



# NEWSLETTER

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Director Certified School  
Dauphin County

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Dept. of Community & Economic Dev.  
Dauphin County

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**Vacancy**  
Borough Police Chief

**Vacancy**  
FBI, Special Agent-In-Charge

## New MPOETC Computer System - TACS by Wendy Mason, Certification Unit Director

Great news! For over a year MPOETC has been developing a new computer system called TACS (Training and Certification System) to replace the outdated TRS system currently used to track certified police officers. The new system will allow online communication between municipal police departments, police academies, and MPOETC.



Once the new system is operational, there will be no more paper submission to MPOETC for applications related to municipal police officer training and certification. All of these functions will be handled in near real-time through the automated system.

Certified academies will process basic training enrollments and instructor applications electronically. Departments will have online access to submit waiver of training requests, make modifications to officer's employment status, access officer training records, and request reimbursement for eligible expenses. Officer and certified instructor recertification will be conducted online. Eligible individuals will submit applications to take the state certification exam in this same system.

In preparation for launching TACS, an email was sent to all the chiefs in the Commonwealth with a short questionnaire to capture chief's name, email address, county, and department name. The purpose of the survey (called "survey monkey") was to pre-register users in the new TACS system. For those of you who did not yet register because you either didn't receive or were unable to respond to the survey, please visit the Certification page and complete the TACS Request form on the MPOETC website <http://www.psp.pa.gov/MPOETC/certification/Pages/Certification.aspx>.

It is important that all departments register and obtain access immediately as the new system is scheduled to go live in October 2016.

Once TACS is operational, the old TRS system will be deactivated and departments that are unable to access TACS will be unable to conduct officer training and certification actions.

Additionally, all future updates and correspondence will be conducted in TACS and will be using the contact information contained in the new system. Departments will no longer receive external email communication, making registration critical for departments that wish to maintain their certification under Act 120 of 1974.

# Highlights of the June Commission Meeting

Colonel Tyree C. Blocker, Chairman, called the quarterly meeting of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (Commission) to order on June 9, 2016, at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Lt. Frank Wolbert, Assistant Director, presented a Letter of Appreciation to Trooper First Class Paul K. Anderson, who retired on June 17, 2016.

The Commission approved the minutes from the March 17, 2016, meeting.

Lt. Wolbert, Acting Executive Director, presented his report. The report consisted of the certification exam administered, professional standards interviews conducted, school inspections performed, and staff attended meetings. Major Kisthardt visited Lackawanna College Police Academy and attended the Cumberland County Chiefs of Police meeting. The Training Unit completed 27 of 79 lesson plans for the Basic Police Academy curriculum, and began Course Development Committee Meetings for the 2017 Mandatory In-Service Training Courses. Mr. Isaac Suydam, Director of Training, attended the 2016 International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training Conference in Michigan from June 4 to 7, 2016.

In the absence of Commissioner Bart Burne, Ed.D., Commissioner James Adams presented the Executive Committee Report. Each Committee Chair gave their report.

Commissioner James Adams presented the Training Committee Report. The Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission staff presented an extensive and detailed update relative to the 2017 Mandatory In-Service classes, the two-day Instructor Development Training program, and the basic academy curriculum revision. There was also a discussion on how police academies can better prepare cadets for the state certification exam.

In the absence of Commissioner Bart Burne, Ed.D., Commissioner Todd Naylor presented the Certification Committee Report. The Committee reviewed 170 full waiver applications, 35 new instructor applications, and 17 amendments to existing applications. A motion was made and the Commission approved all applications, except nine full waiver applications that were returned for various reasons. The Committee also approved two new school directors, John Lewis at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and Christie Willard, Interim Director at Temple University. Four applications were reviewed and approved, under the guidance of Commission Counsel, for Revocation of Certification authorized under Chapter 37, Section 203.14.

Commissioner Lawrence Cherba presented the Rules and Regulations Committee Report. The proposed rules were delivered to the Governor's Office of Policy and Planning, the Office of Budget, the Office of General Counsel, and the Office of the Attorney General. The comprehensive review of the Pa. Code, related to the administration of the Commission, is the first major revision in 20 years.

In the absence of Commissioner Richard Long, Commissioner Christopher Delozier presented the Professional Standards Committee Report. The Indiana University of Pennsylvania Police Academy at the Main and Carnegie Mellon Campuses, and the Lackawanna College Police Academy, Scranton Campus, were inspected. A motion was made, and approved by the Commission, to accept the inspection reports for one year, or until their next inspection.

Commissioner Mark Hall presented the Strategic Planning Committee Report. There was no action required by the Committee.

In the absence of Commissioner Jacob Bierling, Commissioner Mark Hall presented the Budget Committee Report. From March to May 2016, there were 23 police departments who requested reimbursement for Mandatory In-Service Training for an actual expenditure of \$12,555 from the 2014 fiscal year funds. The leftover 2014 fiscal year funds were \$2,061,448.01. During May 2016, four police departments requested reimbursement for Mandatory In-Service Training and/or Tuition and Salary for a total of \$32,800.51 from the 2015 fiscal year funds. The 2015 fiscal year balance is \$4,967,199.49.

In new business, Representative Barry Jozwiak stated that this Commission consists of 20 members. One of the positions on the Commission is an FBI agent; however, the FBI prohibits agents from participating in a Commission. In January, Representative Jozwiak submitted a Bill to the House of Representatives to replace the FBI agent position with a member of the Pennsylvania Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police. The Bill passed through the House and is now in the Law and Justice Committee in the Senate for approval.

Beth Dombrowsky, Director of Harrisburg Area Community College's Police Academy, was acknowledged as the newest Commission member.

The next Commission meeting will be held on September 14 and 15, 2016, at the Radisson Hotel Valley Forge, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was adjourned.

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

**Columbus Day: October 10, 2016**  
**Veteran's Day: November 11, 2016**  
**Thanksgiving Holiday: November 24 and 25, 2016**

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

# Information Regarding the September Commission Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission is on September 14 and 15, 2016, at the Radisson Hotel Valley Forge, 1160 First Avenue, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406. Phone: 610-337-2000.

For the committee meeting schedule and full Commission meeting time; please refer to the insert on this page. 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. You may also find information about the meetings by visiting our website at [www.psp.pa.gov/MPOETC](http://www.psp.pa.gov/MPOETC), under Important Information click on the *Commission Meeting Schedule* link.

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.

**Next Quarterly Commission Meeting Schedule**

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**WEDNESDAY, September 14, 2016**

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12:30 PM Certification Committee

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2:00 PM Training Committee

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2:45 PM Strategic Planning Committee

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3:30 PM Break

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3:45 PM Rules and Regulations Committee

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4:00 PM Professional Standards Committee

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4:15 PM Budget Committee

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**THURSDAY, September 15, 2016**

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8:00 AM School Directors Meeting

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9:00 AM Certification Committee (if needed)

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10:00 AM Executive Committee

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10:30 AM Full Commission Meeting

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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 7. You may also write to:

**M.P.O.E.T.C. Newsletter**  
***Municipal Police Officers'***  
***Education & Training***  
***Commission***  
8002 Bretz Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17112-9748

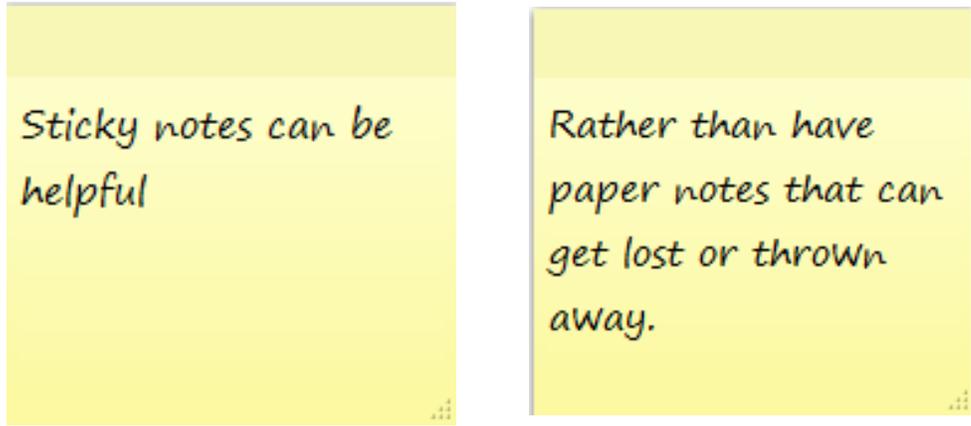
The Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission was established in 1974 to set hiring and training standards for police departments in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through strict certification procedures and standardized basic and continuing professional in-service training for police 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.

# Sticky Notes

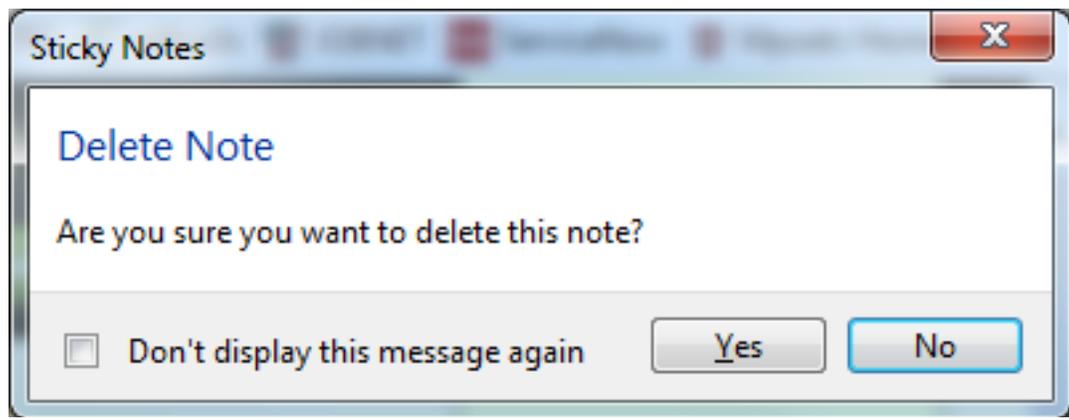
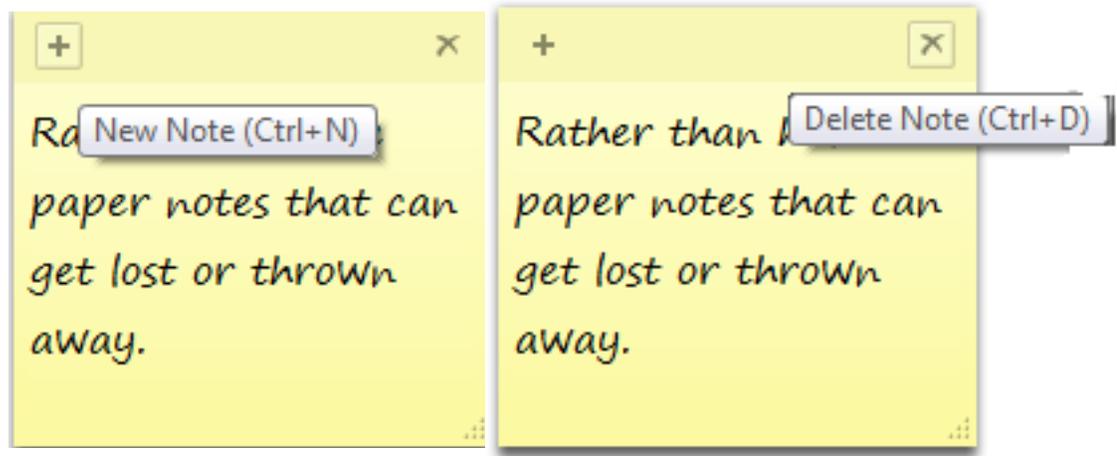
by DJ Jerome

Most Microsoft Windows systems have available a handy program called Sticky Notes. This is simply a post-it style note for your computer screen. This eliminates the chance of losing the actual paper style note. To open the Sticky Note Pad, simply go to your Start Bar\_ All Programs\_ Accessories, or Type Sticky Notes in the search field on the Start Bar.

The program icon looks like this:  Sticky Notes



Once open, you can create a new note by hovering your mouse over the current note and clicking the plus sign "+" in the upper left corner of the note. You can also close a note by clicking the "X" in the upper left corner. Then click Yes to delete.



# MPOETC Team Building

by Craig Hevalow

As the MPOETC employees sometimes refer to themselves as teammates, it is essential that we all come together, for one reason or another, to complete a work-related mission.

This summer, Major Adam Kisthardt and Lt. Frank Wolbert brought the team together for what some might call, "team building." With the command staff at the grill, we all came together with the help of some great food. A working lunch was had by all the staff. There was a great deal of sharing of ideas as we move ahead. There was also learning from all the work that has been done in the past.



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As the past and future were on our mind, Major Kisthardt honored our retiring Trooper First Class Paul Anderson with his Honorable Discharge. Trooper Anderson retired from the Pennsylvania State Police with 25 years of service. Thank you Trooper Anderson for your work with the team at MPOETC. You will be missed!



## New Agency Executives

<b>Chief Todd H. Breiner</b>	Lebanon City PD Lebanon County	<b>Chief Joseph LaSpina</b>	Morton Borough PD Delaware County
<b>Chief James L. Brice, Sr.</b>	Donora Borough PD Washington County	<b>Superintendent Coleman J. McDonough</b>	Allegheny County PD Allegheny County
<b>Chief Tammi L. Collier</b>	Conemaugh Township PD Cambria County	<b>Chief Timothy S. Miller</b>	Sunbury City PD Northumberland County
<b>Chief Charles F. Considine</b>	Whitaker Borough PD Allegheny County	<b>Chief Kerry D. Nye</b>	Lititz Borough PD Lancaster County
<b>Chief Timothy L. Damon</b>	York Area Regional PD York County	<b>Chief Regina J. Price</b>	Darby Township PD Delaware County
<b>Chief Richard T. Deliman</b>	McKees Rock Borough PD Allegheny County	<b>Chief Michael B. Resetar</b>	Dickson City PD Lackawanna County
<b>Chief Stephen A. Derenick</b>	Taylor Borough PD Lackawanna County	<b>Chief William F. Ryan</b>	Hummelstown Borough PD Dauphin County
<b>Chief Andres Dominguez, Jr.</b>	Reading City PD Berks County	<b>Chief Stanley M. Turtle</b>	Lower Providence Township PD Montgomery County
<b>Chief Eric D. Doutt</b>	Arnold PD Westmoreland County	<b>Chief John F. Viola</b>	Haverford Township PD Delaware County
<b>Chief Donald P. Fantry</b>	North Wales Borough PD Montgomery County	<b>Chief David M. Wierzchowski</b>	Lake City Borough PD Erie County
<b>Chief Douglas E. Grimes</b>	Peters Township PD Washington County	<b>Chief Ryan M. Williams</b>	Plymouth Borough PD Luzerne County
<b>Chief Richard J. Herron, Jr.</b>	Sharon Hill Borough PD Delaware County	<b>Chief Madison L. Winchester</b>	Cumru Township PD Berks County
<b>Director David L. Holl</b>	Lower Allen Township PD Cumberland County	<b>Chief David J. Young</b>	Williamsport City PD Lycoming County
<b>Chief Joseph W. Hope</b>	Old Lycoming Township PD Lycoming County	<b>Congratulations!</b>	
<b>Chief Paul E. Jewell</b>	Hermitage PD Mercer County		

## New Agency Head Notification

When a municipality appoints a new Chief or Officer in Charge, please notify, in writing on your department letterhead, the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, 8002 Bretz Drive, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17112, or fax the correspondence to 717-346-7782.

The letter should contain the effective date of the appointment, name of the new Chief and whom they are replacing, and current email address.

This will ensure that our records are up-to-date.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mpostandards@pa.gov)  
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Fax: (717) 346-7781 or (717) 346-7782