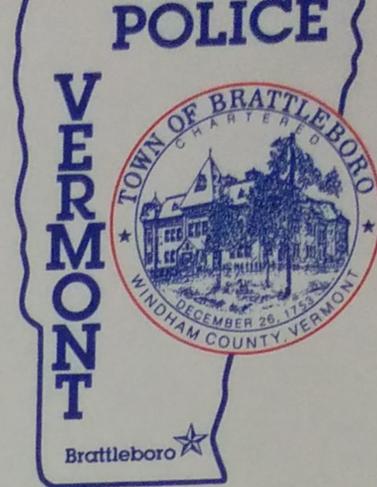


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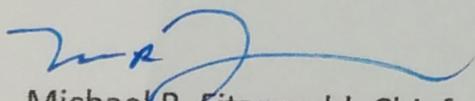
SUBJ: CANINE TRAINING

Law enforcement officers can expect to encounter dogs in the course of their contact with the public. During the past several months, the Brattleboro Police Department has embarked upon an aggressive training agenda to ensure the outcome is safe for everyone involved, including the animals.

On October 3rd of 2014, we sent two officers to the Vermont Police Academy to attend an eight hour training titled, "Problem of Dog Related Incidents." After successfully completing their training, the officers instructed the rest of the department on the lessons that were learned on how to successfully and safely deal with canines.

In addition to the in-house training, officers were directed to complete a canine training series sponsored by COPS (Community Oriented Policing). This five-video series prepares them for safe, non-confrontational outcomes to their interactions with dogs while performing their duties.

Officers were tasked to have completed the training by 31 December 2014. This was accomplished.


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