

In January 2015, the Pennsylvania Virtual Training Network (PAVTN), started its fourth year with a new look and features. The PAVTN provides 30 online courses to over 12,000 criminal justice and law enforcement users. The redesigned web site places the courses in two curriculums: Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) and the PAVTN.

The MPOETC Curriculum contains the mandated courses for police officers under PA ACT 180. For 2015, MPOETC requires 12 hours of training. Nine of those 12 hours are provided in three mandated courses: *Human Trafficking (15-423)*; *Legal Updates (15-201)*; and *Civil Law (15-202)*. An additional three-hour elective course, *Domestic Violence (15-802)*, allows officers to fulfill the required 12 hours online. In addition, eight courses from 2013/14 are still available for Police Officers that still need to meet the previous years' mandates.

The PAVTN Curriculum is divided into three groups: Investigation; Programs and Systems; and Roll Call. Investigation group contains courses on *Sexual Assault, Stalking, Strangulation, Human Trafficking and Responding to Domestic Violence Calls*. The Special Programs and Systems group has courses on *Live Scan Fingerprinting, DUI Crackdowns, Arrest Fingerprinting, PA SAVIN and Protection from Abuse Orders*. The Roll Call group has courses on *Missing Persons with Alzheimer's, Suspicious Activity Reporting, Encountering Persons with Autism and the Administration of Naloxone*.

New functions have been added to allow a student to keep track of their activity in a course, get a complete copy of all their activity and print a transcript. Additional features allow a department's Chief to see the activity of their personnel individually or create a report on the entire department. Throughout the year, additional functions will be added to allow departments to add customized sections to a course that are unique to their department. This would allow departments to add policy and procedure to roll call training. They also will be able to create a record of other training the officer has attended.

The PAVTN is expanding to provide courses to those that process sexual offenders. These courses will include Performance Support. The Performance Support Application will allow instant access to information needed by justice professionals when processing and/or registering a sexual offender. This course will expand the PAVTN to Probation/Parole and Correctional Officers.

The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association, and its training partners, continually strive for excellence in the PAVTN. Courses in the PAVTN have received National and International acclaim. The Strangulation course was adopted by the Department of Justice to serve as the national model. This course is taken by law enforcement in all 50 States, Canada and England. The Introduction to Human Trafficking course received an International Creativity Award for ELearning and Web Design, and became the basis for this years' MPOETC mandated course. A video created for the Invisible Wounds course won a Bronze Telly Award.

More information about the PAVTN is available on the PAVTN website at www.pavtn.net as well as under the FAQ section. If you would like to register to be a member of PAVTN, please email Chris Braun at cibraun@pachiefs.org.