

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If you have additional questions that aren't answered in this document, please contact: Jeanne Crawmer at jcrawmer@pa.gov

CHIEFS

What MIST courses are mandatory/required for 2023?

23-201 - Legal Updates and 23-301 – Tactical Communications are required for 2023 MIST training. This will account for six (6) hours of training per officer. The officer can either complete the other two MPOETC-developed courses (23-401 - Criminal Investigations and 23-501 - Officer Wellness) available to account for the other required six (6) hours or take six (6) hours of CLEE courses.

Will CLEE be available again?

Yes. CLEE will be open again. Departments can check online to see what courses are available through CLEE at [Continuing Law Enforcement Education \(CLEE\)](#). Please keep in mind, CLEE courses will count toward required training hours ONLY in the year they are taken. They may not be taken to make up missed hours for previous years and cannot be taken and saved for future training year requirements. Also, CLEE courses can ONLY be taken once and not repeated year after year.

Will the Use of Force/Control Tactics course satisfy hours for Mandatory In-Service Training?

No. For 2023, the new Use of Force and Control Tactics training is required and will be completed by Departments, similar to the way Firearms Qualifications and First Aid/CPR training are completed. For 2023, the Use of Force and Control Tactics training will be tracked by departments as a CLEE course; however, it does not post any “training hours” in TACS. Eventually, Use of Force and Control Tactics will have its own place in TACS for you to enter information just like Firearms and First Aid/CPR.

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How long is Use of Force & Control Tactics training supposed to be?

We did not set a specific time frame for Use of Force and Control Tactics training to allow Departments to integrate this training with similar types of training that they are already conducting. You are welcomed and encouraged to incorporate Use of Force and Control Tactics with other required training as long as the course requirements (also posted on this page) are met.

Will the Use of Force (classroom) portion of this requirement be available online?

No. Use of Force is a course best completed by the Department so that you can incorporate your own policies and procedures into the training. The 2022 MIST Use of Force course can't be completed twice. While you may still see the course available on PAVTN, it is made available for officers that were unable to complete their courses in 2022. Since it was a mandatory course in 2022, everyone should have taken it and will not be able to get credit for it in 2023 or beyond.

Who can teach the department required Use of Force and Control Tactics training?

- Temporary MIST Instructors (for the 2022 Control Tactics course) have already met requirements and will be grandfathered in
- Academy Application of Force Instructors
- Law Enforcement Officer, certified as a Defensive Tactics Instructor, that registers with MPOETC (see form on this webpage)

Officers can charge a fee for this class if training outside their own Department.

Will Academies be offering the Use of Force and Control Tactics training?

Some Academies have expressed the desire to provide this training as a way to assist agencies that can't afford or aren't prepared to register an instructor of their own. If you have an interest in obtaining training from an Academy near you, please reach out to that specific Academy. Academies can charge a fee for this class.

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Is there anything extra I would have to do in my own Department if I used the services of an Academy or outside Law Enforcement Control Tactics Instructor?

If you do have your officers attend training at a Police Academy or through an outside Law Enforcement Control Tactics Instructor, please make sure you augment that training with some type of roll call training to review your own Use of Force and Arrest policies and procedures.

How can I get an officer trained to teach the Use of Force and Control Tactics training?

Any officer that wishes to teach this segment of Department training can do so by applying to MPOETC.

- Satisfactorily complete a MPOETC approved Defensive Tactics Instructor's class (list found on this webpage)
- Complete MPOETC registration form (found on this webpage)
- Scan and email registration form with current DT Instructor's certificate to ra-mpotraining@pa.gov
- Once approved, the officer will be able to teach the Use of Force and Control Tactics training

How can officers in my Department obtain this training?

Choose one of the three options:

- Use an in-house "Department Control Tactics Instructor"
- Ask a "Law Enforcement Control Tactics Instructor" from another Department or an Academy "Application of Force Instructor" if they would be interested in training your officers.
 - List of available Law Enforcement Control Tactics Instructors is available on this webpage
- Ask a Police Academy near you if they will be or would be open to providing this training.

Will there be a cost?

Police Academies and Law Enforcement Control Tactics Instructors are allowed to charge a fee for their services. This fee is not set or monitored by MPOETC.

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INSTRUCTORS

Do I have to use the Use of Force and Control Tactics PowerPoint provided by MPOETC?

No. However, you MUST satisfy the areas specified in the “Use of Force Requirements” and the “Control Tactics Requirements” documents.

If I was a Temporary MIST Instructor for the Control Tactics course in 2022, am I still required to report/send information to the Academy that originally sponsored me?

No. You are no longer associated with the Academy that sponsored you. You now represent the Police Department that you work for. Any training that you provide to other Departments should be with the approval of your Chief.

How do I get acknowledged for completing the Use of Force and Control Tactics Training for my Department?

Enter yourself on a roster as a student as well as the instructor. Advise the Chief/Admin person to also enter your name into TACS by selecting CLEE (CLE01714: 2023 Use of Force and Control Tactics) so it is documented in your TACS record that you completed the training.

Does there need to be a training site/facility approved by MPOETC to hold this training?

Use of Force and Control Tactics training will be performed under the guidance of a law enforcement agency and therefore the facility provided to do the training should be approved by the agency. The following guidance is offered to the instructors on this issue:

- The training area/facility used should be hazard free. (No broken glass, slippery surfaces, objects to run into or trip over, etc.)
- Place a mat or barrier down on the ground when practicing prone techniques.

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Does the Use of Force portion of the training require a written test be given?

No. You certainly may develop a written test if you wish to. MPOETC is not going to provide any type of written test.

NON-120 AGENCIES

Do Non-120 Agencies also have to participate in this new training program.

In 2022, Use of Force and Control Tactics were two separate courses given as a part of MIST and were mandatory for those that are required to take Act 180 training. Effective this year, Use of Force and Control Tactics training was passed by the Commission as additional training that will be completed by individual agencies, similar to Firearms Qualification and CPR/First Aid. If you are required to follow the guidelines of what the Commission requires of Act 120 agencies, then your agency may also be required to complete this training.

How can we document the Use of Force and Control Tactics training in TACS?

Unfortunately, right now, unless you were previously an Act 120 officer, you cannot. Please document this training the same way that you would document your Firearms & First Aid/CPR for your agency.

STUDENT OFFICERS

Does the Use of Force and Control Tactics training count toward my mandatory in-service training hours?

No. Department Use of Force & Control Tactics training is additional training to be completed similar to your Firearms and First Aid/CPR training. It should be completed by your Department. Although, Use of Force and Control Tactics is tracked through CLEE in 2023, it does not carry any hours in TACS and will not count as CLEE hours toward your Act 180 Mandatory In-Service Training.