

The Connecticut General Assembly



TASK FORCE ON POLICE TRAINING SUBMITS RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT

Chair of the Public Safety and Security Committee Rep. Joe Verrengia (D-West Hartford) met with members of the Task Force on Police Training today to present a report to the legislature on police training recommendations.

The report, created pursuant to Special Act 16-13, is the work of a task force to study the training curriculum and education of police officers in Connecticut relative to recognized best practices.

“The work of the task force may have been concluded, but in many ways the conversation is just beginning. This will be a work in progress as various stakeholders continue to work together on police training issues,” **Rep. Verrengia** said. “I am very pleased with the work of all the members. It was a good example of everyone working together in a constructive and meaningful way.”

(From SA 16-13 Executive Summary)

Beginning in 2014, the Connecticut General Assembly passed legislation requiring police training to incorporate policies related to individuals affected with serious mental issues; use of physical force; body worn equipment; cultural competency and sensitivity training; complaints from the public; and the use of electronic defense weapons.

As a result of the ongoing changes to police training, coupled with the desire to address discord between police and minority communities, a proposal was considered to independently examine police training and education and summarize pertinent information for the Public Safety and Security Committee.

The task force was mandated to examine current basic curriculum and practices, instruction and delivery of the basic curriculum, feasibility and desirability of offering training at satellite campuses, and other topics deemed appropriate to police training.

Joe Verrengia represents West Hartford’s 20th Assembly District. In addition to Chair of Public Safety, Rep. Verrengia serves on the Transportation Committee.

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