

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 22: Department of Public Safety Standards and Training Basic Police Course Pilot Program

To: Emergency Board
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Evans

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board acknowledge receipt of a report from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training on implementation of the 60-student Basic Police Course pilot program.

To implement the program, the Department developed a schedule template that provides flexibility between training venues and instructors and has ensured safe operation and proper student-instructor ratios in high-risk training areas. The Department reports that the pilot program has successfully reduced the backlog for new officers to enter the Basic Police Course from over seven months to within the 90-day statutory requirement.

With the final planned 60-student course just completed, the Department has successfully developed a program with the flexibility to be responsive to hiring trends in the future and scale up classes if necessary to meet law enforcement demands.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.