2019 MIST

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

19-001 Legal Updates (required course – 3 hours)

This three-hour course discusses significant pieces of legislation passed after July 1, 2017 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 also addresses pertinent court decisions from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth, Superior and Supreme Courts, and the United States Supreme Court and explains legal issues directly impacting police procedures and the case preparation process.

19-002 Unknown Risk Vehicle Stops (elective course – 3 hours)

This three-hour elective course reviews the skills required to perform a traffic stop with a focus on officer safety. Officers review the practical application of basic concepts related to affecting an unknown risk vehicle stop. Methods of approaching the violator vehicle are reviewed in terms of best practices, keeping in mind officer safety features. How to read pre-attack clues and effective communication with people while maintaining a position of safety is discussed. Officers also review standard skills to be used in a sudden physical attack. Officer safety and well-being are an overriding theme.

19-003 Advanced Interviewing Techniques (elective course – 3 hours)

This three-hour course discusses how to sharpen the patrol officer's interviewing skills by recognizing when and how to apply advanced interviewing techniques when initially interacting with victims, witnesses, and suspects. Furthermore, this training focuses on the patrol officer who takes interviewing seriously by practicing good communication skills, along with acknowledging and embodying the characteristics that produce an effective interviewer.

19-004 Criminal Technology and Electronic Evidence (Elective)

This three-hour elective course discusses how technology has changed over the past decade with a focus on what types of technology are most frequently used in criminal enterprise and how to investigate accordingly. Instruction includes what electronic evidence and/or investigative information is available, how to collect it, and how to get it processed.