



# Vermont Criminal Justice Council (VCJC)

## VCJC Initiatives 2023

The primary mission of the police academy is to train and certify all of Vermont's law enforcement professionals. This includes two 17-week Level III basic classes, and two 2-week Level II classes. Additional state-mandated training and ongoing Rule 13 (in-service) trainings are ongoing.

### **VCJC Initiatives:**

Report on Race Data Collection: Preliminary findings, recommendations on statutory language changes, VCJC initiatives moving forward.

### **Act 56 update:**

Council process of decertification hearings and current state of affairs by the Council.

Identified concerns: Category C violations (Agency Heads – Chiefs / Sheriffs) De-certification hearings are a potential for agency heads, however that does not mean removal from employment. Chiefs may be “appointed” and Sheriffs remain “elected”.

### *Statutory language changes to Act 56:*

T20 VSA § 2362(a) Duty to contact current or former agency. Only requires checking with current or former agency.

T20 VSA §2407 (a) First offense of Category B misconduct results in no action by the Council. No sue process for the officer if found in violation.

Expungements of Criminal Convictions: exclusion for unprofessional conduct statutes

### **Other concerns**

T20 VSA 2355 § (a)(1) Rules to implement alternative routes to certification aside from the VPA (due 7/1/23). Resources or extension of deadline. Alternative tracks should be identified based on overhaul of training through IADLEST. Determine first what law enforcement training should include through JTA's. IADLEST is holder of the National Decertification Index where we report misconduct.