the scheduling through you.

Finally for additional background I have attached two links, one to the AGO website and the second to the LEAB website. Both of these links contain much of the work that has been ongoing on this issue since last spring.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if you wish to discuss further. My direct line is 828 5514. You can also reach me at the above email. If you could provide me with the best phone number to reach you at, that will be helpful for future coordination.

Best,

Cindy Maguire

Times Argus article:

<http://www.timesargus.com/article/20140114/NEWS03/701149924>

<http://www.atg.state.vt.us/issues/criminal-law/conducted-electrical-weapons.php>

<http://dps.vermont.gov/dps.vermont.gov/LEAB/meetings>

