

Law Enforcement Discussion – 6/11 and 6/12, 2020

Vermont Senate Government Operations Committee

Categories for Discussion

Hiring

Training

Promotion

Improper conduct allegations

(data – Judiciary will be addressing)

Body cams

Community outreach/relations

Community advisory panels

Policies

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Suggestions compiled from comments to the Senate Government Operations Committee

1. All funding for military equipment for law enforcement agencies ends
2. Police not wear military style protective gear when on patrol or interacting with citizens
3. End no knock warrants
4. Require body cams, if turns off dismiss officer
5. No grants to LE if don't collect data (Judiciary is doing)
6. Use of force policy (H808)
7. Charge Training Council to develop policies around use of force, de-escalation, cross cultural awareness, (H454)
8. Prohibit chokeholds, kneeholds
9. Require body cams
10. Ban tear gas and other methods banned in war
11. Use the Sequential Intercept model to diffuse community gatherings
12. Institute alternative models of public safety & peacekeeping other than law enforcement
13. Have consistent data collection (Judiciary doing)
14. Ban the use of 911 for non emergencies
15. Institute severe consequences for police filing false reports
16. If officer is convicted of a crime revoke the certification
17. Have an elected citizens review board to conduct parallel investigations into all police misconduct
18. Make all investigation into police conduct more transparent and open to public
19. If officer is accused of discharging weapons or excessive use of force they need to be suspended without pay ,and the information needs to be made available to the public upon disposition.
20. Two cameras in cruisers at all times
21. Must have training in mental health, de=escalation, community relations
22. Ban knee holds and choke holds
23. “actively vet all applicants and recruit officers that are reflective in a proportional representation of the community. Use psycho evaluation on all applicants.
24. Release all video footage for loss of life and police brutality
25. Defund police departments and use money for social service issues to support people