



NEWSLETTER

Commission Membership

Tyree C. Blocker – Chairman
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Pennsylvania State Police
Dauphin County

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Cumberland County

Jacob A. Bierling, Jr.
First Class Township Official
Delaware County

Bart E. Burne, Ed.D.
Law Enforcement Educator
Luzerne County

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Noncommissioned Police Officer
Delaware County

Christopher J. Delozier
Noncommissioned Police Officer
Dauphin County

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Director Certified School
Dauphin County

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Senate of Pennsylvania
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Dauphin County

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Washington County

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Philadelphia County

Vacancy
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Borough Police Chief

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Other Police Chief

Vacancy
City Official

Vacancy
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MPOETC's New Executive Director

Greetings. March 16, 2017, was both an exciting and memorable day for me as I was elected and confirmed by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) as the new Executive Director. As the seventh elected Executive Director, I follow in the path of an exemplary list of past Directors who have served the Commission with professionalism and respect. I am truly honored and humbled to hold the position, and I am extremely appreciative of the opportunity to work with the Commission.

I have been very fortunate in my career with the Pennsylvania State Police to have held positions which have afforded me the opportunity to meet and work with many and various law enforcement officers and departments across Pennsylvania. I have no hesitation in saying that our Commonwealth has some of the finest law enforcement personnel anywhere in the world. This speaks not only to the character and professionalism of the officers, but also to the foundation of training and continual education provided both initially and throughout their career.

I am excited and optimistic that many of the new initiatives MPOETC has approved and put into motion will significantly enhance the training and expertise of officers in the ever-changing field of law enforcement. In the very near future, certified Act 120 schools will begin teaching an updated and increased basic training curriculum; new certification testing with informational feedback will be implemented; approval of additional Continuing Law Enforcement Education (CLEE) courses; and operational enhancements to the recently implemented Training and Certification System (TACS) will all take place to better prepare officers and assist Departments with future training and certification needs.

The communication and cooperative efforts that are already in place and occurring between Police Chiefs, Academy Directors, Officers, Instructors, and MPOETC staff are outstanding. In my short time as Director, I have had the opportunity to meet with the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, the Western Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, attend multiple county police chief meetings, and visit a few of the certified Act 120 Academies. These have all been positive and productive meetings, which increasingly foster open dialog and stronger working relationships. I can assure you that my staff and I are intent and committed to hearing your ideas and concerns, and we look forward to working with you to provide essential and professional training to law enforcement across the Commonwealth.

Our combined efforts will undoubtedly afford officers enhanced and professional training opportunities, which ultimately provides improved protection and safety to the many Pennsylvania residents and visitors we serve.

I look forward to our work together,

Sincerely,

Major Troy S. Lokhaiser

MPOETC Staff Updates

WELCOME ABOARD!

Lt. George Peach, PSP MPOETC Assistant Director joins our team with an extensive background in the field of education, and law enforcement. He was a Social Studies teacher for five years prior to his career with PSP. He also was an instructor at the State Police Academy in Hershey and was the Criminal Law Section supervisor at the Academy prior to his assignment to MPOETC. Lt. Peach has also served in other roles in the State Police including a Patrol Supervisor, Special Projects Coordinator, Incident Command Instructor, and Aviation Section Supervisor.

Jeanne Crawmer joined the MPOETC training team as a Police Training Education Specialist in May. She has a background in law enforcement and training. Jeanne retired as a Sergeant from West Manchester Twp. PD in York County after 33 years of service. She was the Training Officer for her Department, has been involved with field training since 1991, and has been co-instructing FTO classes for the past ten years. In 2004, she became a MPOETC instructor, teaching Mandatory In-Service Training and at HACC's Police Academy. Jeanne originally hails from Sayre, PA. She graduated in 1981 from York College with a BS degree in Police Science and later obtained a Master's Degree from Villanova in Criminal Justice Administration. She is well-known for her baked goods. She now spends a lot of time mowing her grass, reminiscing about hockey games at the Giant Center (the season is over), and watching the stare down between her five goats and her Belgian Malinois in the evenings.

Laura Lenhart joined the MPOETC team in the Lethal Weapons Certification Unit in April. Prior to coming to MPOETC, she worked in the PSP, Bureau of Forensic Services and the Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations. She enjoys the outdoors, sports, trying new restaurants, and baking.

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

Independence Day: July 4, 2017
Labor Day: September 4, 2017



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

Highlights of the March Commission Meeting

Colonel Tyree C. Blocker, Chairman, called the quarterly meeting of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (Commission) to order on March 16, 2017, at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg Hershey, Grantville, Pennsylvania.

Colonel Blocker introduced the newest Commission member, William J. Kelly, Special Agent in Charge of the Criminal Law Division for the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office.

The Commission approved the minutes from the December 8, 2016, meeting.

The next order of business was the process of nominating and voting on a new Executive Director for the Commission. A roll call vote of each Commission member was taken and votes were tabulated by Commission Legal Counsel, Linda Randby. Major Troy S. Lokhaiser received the majority vote and was elected as the new Executive Director. Major Lokhaiser thanked the Commission for bestowing this honored position upon him, and he looks forward to work and further the goals of the Commission.

Major Troy S. Lokhaiser, Executive Director, presented his report. The report consisted of the certification exam was administered seven times to approximately 484 applicants. Major Lokhaiser attended Chief of Police meetings in Cumberland and Dauphin Counties. He also attended a meeting with Mr. Tom Gross, the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association. Lt. George E. Peach, Assistant Director of the Commission, and new to Commission staff, attended an Instructor Development Course for Adult Learning, presented by Elizabethtown College, at the Pennsylvania State Police Academy. He also served as a State Police Cadet Oral Board Rater and Facilitator in Harrisburg. Mr. Isaac Suydam, Training Director, met with Act 120 school directors regarding the new Basic Curriculum, and the Training and Certification System (TACS). Mr. Craig Hevalow, Police Training Education Specialist, attended the Bulletproof Mind seminar at Lebanon Valley College. He also attended the Philadelphia Police Department's and Temple University's graduation ceremonies. The Training Unit has been monitoring the Act 120 Basic Curriculum Pilot Program at Harrisburg Area Community College. They are also in the process of revising the Act 120 Certification Exam. A decertification hearing was held regarding a municipal police officer. The decision regarding that hearing is still pending the findings of the Hearing Officer. Major Lokhaiser assembled a Special Committee to hear two matters; one involving an officer certification issue, and the other involving an Academy issue.

Commissioner James Adams presented the Executive Committee Report. Each Committee Chair gave their report.

Commissioner James Adams presented the Training Committee Report. There were two action items that needed approval by the Commission. The action items were requests for two Act 120 police academies to move their academy from one location to another—Indiana University of Pennsylvania from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh to Robert Morris University in Moon Township; and Montgomery County Community College from the Montgomery County Public Safety Center in Conshohocken to the Montgomery County Community College Blue Bell Campus. These moves are contingent on the locations passing all the Commission staff inspection and regulatory reviews, pursuant to Title 37, PA Code Paragraph 203.33; subsection (d). There was a concern regarding the Montgomery County Community College move; however, some Commission members and staff reviewed the physical

location, and all the necessary facility items were satisfied. A motion was made and approved by the Commission on these action items.

Commissioner Bart Burne, Ed.D. presented the Certification Committee Report. The Committee reviewed 212 basic applications, 116 waivers, and 20 new instructors. The Commission approved all applications and waivers. Commissioner Christopher Delozier stated that at the December 2016 Commission Meeting, the Commission did not vote on the 37 basic applications and 68 waiver applications. A motion was made and the Commission approved all applications and waivers. In addition, Commissioner Delozier made a motion, based on the recommendation of Commission staff, that one police officer's certification be revoked and another police officer be decertified. The Commission voted to revoke and decertify the police officers.

Commissioner Bart Burne turned the presentation of the Rules and Regulations Committee Report to Commission Counsel Linda Randby with an update on the regulations. According to General Counsel, the regulations are nearing completion and we should be receiving input and feedback in the near future. The Budget Office completed their review and fiscal analysis. The Policy Office is in the process of reviewing the whole packet. Once all the reviews are complete, the regulations will then be submitted through the Independent Regulatory Review Commission process. Attorney Randby reported that the Bylaws are still under review and are not ready for presentation to the full Commission.

Commissioner Richard Long presented the Professional Standards Committee Report. The Allentown Police Academy passed their inspection performed by Commission staff.

Commissioner Jacob Bierling presented the Strategic Planning Committee Report. A discussion was held regarding a draft the committee had on strategic planning.

Commissioner Jacob Bierling presented the Budget Committee Report. As of December 1, 2016, the balance of the Grant monies was \$4,481,383.50. Nine police departments/municipalities requested Grant reimbursement for a total amount of \$815,929.58. Therefore, the remaining balance as of February 28, 2017, is \$3,665,453.92.

Ms. Joanna Reynolds, former Counsel for the Commission and currently Chief Counsel for the Pennsylvania State Police, stated that she is concerned about the length of time the regulations have been pending. She has made it a personal goal of hers to get the regulations passed. She has appointed a Regulatory Counsel, from the State Police, to ensure that the regulations get through the system and to answer any questions that may arise.

Colonel Blocker wished to reemphasize how important the work of the Commission is. The Commission is tasked with ensuring that police officers in Pennsylvania have the necessary training resources to be successful as police officers. It is critical that training is paramount, and that the people of Pennsylvania understand how significant training is to providing quality, professional 21st Century Policing services to the citizens and visitors to the Commonwealth.

The next Commission meeting will be held on June 14 and 15, 2017, at the Ramada Greensburg Hotel and Conference Center, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was adjourned.

Information Regarding the June Commission Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission is on June 14 and 15, 2017 at the Ramada Greensburg Hotel and Conference Center, 100 Ramada Inn Drive, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601. Phone: 724-836-6060.

The Committee meetings begin on Wednesday, June 14th, at 12:30 p.m.

The Executive Committee meeting will begin on Wednesday, June 14th, at 3:00 p.m.

The School Directors meeting will begin on Thursday, June 15th, at 8:00 a.m.

The full Commission meeting will begin on Thursday, June 15th at 10:00 a.m.

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 Executive Director, Major Troy S. Lokhaiser or the Editor, Mr. Craig L. Hevalow, by calling toll-free at 1-800-342-0858. The Commission can be contacted using the email addresses on page 5. You may also write to:

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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 Ralph W. "Lee" Benson III	Upper Dublin Township PD Montgomery County
Chief Brian P. Bognatz	Carbondale City PD Lackawanna County
Chief Robert A. Coulton	Bristol Township PD Bucks County
Chief John J. Frye	Cheltenham Township PD Montgomery County
Chief Philip R. Holbrook	Fairview Township PD Luzerne County
Chief Brian Horner	Northern Berks Regional PD Berks County
Chief Stephen Margeson	Dickson City PD Lackawanna County
Chief Kevin Pierce	South Coatesville Borough PD Chester County
Chief Thomas Rudzinski	Manheim Township PD Lancaster County
Chief Thomas Sjostrom	Phoenixville Borough PD Chester County
Chief Michael Tautin	Meadville City PD Crawford 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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