



POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CITY OF BURLINGTON

Sarah Kenney, Chair  
Board of Police Commissioners

## **The Burlington Police Commission wants to hear from you!**

The Burlington Police Commission will host two special forums in March to seek public input on the city's draft Fair and Impartial Policing Policy:

**Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Champlain College's Perry Hall, Morgan Room, Burlington.**

**Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 6:00 PM at St. Joseph's School, Allen Street, Burlington.**

The State of Vermont requires every police department in the state to adopt a policy that says how the department will provide police services in a way that is fair to all members of the community and does not discriminate. The state provides a model policy ([link below](#)) and the City of Burlington is deciding whether to use the state's model, change it or create something new. The Burlington Police Commission is helping the City Council and the Police Department to collect information from the Burlington community about what our citizens think should be in Burlington's policy.

### **Please attend a forum and tell us what you think:**

- Do you like the state policy? Should we adopt it completely?
- Should Burlington draft our own version of the policy?
- Should we change the state policy to make sure it complies with federal law?
- What's missing from the state policy, or from the draft for Burlington, that you would like to see in a Fair and Impartial Policing policy?

Language interpretation is available. If interpretation is needed, please contact [skenny@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:skenny@burlingtonvt.gov) by Friday, March 10th.

The state model policy is available on the website of the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council: <http://vcjtc.vermont.gov/content/model-fair-and-impartial-policing-policy>.

The draft city policy is available on the Commission's website: <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Police/Commission/Agendas>.

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