

# Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission

## 2015 Mandatory In-Service Training Program

Submitted by MPOETC Training Committee and  
Training and Curriculum Development Section

### Course Descriptions:

#### Required and Legal Track

3-hour Required Course

##### **15-201 Legal Update**

This is a three-hour Mandatory In-Service Training (MIST) course. The block of training is a staple in the MPOETC MIST Program and will cover important legal issues affecting and that are important to municipal police officers throughout the Commonwealth.

This training program will cover topics such as:

- Changes and updates to the Crimes Code;
- Changes and updates to the Vehicle Code;
- Changes and updates to the Rules of Criminal Procedure, and,
- Changes to other statutes related to law enforcement.

This course will also examine, review and explain significant court cases that are relevant to police officers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The overall goal of the curriculum will be to demonstrate how these cases have a direct impact on how police officers perform their duties. Other goals of this course are to improve officer safety, increase convictions, and reduce civil liability.

This module will also address any other unique legal issues that might develop.

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#### Patrol and Officer Safety Track

3-hour Required Course

##### **15-202 Civil Issues**

Three-hour course

Summary of Content: Topics including, but not limited to, Landlord Tenant Issues, Custody Disputes, Open Carry, Identity Theft, Contractor Fraud and Megan's Law. This course will address the specifics of the Landlord Tenant Act and how this law is applied to disputes. This course also proposes steps police officers could take in resolving disputes between tenants and their landlords. Moreover, this course addresses common custody disputes and suggests possible courses of action for police officers to take.

Teaching Methods: The instructors will use lecture and guided discussions to address common disputes along with suggested courses of action. Classroom exercises will be used to provide guidance in resolving these disputes and types of civil issues. Video scenarios addressing common disputes and suggested courses of action are also used to supplement lecture and discussion material.

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## Criminal Investigation Track

### 3-hour Required Course

#### **15-423 Human Trafficking**

Three-hour course

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery, widespread throughout the United States. Trafficking of humans is a large criminal industry in the world. Many victims of trafficking are made to engage in prostitution, pornography, or exotic dancing. Trafficking also occurs in forms of labor exploitation, such as domestic servitude, or restaurant work, sweatshop factory work or migrant agricultural work.

Victims of trafficking may look like many of the people coming for assistance every day. Victims are young children, teenagers, men and women. This course will assist officers to identify potential victims and also look at such tactics as force, fraud, and coercion which are used to press victims into lives of servitude and abuse. The course will also look at support techniques provided for the victims.