

NEWSLETTER



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Holiday Message

The men and women of the Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Commission wish you a bright, safe, and meaningful holiday season this year.

Looking back, many new officers were trained and certified by our excellent police academies and they have joined the ranks of a noble profession. A new way of certifying officers and agents went on line this year when the new Training And Certification System (TACS) became operational. New training courses were created and the basic training curriculum has been revamped with a pilot planned early in the new year. None of these could have been accomplished without the hard work, dedication, pride, and support of the Commonwealth's police departments, academies, individual officers, and the many varied people who make up the Commission.

So, please take time to reflect upon your achievements of the past year while thinking of what we will accomplish next. But most of all, take time to be with your family and to celebrate the various winter holidays. We all have much to be thankful for this year.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from your friends at MPOETC.

Major Adam M. Kisthardt
Executive Director



Revised Continuing Law Enforcement Education (CLEE) Process

In 2015, MPOETC began reviewing and approving elective training courses for Continuing Law Enforcement Education (CLEE) credit. These CLEE courses were intended to create options for officers to develop themselves and the CLEE credit counted toward the annual training hours required for recertification. To be approved, courses had to have clear training topics and an instructor resume indicating proficiency. Over 500 courses, ranging from 40-hour classes presented by nationally recognized training vendors to department-level policy reviews, were approved during the 2015-2016 certification cycle.

For two years MPOETC evaluated the type, quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the various training courses that were approved. Based on this, two significant changes will be made in the 2017-2018 certification cycle. **Beginning January 1, 2017, courses submitted directly by a police department and courses addressing department-level policies, annual refreshers, and requalification will no longer be approved for CLEE credit.**

The CLEE program was not intended to award training credit to departments for addressing local policy

changes, refresher, or recertification. **To be awarded CLEE credit, 2017-2018 courses must be submitted by either commercial training vendors or municipal police training academies and should provide new information or skills to the student.** Departments with unique training needs or suggestions are encouraged to collaborate with their local police academy to develop training that can be accessed by multiple departments. Nothing in the CLEE program limits or precludes any department from providing additional (Non-CLEE credit) training to its officers.

In addition to developing any mandatory courses each year, MPOETC will continue to develop sufficient elective courses to allow officers to complete their required 12 hours. Also, officers are reminded that all courses provided by the Pennsylvania State Police Academy and the Institute for Law Enforcement Education are CLEE-approved and free of charge to municipal police officers.

If you have questions or need further clarification, contact Isaac Suydam, MPOETC Training Director at isuydam@pa.gov.

2017 MPOETC In-Service and Continuing Education Courses

MPOETC has begun conducting instructor training workshops for police trainers who will be teaching the following Commission-approved 2017 In-Service courses:

17-001 Legal Update (Mandatory Course)

This three-hour course discusses significant pieces of legislation passed after July 1, 2015 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 other federal courts and explains legal issues directly impacting police procedures and the case preparation process.

17-002 Procedural Justice and Police Legitimacy (Mandatory Course)

This three-hour course defines and explains the core concepts of procedural justice and police legitimacy and teaches officers how to build respectful relationships with members of the community while improving officer safety and their professional work environment. The training will discuss the research behind procedural justice, the benefits of incorporating procedural justice strategies, and techniques associated with implementing procedural justice tactics to improve community/police relationships.

17-003 Handling Drug Overdoses (Elective Course)

This three-hour course addresses initial contact procedures for suspected or known opioid overdoses, individual physical assessment, evidence recognition and preservation, interviews, substance identification, and officer safety issues. The training program also includes information on the administration of Naloxone and meets the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Department of Drug and Alcohol Program's training standards required for officers to carry and administer Naloxone.

17-004 Intelligence Assisted Policing (Elective Course)

This three-hour course examines the services provided by intelligence centers and the ways in which these services can assist police officers. The training program will help officers recognize the indicators of criminal and terrorist activity, understand the National Suspicious Activity Reporting Initiative, and develop their ability to appropriately recognize, report, and respond to threats within their community.



Pictured left to right, Commander Cristyn Zett (Pittsburgh PD) and Lieutenant Karyn Baldini (Philadelphia PD) reviewing the Procedural Justice training content.

Picture by Leah Napoli, MPOETC

Highlights of the September Commission Meeting

In the absence of Colonel Tyree C. Blocker, Chairman, Dr. Bart Burne, Ed.D. called the quarterly meeting of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (Commission) to order on September 15, 2016, at the Radisson Hotel Valley Forge, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

The Commission approved the minutes from the June 9, 2016, meeting.

Lt. Frank Wolbert, Acting Executive Director, presented his report. The report consisted of the certification exam administered, and staff continues to work on the basic police academy curriculum and held course development committee meetings for the 2017 Mandatory In-Service Training Courses. The Training Unit approved 24 Continuing Law Enforcement Education Courses. The new Training And Certification System (TACS) is in the testing phase. A survey was sent to school directors, chiefs of police, and administrative personnel in order to gather data for the new system. Major Adam Kisthardt asked the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) to allow MPOETC to give four presentations explaining TACS and the benefits. Major Kisthardt gave the first presentation on September 1 in Carlisle, Lt. Wolbert gave the second presentation in Cranberry on September 22, and the other two presentations were October 4 and 12 in King of Prussia and Wilkes-Barre respectively. Mr. Isaac Suydam, Director of Training, visited numerous police academies. One hundred-fifty municipal police officers were trained on the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training Truck and Bus Enforcement Course.

Commissioner Lawrence Cherba presented the Executive Committee Report. Each Committee Chair gave their report.

Commissioner James Adams presented the Training Committee Report. There were no action items from the Committee. The basic academy curriculum pilot will start in January 2017 at HACC. A pilot was held for the 2017 Mandatory In-Service Training courses at HACC on September 26 and 27. The train-the-trainer sessions will be held in October, November, and December for the 2017 Mandatory In-Service Training courses.

Commissioner Bart Burne, Ed.D. presented the Certification Committee Report. The Committee reviewed 214 full waiver applications, 25 new instructor applications, and 4 amendments to existing applications. A motion was made and the Commission approved all applications, except two full waiver applications that were returned for further review.

Commissioner Lawrence Cherba presented the Rules and Regulations Committee Report. The Committee is still waiting for the rules and regulations to be reviewed by the General Counsel and other regulatory members under the Governor's jurisdiction.

Commissioner Richard Long presented the Professional Standards Committee Report. There were no action items from the Committee.

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. From June 1 to August 31, 43 police departments requested reimbursement for Mandatory In-Service Training and/or tuition and salary. The expenditures for the 43 police departments are \$1,987,761.71.

The next Commission meeting will be held on December 7 and 8, 2016, at the Toftrees Resort & Conference Center, State College, 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:



Christmas Day (Observed): December 26, 2016
New Year's Day (Observed): January 2, 2017
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: January 16, 2017
President's Day: February 20, 2017

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

Information Regarding the December Commission Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission is on December 7 and 8, 2016 at the Toftrees Resort & Conference Center, One Country Club Lane, State College, Pennsylvania 16803. Phone: 814-234-8000.

The Committee meetings begin on Wednesday, December 7th, at 12:30 p.m.

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

The Executive Committee meeting will begin on Thursday, December 8th, 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.

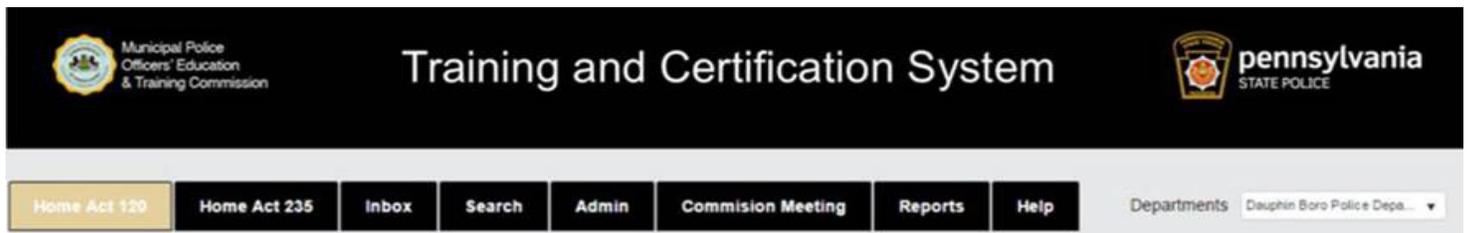


Questions, comments and information for inclusion in the *Newsletter* are always welcome. This is your opportunity to submit your concerns or suggestions to the Commission. To do so, please contact the Executive Director, Major Adam M. Kisthardt or the Editor, Mr. Craig L. Hevalow, by calling toll-free at (800) 342-0858. The Commission can be contacted using the email addresses on page 6. 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.

TACS Update



In October 2016, MPOETC launched a new system called TACS (Training And Certification System) to replace the TRS system used to track certified police officers.

The new system requires online communication between municipal police departments, police academies, and MPOETC related to all aspects of training and certification of municipal police officers. It is important that all departments register and obtain access immediately as the old TRS system has been deactivated and departments will be unable to conduct officer training and certification actions without TACS access.

Departments who encounter problems or have process questions should refer first to the **Training Material for TACS** at: <http://www.psp.pa.gov/MPOETC/Pages/TACS.aspx> and if unable to resolve the issue there, email the **TACS Support Staff** at: ra-spmo_it_support@pa.gov for assistance.

MPOETC Staff News

Trooper Shanelle Peters has joined the team at MPOETC. Trooper Peters will serve in the Professional Standards Unit. Trooper Peters brings with her a great deal of law enforcement training experience. She is trained on performance nutrition, physical conditioning for law enforcement, defensive tactics, and is a certified MPOETC and State Police instructor. Trooper Peters has served as a patrol Trooper, a gaming enforcement investigator, and most recently an instructor at the State Police Academy. Trooper Peter's outgoing personality, great experience, and training bring a new dynamic to MPOETC. She replaces Trooper Paul Anderson who retired this past summer after 25 years of service. Please welcome Shanelle and take a few minutes to chat with her as she comes out to various trainings.

MPOETC said farewell and good luck to Shy Lawing, Police Training Education Specialist, this past October. Shy is pursuing a career in consulting/education.

Tech Tips

What kind of tech tips would you like to see?

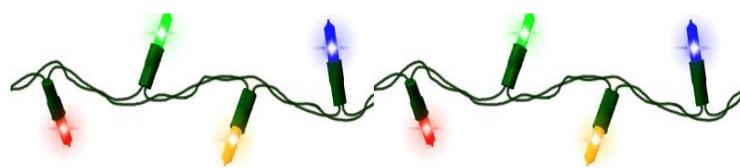
You can submit your tech tip ideas to the MPOETC IT Department via the MPOETC web page using the MPOETC Support Staff link, or at the following email address: ra-spmo_it_support@pa.gov.



New Agency Executives

- Chief Dorian C. Adamik** Cambridge Springs Borough PD
Crawford County
- Chief Felix E. Carr, Jr.** Laureldale Borough PD
Berks County
- Chief Gary E. Carver** North Middleton Township PD
Cumberland County
- Chief Matt O. Conrad** Punxsutawny Borough PD
Jefferson County
- Chief Keith Krapf** Coaldale Borough PD
Schuylkill County
- Chief Jeffrey Lusk** Lewistown Borough PD
Mifflin County
- Chief Keith A. McCarthy** Midland Borough PD
Beaver County
- Chief Curtis A. McCoy** Conewago Township PD
Adams County
- Chief Charles R. Palmer** Emmaus Borough PD
Lehigh County
- Chief Scott Schubert** Pittsburgh City PD
Allegheny County
- Chief Thomas J. Stelitano** Sharpsburg Borough PD
Allegheny County
- Chief John M. Ward** Stroud Area Regional PD
Monroe County
- Chief Donald J. Wyar** South Fork Borough PD
Cambria 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
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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND INSPECTIONS

Regulatory Compliance, School Inspections

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