



NEWSLETTER

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In-Service Training for 2015

by

Major Douglas Grimes, Executive Director, MPOETC

Pursuant to the Act of December 21, 1988, P.L. 1865, No 180 (“Act 180”), all Municipal Police Officers in Pennsylvania are required to attend 12 hours of In-Service Training every year to maintain their certification. Historically, the Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission has developed all 12 hours of In-Service Training to meet this requirement. For the 2015 training year, the Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission has developed nine hours of training towards this requirement. The remaining three hours of training for 2015 may be obtained through a variety of other approved training sources at the discretion of each officer’s agency head. These training resources include, but are not limited to:

- Approved Pennsylvania State Police Academy training courses listed in the Training Calendar
- Approved Courses on the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association PAVTN
- Approved private vendor training
- POLEX training
- POSIT training
- FBI National Academy
- Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command
- Approved in-service training offered by any of the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Training Academies
- Approved training developed by a Municipal Police Department specifically designed for their officers and community

Law enforcement agencies or in-service training providers who offer training courses to Pennsylvania law enforcement officers must register courses with the Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission to ensure approval for training credit. In the near future, further information on becoming an authorized in-service training provider will be made available on the Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission website www.mpoetc.state.pa.us.

The intent of this change is to provide discretion to officers and agency heads to determine the specific training needs of their personnel. The Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission will maintain a registry of criminal justice in-service training programs offered. The registry will be a compilation of in-service training programs offered by training academies, colleges, universities, state and local governmental agencies, the PAVTN, and private training providers. The Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission encourages active participation in using this resource for training Pennsylvania’s law enforcement officers. The Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission will consider training for approval upon submission of the following:

“Course Title

Course Description

Instruction Hours

Course Outline: This should be a topical outline, listing the major points to be addressed in the

Highlights of the Commission Meeting

September:

The regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (Commission) for September 2014 that was to be held in Scranton, Pennsylvania, was cancelled after the tragic murder of State Police Trooper, Corporal Byron Dickson II, due to security and logistical concerns.

November:

In the absence of Colonel Frank Noonan, Chairman, Dr. Bart E. Burne called the special meeting of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (Commission) to order on November 6, 2014, at the Commission office in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

A roll call was taken and the following participants were acknowledged: Dr. Bart E. Burne, Chair; James Adams, Jacob Bierling, Anthony Boyle, Gabriel Campana, Lawrence M. Cherba, Christopher Delozier, Robert "Bo" Fean, Stewart J. Greenleaf, Joseph T. Hackett, Mark E. Hall, Richard W. Long, Stephen Margeson, Todd E. Naylor, Keith R. Sadler, Ronald Stern, Joanna N. Reynolds, Lt. Stephen L. Kiessling, Rudy Grubeskya, Sheila Wetzel.

Dr. Burne addressed the group, asking if everyone had received Lieutenant Kiessling's emailed minutes from the special Training Committee meeting which had been held on October 30, 2014. The participants acknowledged receipt of the minutes, and Dr. Burne turned the meeting over to the Chair of the Training Committee, Chief Margeson.

Chief Margeson reported that a unanimous recommendation from the five members of the Training Committee was reached to suspend the three-hour training course titled "Current Trends in Drug Law Enforcement" in order to allow police departments to select another approved training program from either the Pennsylvania Virtual Training Network (PAVTN) or other Commission-approved training during 2015 in lieu of the suspended course. Chief Margeson made the motion to the Commission and Christopher Delozier seconded the motion. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The next meeting of the Commission will be December 10 and 11 at the Toftrees Conference Center, State College, Pennsylvania.

Meeting was adjourned.



Chief William Daly, Horsham Township Police Department, (left) and Chief Scott Bohn, West Chester Police Department, address the instructors at the MPOETC In-Service East Instructor Training November 18, 2014, regarding the importance of in-service training, ethical decision making, and the influential role our instructors play in the training process.

Photo by Sandra Myers, MPOETC

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training course. The items should also reflect the amount of time that will be spent on each area."

Instructional Objectives: Instructional "Objectives should be written as measurable, observable, and time specific. The objectives should be presented as an action statement, such as "At the completion of training, the trainee will be able to..."

Completion Requirements

[Point of]Contact Information

Instructor Information and Qualifications [in the form of a Curriculum Vitae]

Dates & Locations [of Training]"

Please verify with the appropriate training provider that courses have been submitted and approved through the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission before paying for the course. All dates are subject to change by the training provider.

Registration of a course does not imply endorsement of the training materials or vendor by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission.

Should you have any questions regarding the submission of a proposed training, please direct your questions to the Director, Training and Curriculum Development at 717-346-7755.

Reference: http://www.michigan.gov/mcoles/0,1607,7-229-42523_42969-149360--,00.html
extracted December 1, 2014

2014 Holiday Message

Well, 2014 is almost gone and we begin to turn our focus to the New Year. The beginning of each year brings with it yet another opportunity to reflect and assess all that we have accomplished. Each New Year is yet another opportunity to learn from our mistakes, and cherish our successes. If we are honest with ourselves, we have much to be thankful for. This holiday season brings with it another opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Through it all, it's important to take a moment to reflect upon all the blessings in your life. For those of you who will be working, thank you for the safety you provide. For those who are off, enjoy the time with family and friends!

During this holiday season, wherever you spend your time, it is our deepest desire that you are safe and protected. From all of us at the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission, we wish you a very happy holiday season, and a New Year filled with peace and prosperity.

Stay Safe,

Major Douglas E. Grimes
Executive Director

2015 In-Service Training Course Development Committees

The members of the 2015 Legal Update and Civil Law course committees presenting at the West Instructor Training Workshops on October 21, 2014, are Susan Moyer, Esq. Lancaster County District Attorney's Office, Sergeant James Coughlin, Philadelphia Police Department, Timothy Ebersole, MPO-ETC, Louis Blauth, Esq., Allegheny County Police Department, and in the front row from left to right, Stuart Suss, Esq. (Ret), PA Office of Attorney General, and Magisterial District Judge Rodney Hartman, New Holland.

Photo by Sandra Myers, MPOETC



The members of the 2015 Human Trafficking course committee who presented at the West Instructor Training on October 21, 2014, Shea Rhodes, Esq., Villanova Law Institute, Craig Hevalow, MPOETC, Sergeant James Gress, Allentown Police Department, and Pamela Pillsbury, Pennsylvania Regional Center for Public Safety Innovation. Not pictured is Stephanie Snyder, Department of Homeland Security.

Photo by Todd Naylor, Allegheny County Police Department



Civil Law course committee members Louis Blauth, Esq., Allegheny County Police Department, and Officer Christopher Delozier, Harrisburg City Bureau of Police and MPOETC Commission Member, at the West Instructor Training on October 22, 2014.

Photo by Todd Naylor, Allegheny County Police



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

- Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25, 2014**
- New Year's Day: Thursday, January 1, 2015**
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, January 19, 2015**
- President's Day: Monday, February 16, 2015**

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

Schedule for the Next Quarterly Commission Meeting

WEDNESDAY, December 10, 2014

- 11:00 AM Certification Committee
- 2:00 PM Training Committee
- 3:00 PM Strategic Planning Committee
- 4:00 PM Professional Standards Committee

THURSDAY, December 11, 2014

- 8:00 AM Certification Committee (if needed)
- 9:00 AM Rules and Regulations Committee
- 10:00 AM Executive Committee
- 11:00 AM Full Commission Meeting

Information Regarding the December Commission Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission is on December 10 and 11, 2014, at the Toftrees Conference Center, One Country Club Lane, State College, Pennsylvania, 16803, phone (814) 234-8000.

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 or Editor. You may also find information about the meetings, including a link to the hotel, by visiting our web site at www.mpoetc.state.pa.us, by first clicking on "About Us" and then on the "Quarterly Commission Meetings" link.

The Executive Committee will hear reports from all committees. In addition, the Executive Committee will also open the 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.



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Methadone MDAIR

PROMOTING SAFETY, REDUCING METHADONE-RELATED DEATHS AND INCIDENTS AND IMPROVING TREATMENT PRACTICES

Methadone is an opioid medication used to reduce withdrawal symptoms in people addicted to heroin or other narcotic drugs. It is also used as a pain reliever and as part of drug addiction detoxification and maintenance programs. On October 24, 2012, the General Assembly enacted Act 148 to examine methadone-related deaths and incidents in order to make the use of methadone for treatment of addictions and pain management safer for the citizens of Pennsylvania.

Joint Investigations

Act 148, also known as the Methadone Death and Incident Review (MDAIR) Act, establishes the MDAIR team and provides for its powers and duties. The purpose of this legislation is to examine the circumstances surrounding deaths and incidents in Pennsylvania that involve or may involve methadone. The MDAIR team conducts a review of the circumstances surrounding methadone-related deaths and incidents for the purpose of promoting safety, reducing methadone-related deaths and incidents and improving treatment practices.

Act 148 provides the team with review procedures that include law enforcement records and interviews with law enforcement officials as long as the release of such records will not jeopardize an ongoing criminal

investigation or proceeding. Act 148 provides protection from liability. Specifically, an individual or agency that in good faith provides information or records to the team shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability as a result of providing the information or record. The proceedings, deliberations and records of the team are privileged and confidential and shall not be subject to the Right to Know Law, discovery, subpoena or introduction into evidence in any civil or criminal action.



Contact MDAIR Staff

If you have any questions regarding the MDAIR ACT and/or you have an incident or death where Methadone may have been a contributing factor, please contact the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, Division of Accountability and Program Improvement, MDAIR staff. Emails can also be sent to RA-DAMDAIR@pa.gov

Naloxone - Opioid Overdose Reversal ACT 139

In recent years, there has been a significant increase in deaths resulting from heroin and prescription opioids. This epidemic has spread across Pennsylvania as currently one in four families struggle with a substance abuse problem. Coroners' reports since 2009 have shown there have been more than 3,000 deaths due to overdose. This does not include many other related deaths from accidents, diseases, medical complications and suicides. Among people 25 to 64 years old, drug overdose causes more deaths than motor vehicle traffic crashes. The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) is working to help reverse these horrifying trends and help our citizens who struggle with addiction. The enactment of ACT 139 provides first responders, friends and families access to an opioid overdose reversal medicine that will save lives and hopefully lead an individual toward the substance abuse treatment they need.

What is ACT 139?

(<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/CFDOCS/Legis/PN/Public/btCheck.cfm?txtType=HTM&sessYr=2013&sessInd=0&billBody=S&billTyp=B&billNbr=1164&pn=2328>) Act 139 allows first responders (law enforcement, fire fighters, EMS) or other organizations acting at the direction of a health care professional authorized to prescribe naloxone, to administer the drug to individuals experiencing an opioid overdose. The law also provides immunity from prosecution for those responding to and reporting overdoses. Additionally, individuals such as friends or family members in a position to assist a person at risk of experiencing an opioid related overdose may receive a prescription for naloxone.

What is naloxone?

Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an overdose that is caused by an opioid drug (i.e. prescription pain medication or heroin). When administered during an overdose, naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and restores breathing within two to eight minutes. Naloxone has been used safely by emergency medical professionals for more than 40 years and has only one function: to reverse the effects of opioids on the brain and respiratory system in order to prevent death.

What does this mean for first responders?

First responder organizations may now obtain, carry, and administer naloxone in the event of an opioid overdose. According to Act 139, a non-licensed first responder agency must first enter into a written agreement with an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agency http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/document/1461088/ems_agreement_template_doc. This written agreement is valid only under the consent of the EMS Medical Director or another physician. http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/document/1461089/first_responders_guidance_toolkit_doc

What are the benefits for first responders?

As first responders, Act 139 provides an opportunity to save lives and strengthen community relations in the process. First responder agencies across the country administering naloxone report ease of use, the satisfaction of saving lives, and subsequent improvement in community relations as a result. In fact, some law enforcement agencies boast significant improvements in community relations, including but not limited to increased community cooperation and information sharing in regards to other investigative efforts. Click here for compelling law enforcement testimonials and additional information. http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/document/1461141/law_enforcement_overdose_reversal_success_stories_doc

What does this mean for members of the community?

Members of the community, family members and friends may be prescribed naloxone and can lawfully administer the drug to someone who is experiencing an overdose. In order to obtain a prescription for naloxone, you must first complete Department of Health approved naloxone training. Please click here for the Friends and Family Guidance Toolkit. http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/document/1461090/friends_and_family_guidance_toolkit_doc

What is the Good Samaritan Provision?

Through the 'Good Samaritan' provision of Act 139, friends and loved ones are encouraged to summon emergency medical services by calling 911 in the event they witness an overdose. The law is meant to quell the fear of arrest in calling authorities for an overdose event by offering certain criminal and civil protections for those that do. Law enforcement entities in other states that have implemented Good Samaritan protections for those who dial 911 in good faith have reported significant improvements in community relations.

Department of Health Approved Training

GiveNaloxone.Org <http://givenaloxone.org>



New Agency Executives

Chief James J. Balavage	Jackson Township PD Luzerne County
Chief Joseph Bartorilla Jr	Middletown Township PD Bucks County
Chief James P. Foley	Olyphant Borough PD Lackawanna County
Chief Jared Ganz	Scott Township PD Lackawanna County
Chief Stephen W. Hale	Mount Jewett Borough PD McKean County
Chief Steven R. Junkin	Hampden Township PD Cumberland County
Chief John N. King	Steelton Borough PD Dauphin County
Chief Eugene V. Lipari	North Belle Vernon Borough PD Fayette County
Chief Michael W. Lose	West Hills Regional PD Cambria County
Chief James A. Mann	Ambridge Borough PD Beaver County
Chief Edward F. Mokshefsky Jr.	Eddystone Borough PD Delaware County
Chief Sean R. Murray	Dupont Borough PD Luzerne County
Chief Michael A. O'Brien Jr.	Economy Borough PD Beaver County
Chief John R. Phoennik	South Fayette Township PD Allegheny County
Chief Troy D. Rice	Redstone Township PD Fayette County
Chief Aaron D. Richards	Marysville Borough PD Perry County
Chief Michael L. Sliker	North East Borough PD Erie County
Chief Brian A. Wiczowski	West Lampeter Township PD Lancaster County
Chief Christopher W. Yarns	Clarks Summit Borough PD Montgomery County
Chief Curt D. Zettlemoyer	Milton Borough PD Northumberland County



Rudy Grubesky, Director, Training and Curriculum Development Section, shakes the hand of David McIntyre, Deputy Director of the Allegheny County Police Training Academy, during the MPOETC In-Service Instructor Training on October 21, 2014. Dave retired in November after serving over 13 years as Deputy Director, and before that over 13 years as the Chief of the Pitcairn Police, and served the first 18 years of his law enforcement career as a patrol officer for the Boroughs of Turtle Creek and Pitcairn.

Dave provided invaluable assistance to MPOETC on various course development committees and has demonstrated his dedication to furthering the safety and knowledge of municipal police in Pennsylvania.

Photo by Sandra Myers, MPOETC

Staff News

Dr. E. Beverly Young retired on September 5, 2014, with 15 years service with the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission. Dr. Young most recently served as the Director of Fiscal and Staff Services, and was previously the Director of Administration and Certification.

Dr. Young's contributions to municipal police education include courses such as Equality in Policing, Leadership in Law Enforcement, and portions of the 2001 and 2015 Basic Curriculum.

She also served as the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer and the Right to Know Liaison for MPOETC.

Mr. David Davis retired from MPOETC on November 7, 2014, with 20 years service with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, seventeen of which were with the Pennsylvania State Police.

Dave managed the MPOETC Computer Lab and handled a variety of IT jobs, including writing informational Microsoft Office user tips articles for the MPOETC Newsletter.

Dave also was an instructor in the MPOETC's Advanced Instructor Development Program.

The Commission Members and MPOETC Staff wish Beverly and Dave the best of luck for a long and healthy retirement.



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.

CERTIFICATION AND ADMINISTRATION

Act 120 Applications and Certification, Act 120 Instructor Application and Certification

e-mail: 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

e-mail: mpotraining@pa.gov
Telephone: (717) 346-4086
Fax: (717) 346-7781 or (717) 346-7782

FISCAL AND STAFF SERVICES

Fiscal, Procurement, Facility Management, Computer Learning Center

e-mail: RA-SPMPOFSS@pa.gov
Telephone: (717) 346-4086
Fax: (717) 346-7781 or (717) 346-7782

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND INSPECTIONS

Regulatory Compliance, School Inspections

e-mail: mpostandards@pa.gov
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Sandy Myers transferred from her duties at MPOETC and the Pennsylvania State Police on December 5, 2014, to the Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs (DMVA) at Fort Indiantown Gap, where she will serve as the Training Officer.

Sandy participated with the development of In-Service courses and worked closely with JPL and the MPOETC Training Staff in the development of the online In-Service courses. She also designed the MPOETC newsletter and provided all-around technical assistance wherever she could. We wish her the best in her new endeavors at DMVA.

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 Major Douglas E. Grimes, Executive Director, or the Editor, Mr. Rudy M. Grubesky, by calling toll-free at (800) 342-0858. The Commission can be contacted using the email addresses on this page. You may also write to:

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