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Statement of Testimony on Creation of Agency of Public Safety

The Vermont Association of Chiefs of Police is in support of the creation of the Agency of Public Safety.

Some of the points mentioned by Chiefs are as follows;

Bringing the numerous State Enforcement Agencies under one roof could streamline budgeting, resource management and training needs.

Putting the VCJTC under the Agency would make it easier to identify staffing and budgetary needs to insure that Vermont Law Enforcement is able to receive up to date, quality training to in-service personnel as well as consistent training of new recruits. It would help to standardize hiring and entrance requirements for police applicants.

As presented the Agency would transition certain entities over a period of time, providing for a well-planned migration.

It is not seen as creating a Super Agency, but as a strategic and needed direction for Law Enforcement in Vermont.

Smaller agencies look for assistance and guidance in larger cases, in training and in resource allocation. Policy and Procedure could be standardized in these areas.

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