



# **Burlington Police Department**

## **Training Unit**

The Training Unit is responsible for the coordination and oversight of all training for sworn and non-sworn personnel. The Unit organizes and conducts in-service training for our personnel using instructors from within our agency for everything from law to use of force to cultural diversity. The Training Unit brings in or sends employees to valuable training conducted by outside experts meant to continue the professional development of Police Department personnel.

The Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council's Rules for law enforcement certification establish training standards which must be completed annually by all police officers in order to maintain certification. Other training is necessary to develop employees as they move into specialty assignments such as drug enforcement, canine handling, homicide investigation, sexual abuse and crimes against children. New legal and procedural information coupled with the constantly evolving environment in which we operate create demanding training needs on an ongoing basis.

Ongoing training is important in any professional organization to maintain expert employees who are able to deliver a high level of professional service. We strive to provide each of our employees the tools and knowledge to enable them to better serve the citizens of Burlington.