

# MPOETC 2011

## Mandatory In-Service Training Program

Based on a recommendation from the In-Service Training Committee, the Commission has approved the following courses for the 2011 Mandatory In-Service Training Program Curriculum:

### *Course Descriptions*

#### **Required Track**

#### **11-201 – Legal Updates**

##### **3-hour Required Course**

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

This course will cover topics such as:

- Changes and updates to the criminal law
- Changes and updates to the vehicle law
- Changes and updates to the Rules of Criminal Procedure
- 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. The goal of the curriculum will be to demonstrate how these cases have a direct impact on how police offices perform their customary duties. Thus, improving officer safety, increasing convictions, and reducing liability.

This module will also address any other unique legal issues that might develop in 2010.



#### **11-202 Career and Personal Survival II**

##### **3-hour Required Course**

This is a three-hour required course designed to provide officers with a blue-print for career and personal survival, and to keep the law enforcement profession as it was designed to be, equitable, respectable, and honorable. The goal of this course is to encourage officers to think critically and carefully about their behaviors, decisions and values in comparison to the Law Enforcement or Departmental Code of Ethics. It is scenario based, and will explore challenging ethical dilemmas officers may encounter during their careers.

## **Crime Investigation Track**

### **11-417 Investigatory Uses of Digital Data Storage Devices**

**3-hour Elective Course**

#### **Summary of Content:**

The evolution in consumer electronics has caused an exponential growth in the amount of mobile digital data storage devices: Cell Phones, Digital Cameras, I-Pods, BlackBerrys, and GPS units are but some of the devices which record and store data electronically. The intentional or inadvertent recording and storage of digital data can be the subject of forensic investigation. This course is not designed to instruct patrol officers and investigators in the recovery of such data but rather provide them with information as to what data may exist on a variety of devices and the techniques designed to preserve this information. This class will address Technology, Crime Trends, Terminology, and applicable Pennsylvania and Federal Statutes and Cases. It will also address Search and Seizure issues related to the seizure of and the retrieval of information contained within these devices.



### **11-418 Domestic Violence Risk and Decision Making**

**3-hour Elective Course**

The main topics to be addressed in this three-hour elective course are Tactical Decision Making, and Domestic Violence Risk Assessment.

#### **Summary of Content:**

##### **A. Strategic & Tactical Decision Making**

1. Tactical Decision Making Principles will include: Characteristics of crisis; and the decision making process.
2. Tactical Principles will be examined, including but not limited to: Terrain Analysis; Situational Awareness; Focus of Effort; Threats (Implied, Expressed); Decision Points & Trip Wires; Risk Management Matrix; and Identifying possible options
3. A Decision Matrix will be examined along with Criteria for assessment / decisions.
4. After presenting tactical decision making section, participants will be provided with opportunity to apply decision making principles to a domestic violence scenario.

##### **B. Domestic Violence Risk**

1. Factors that increase the risk of domestic violence will be identified through a structured exercise. These factors will be further explained by providing concept briefs and/or brief lecture material.
2. Participants will examine how and when risk factors can be assessed.
3. Participants will examine how the risk assessment process can be used to facilitate victim security planning and referral.

