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1	Expanding Hate Crimes to Include False 911 Calls Based on Race	Support	Law Enforcement should not be used as a means for someone to threaten a protected class
2	Expanding Police Decertification Criteria	Support and VACP offered this a priority on June 9, 2020. Redline version of VSC §15.2-1707 and §15.2-1708 presented to GA members on July 22, 2020	Eliminating the ability of unqualified officers to jump from department to department is key to improvement.
3	Improve selection by enhanced background investigation requirements, especially for lateral officers	Support and VACP offered this a priority on June 9, 2020. Redline version of COV §15.2-1705 to Delegate Bell on July 22, 2020	This would require documented verification of past employment in a law enforcement role to ensure the candidate is suitable for continued service in the Commonwealth. Also requires a check of a DCJS decertification database once developed and accessible.
4	Expanding the Use of Body Cams	Support as a local option, funding needs must be considered	Body Worn Cameras carry a great cost, not only for initial set-up, but for ongoing data storage and complying with FOIA requests. This must be factored into any decision.
5	Implementing the "Marcus Alert" to Require Behavioral/Mental Health Professionals to Respond to those thought to be having a Mental Health Crisis	Support a co-responder model, but there needs to be an understanding of the safety aspects for a mental health professional.	We have been advocating to remove law enforcement from transport of those in mental crisis (ECO or TDO) for years. But there are rapidly evolving situations with elements of danger that today's mental health professionals are not equipped to be the first responder.
6	Banning the Use of Chokeholds	Support a ban on chokeholds as a compliance tactic, but allowance for use in situations warranting deadly force when all other options have been exhausted.	If an officer is in a fight for his or her life and now in defense mode, a chokehold may be the only option for survival.
7	Improve response to mental illness through enhanced funding of Crisis Intervention Team training	Support and VACP offered this a priority on June 9, 2020	CIT training is optional in the Commonwealth and due to its length, 40 hours, is very difficult to send officers to and backfill while they are in training. Additional state funding for more available courses and to cover the costs of officers attending training would be extremely beneficial.

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8	Provide increased funding to agencies seeking accreditation by way of 599 or State Compensation Board funding.	VACP offered this as a priority on June 9, 2020	This may have the most return on investment in improving all facets of law enforcement professionalism in the Commonwealth.
9	Ban sex with arrestees	Support	Isn't this already illegal?
10	Restrict Union Influence on disciplinary decisions	Support and VACP offered this a priority on June 9, 2020	Collective Bargaining can be useful in salary talks, but not in the disciplinary process and may hinder a locality from properly disciplining an officer.
11	Recruiting/compensating quality LEO	Support and VACP offered this a priority on June 9, 2020	Bottom line: you get what you pay for.
12	Ending Qualified and Making Changes to Sovereign Immunity	Strongly Oppose	Immunity is not guaranteed or absolute, it must be earned. We are very concerned about the chilling affect this will have on retention of good officers and the recruitment of qualified applicants.
13	Defelonize assault of LEO	Strongly Oppose	When officers are assaulted, they are almost always performing an enforcement act such as lawful arrest. When the officer is assaulted, the goal of law and order is thwarted. Passing this would devalue our officers and would have a chilling effect on retention and recruitment of officers.
14	Require warnings before shots fired	Oppose; CIT training does help an officer try to de-escalate a situation, but life or death events do not allow time for a verbal warning. Warning SHOTS would be in violation of current law.	Lethal force shall only be used when there is an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or another. Although most agencies have policy to this effect, in the event of an ambush or other surprise attack by an assailant, there may not be time for a warning.
15	Requirement to exhaust all other uses of force before shooting	Oppose; this is a concern for the safety of officers, victims and third-party bystanders who all require protection from an assailant.	Lethal force shall only be used when there is an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the officer or another. Although most agencies have policy to this effect, in the event of an ambush or other surprise attack by an assailant, there may not be time to exhaust all other force options.

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16	Creating a Civilian Review Board with Subpoena Power	Oppose, unless a local option is offered	This should be a decision based on the locality's needs, and respect the local government's authority
17	Passing "Breonna's Law" to End No-Knock Warrants	Oppose, but would like to see the details.	No-knock search warrants are rare in the Commonwealth. We could agree on increased thresholds and restrictions, but there are instances when these dynamic entries are key to a successful resolution of an incident (i.e. rescue of a child who has been abducted, etc.)
18	Divesting from Large Law Enforcement Budgets & Investing More in Communities	Oppose, but would like to see the details	Law enforcement budgets are primarily personnel, so there would be job loss with further cuts
19	Reducing SRO Presence in Schools & Replacing them with Mental Health Professionals	Oppose as statewide mandate; this should be addressed at the local level	We understand the concern regarding the "school to prison pipeline", but we also know that the vast majority of SROs in schools do excellent work in forming community relations and were placed there as a demand of our communities to improve safety (i.e. active shooters).
20	Requiring Independent Investigation for All Police-Involved Shootings/Deaths	Opposed, but could support a local/regional option	Regional, multi-jurisdictional use of force investigation teams have been successful in other states. The VACP would be honored to present research. VSP cannot and should not do all of them.
21	Restricting the Use of Tear Gas and Militarization Tactics and Weapons Against Civilians	Oppose, but would like to see the details. Tear gas, pepper spray have long been considered non-lethal control options. What are the alternatives?	Much of the military tactics and weapons used by law enforcement today came to be as a result of better preparation to respond to school shootings. We still need that capability.
22	Cancel 599 funding for use of force violations	Oppose	
23	Prohibit searches based on odor of Marijuana	Oppose	In some cases, a search based on the odor of marijuana also leads to more dangerous drugs such as heroin. Restricting our officers in this manner would decrease safety in the Commonwealth.

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25	Prohibit stops for equipment violations	Oppose; this is in effect to protect the safety of motorists. Equipment violations can be serious contributors to injury and fatality crashes.	If a vehicle that has equipment violations (bald tires, shattered windshield, faulty lights, etc.) cannot be stopped, how else will that potentially dangerous vehicle be removed from the roadways?
26	Secondary offense for certain violations	Oppose	see above line
27	Require agencies to determine cost savings for legislation	Oppose, but would like to see more details.	
28	Establishing a Statewide Officer Database	Need more information to form a position	DCJS can do this, but need to address privacy concerns
29	Standardizing and Reforming Police Administration, Training and Accountability	Need more information to form a position	This is an area where accreditation would be of great value.
30	Defining and Restricting Excessive Use of Force; requiring a use of force continuum.	Need more information to form a position	This is an area where accreditation would be of great value; consult current research, case law first
31	Data Collection for Law Enforcement Interactions	We would like to see more details	Data collections already exist for many aspects of our work, but we are concerned with added workload on our officers and increased costs for data collection upgrades on our systems without additional funding.
32	Duty to Intervene Policy	We would like to see more details, as there are liability issues to be addressed	This is an area where accreditation would be of great value, as well as specific training
33	Encouraging De-escalation	We would like to see more details; CIT training addresses this.	Agency accreditation and officer training are the key here; there are costs involved
34	Prohibit shooting at moving vehicles	We would like to see more details, especially when assailant is shooting FROM vehicle	CALEA accreditation has a standard on this issue that requires agencies to develop policy.
35	Require comprehensive reporting (including UOF)	We would like to see more details; data fields should be restricted to those areas of calculable and critical areas of concern	Data collections already exist for many aspects of our work, but we are concerned with added workload on our officers and increased costs for data collection upgrades on our systems without additional funding.

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36	Confirm prosecutor's authority to drop charges	No Position at this time	
37	Enhance Court's ability to expunge certain charges	No Position at this time	
38	Jury sentencing only at option of accused	No Position at this time	
39	Eliminate Commonwealth's right to demand jury trial	No Position at this time	
40	Allow good behavior credit in prisons	No Position at this time	
41	Create discretion for compassionate release	No Position at this time	