



NEWSLETTER

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Farewell

It has been a great honor for me to work with the members of the Commission, the staff of MPOETC, and the Academy Directors and Police Chiefs of the Commonwealth.

MPOETC has many exciting new things coming in to view, such as a new basic training curriculum and improved certification processes. Please know the staff at MPOETC is committed to making these processes a success.

The team at MPOETC work tirelessly to make a better training and certification process for all police in Pennsylvania. I have been extremely impressed by their work, as well as the work of the Commission and their caring approach to creating the policy of MPOETC.

Please know that I have enjoyed working with the staff and Commission and I expect great things in the future for the police and lethal weapons agents of Pennsylvania.

Thank you and take care,

*Major Adam M. Kisthardt
Pennsylvania State Police (Retired)*



2018 MPOETC In-Service Training Topics

by MPOETC Training Unit

18-001 Legal Updates (Required Course)

A three-hour course to discuss significant pieces of legislation passed after July 1, 2016 that affect police operations and investigations, specifically changes and updates to the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Vehicle Code, and Rules of Criminal Procedure. The training program would also address pertinent court decisions from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth, Superior and Supreme Courts, and the United States Supreme Court and other federal courts and explains legal issues directly impacting police procedures and the case preparation process.

18-002 PJ Tactics and De-escalation Techniques (Elective Course)

A three-hour course to build on the core concepts of procedural justice and police legitimacy being taught in 2017. This course will teach officers specific tactics and de-escalation techniques that support these concepts. As with 2017 PJ, some of the material will be drawn from two existing courses; Philadelphia's De-Escalation Techniques and Pittsburgh's Procedural Justice Tactical Legitimacy. Although optional, this course would build on the material taught to all officers in 2017 and would provide more specific guidance and recommendations to officers facing a multitude of challenging situations. The end goal, as with 2017 PJ, is to teach officers how to build respectful and effective relationships with the community while improving officer safety.

18-003 Assessing and Planning for Active Assaults (Elective Course)

A three-hour course intended to develop police officers' ability to assist various community entities wishing to prepare for, prevent, and respond to active assaults. The intent of this training is not to replace other law enforcement active assault training, but rather to bridge the gap between knowing how to respond as an officer and knowing how to assist in the development of active assault response plans in schools, businesses, etc., throughout the community. Training would prepare officers to understand and conduct assessments, articulate the various first responder roles, and assist in the development of appropriate prevention and response plans.

18-004 Officer Safety - Detecting and Avoiding Ambush Situations (Elective Course)

A three-hour course to address office safety issues related to ambushes. Appropriate tactics, techniques, and procedures would be discussed related to the full spectrum of officer interaction with the public. Specific focus would be placed on identifying and detecting indicators of planned ambushes, as well as identifying situations that lend themselves to spontaneous ambushes. Emphasis on the role of officer complacency during routine activities, as well as discussions of effective responses during ambush situations would round out the course.



MPOETC Staff Updates

Congratulations to Matthew Bender on his recent promotion within MPOETC. He has been promoted from Clerk Typist 3 to Administrative Assistant 1. Thanks for all your hard work!

DJ Jerome, MPOETC's IT guru was promoted and accepted a position within PSP/BIT, Mobile Office Group as their new Mobile Office Manager. DJ and his team will be designing, installing, and maintaining all in-car computer and video systems, as well as supporting back end systems. We wish DJ lots of luck!

Erica Moore has been a familiar voice to hundreds of persons throughout the Commonwealth within her 19 years of service, 12 of those with MPOETC. Mrs. Moore has accepted a position as an Administrative Officer with the PA Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. While she is moving upward and onward, she will be missed at MPOETC. Good luck!

Thank You and Good Luck!

Highlights of the December Commission Meeting

Colonel Tyree C. Blocker, Chairman, called the quarterly meeting of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (Commission) to order on December 8, 2016, at the Toftrees Resort and Conference Center, State College, Pennsylvania.

The Commission approved the minutes from the September 15, 2016, meeting.

Major Adam M. Kisthardt, Executive Director, presented his report. The report consisted of the certification exam was administered 11 times to approximately 323 applicants. The new Training and Certification System (TACS) went live on October 13. Mr. Isaac Suydam, Director of Training, met with Harrisburg Area Community College instructors, and he attended Temple University's Police Academy graduation. The Mandatory In-Service Instructor trainings were conducted. The Training Unit approved 39 new CLEE courses. Major Kisthardt was the guest speaker at the Allentown City Police Department's graduation. Trooper Shanelle Peters was introduced as the newest member of the MPOETC staff.

Commissioner Bart Burne, Ed.D. presented the Executive Committee Report. Each Committee Chair gave their report.

Commissioner James Adams presented the Training Committee Report. The 2018 Mandatory In-Service Training Courses were discussed and are Legal Updates (mandatory course), and the three elective courses are Procedural Justice Tactics and De-Escalation Techniques; Assessing and Planning for Active Assaults; and an officer safety course – Detecting and Avoiding Ambush Situations. A motion was made and approved by the Commission for Harrisburg Area Community College to change their tuition rate to \$5,000 for the pilot of the new academy basic training program. Another motion was made and approved by the Commission for the Pittsburgh Academy to move to their new location. The Montgomery County Community College Police Academy will be requesting approval for their new academy, in the future, since it is still in the construction phase.

Commissioner Bart Burne, Ed.D. presented the Certification Committee Report. The Committee reviewed 17 new instructor applications and 17 amendments to existing applications. A motion was made and the Commission approved all applications. A second motion was made and approved by the Commission to suspend a Malvern Police Officer for violating MPOETC rules and regulations. The third motion was made and approved by the Commission for two new

Police Academy directors – Matthew Lackner from Pittsburgh and Dennis Marsili from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Lawrence Cherba presented the Rules and Regulations Committee Report. Since the proposed regulations are still waiting to go through the process, a recommendation was made to pull back those recommendations, since internal procedures have changed and the regulations are outdated, so that they can be reviewed, redone, and resubmitted. A motion was made and the Commission approved to pull back the current proposed regulations recommendations. (Side Note: A Special Meeting was held on January 5, 2017, to reverse this decision.) There was another discussion on the draft of the proposed Bylaws being established for the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission for the internal organizational governments and management, in order to facilitate the discharge of their powers and duties.

Commissioner Richard Long presented the Professional Standards Committee Report. A motion was made and the Commission approved the school inspection reports for the following police academies: Hazleton, Johnstown, Mercyhurst, and Delaware County Community College. The approval for the Pittsburgh Police Academy is pending until they complete their corrective action.

Commissioner Mark Hall presented the Strategic Planning Committee Report. There were no action items from the Committee.

Commissioner Jacob Bierling presented the Budget Committee Report. In September and October 2016, 19 police departments requested reimbursement for Mandatory In-Service Training and/or tuition and salary for actual expenditures of \$362,986.52. The remaining balance in the 2015 fiscal year funds is \$2,619,451.26. In November 2016, four police departments requested reimbursement from the 2016 fiscal year funds for actual expenditures of \$518,616.50. The remaining funds in fiscal year 2016 is \$4,481,383.50.

Commissioner Sonia Stopperich Sulc honored Officer Scott Bashoum of the Canonsburg Police Department, who was killed in the line of duty.

The next Commission meeting will be held on March 15 and 16, 2017, at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg Hershey, Grantville, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was adjourned.

The office of the Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission will be closed on the following date for the purpose of transacting public business:

Memorial Day: May 29, 2017



Regular office hours are from 8:15 A.M. to 4:15 P.M.
Monday through Friday

Information Regarding the March Commission Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission is on March 15 and 16, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg Hershey, 604 Station Road, Grantville, Pennsylvania 17028. Phone: 717-469-0661.

The Committee meetings begin on Wednesday, March 15th, at 12:30 p.m.

The School Directors meeting will begin on Thursday, March 16th, at 8:00 a.m.

The Executive Committee meeting will begin on Thursday, March 16th, at 10:00 a.m., followed by the full Commission meeting.

The Commission encourages attendance by police chiefs, law enforcement officers, police academy directors, instructors and other interested parties. If you have further questions concerning the meetings, please feel free to contact the Executive Director.

The Executive Committee will hear reports from all committees. In addition, the Executive Committee will also open their meeting to comments from the audience. If you would like to make a presentation to any committee, please contact the Executive Director in order to be placed on the agenda for the appropriate committee. This is your opportunity to have your concern or suggestion heard by the Commission.



Questions, comments and information for inclusion in the *Newsletter* are always welcome. This is your opportunity to submit your concerns or suggestions to the Commission. To do so, please contact the Interim Executive Director, Major Troy S. Lokhaiser or the Editor, Mr. Craig L. Hevalow, by calling toll-free at (800) 342-0858. The Commission can be contacted using the email addresses on page 5. You may also write to:

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Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission

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The Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission was established in 1974 to set hiring and training standards for police departments in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through strict certification procedures and standardized basic and continuing professional in-service training for police officers. The Commission needs the support of the entire law enforcement community, state and local government officials, and the general public to be successful. Please circulate this Newsletter throughout your agency and to the government officials in your municipality. The quarterly Newsletter is also available on the MPOETC website at www.psp.pa.gov/MPOETC, under Newsletters.

New Agency Executives

Chief Richard Bell	Frackville Borough PD Schuylkill County
Chief Bryan Dronick	New Castle Township PD Schuylkill County
Chief Michael Ford	Oakmont Borough PD Allegheny County
Chief Michael Gallagher	Buckingham Township PD Bucks County
Chief Andrew Genneken	Silver Lake Township PD Susquehanna County
Chief Taro Landis	Carlisle Borough PD Cumberland County
Chief John Livingood	Abington Township PD Montgomery County
Chief Michael Marks	Whitehall Township PD Lehigh County
Chief Sean McGinley	Mahoning Township PD Montour County
Chief Timothy Miller	Sunbury City PD Northumberland County
Chief William Peck, IV	Clarion Borough PD Clarion County
Chief Scott Schubert	Pittsburgh City PD Allegheny County
Chief James Vogel	Cumberland Township PD Greene County
Chief Beau Yarmush	Hegins Township PD Schuylkill County

Congratulations!

Areas of Responsibility and Contact Information for Commission Staff

The following resource accounts are provided to allow your questions and concerns to reach the Executive Director, Staff Member, or Members of the Commission.

ADMINISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION

Act 120 Applications and Certification, Act 120 Instructor Application and Certification

Email: mpocertification@pa.gov
 Telephone: (717) 346-4086
 Fax: (717) 346-7781 or (717) 346-7782

TRAINING

Basic Training Curriculum, Mandatory In-Service Training, Instructor Training, Retired Law Enforcement Identification Act

Email: mpotraining@pa.gov
 Telephone: (717) 346-4086
 Fax: (717) 346-7781 or (717) 346-7782

GRANT REIMBURSEMENT

Continuing Law Enforcement Education Reimbursement (Mandatory In-Service Training), Basic Training Tuition and Salary

Email: RA-SPMPOFSS@pa.gov
 Telephone: (717) 346-4086
 Fax: (717) 346-7781 or (717) 346-7782

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND INSPECTIONS

Regulatory Compliance, School Inspections

Email: mpostandards@pa.gov
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