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## CONSTABLES' TRAINING BULLETIN

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### 2003 Certification Cards

2003 certification cards were mailed the week ending December 13, 2002. If your insurance and training are up-to-date, and you have not received your 2003 certification card, please call toll-free (800) 692-7292, extension 3198. When leaving a message, please include your name, mailing address, and telephone number with area code.

### Delay of Electronic Registration for Constable Training

Due to technological difficulties, the launch of the Constables' Information System has been delayed until the end of January 2003. Until the on-line registration system is operational, please register for class by completing a Standard Registration Form and mailing or faxing it directly to the school you want to attend. Do not send it to the PCCD. Registrations cannot be accepted over the telephone.

### Tentative Constables' Board Meeting Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Monday, February 10, 2003	Ramada Inn-Hazleton	3 PM
Monday May 12, 2003	South Central Region	Morning
Monday, August 11, 2003	Northwest Region	Afternoon
Monday, November 17, 2003	South Central Region	Morning

## 2003 Constables' 20-Hour Continuing Education

Constables and deputy constables must successfully complete the 20-hour continuing education course in order to renew their certifications for 2004. Based upon successful completion of continuing education by November 2003, constables and deputy constables will be issued certification cards in December 2003, which will indicate certification for 2004.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION SUBJECTS FOR 2003

**Legal Updates (Four Hours):** This module will review changes to the Pa.R.C.P.D.J., recent case law affecting constables including *In RE: Hunter* (appointment of deputy constables) and *In RE: Rodriguez* (residency of constables), and juvenile law as it pertains to the service of criminal and civil process.

**Prisoner Transportation (Eight Hours):** This course will be taught entirely in a classroom setting. Topics will include planning and preparation for prisoner transport, searching, restraints, complacency and the inverted alertness curve, use of force issues, and special considerations and problems.

**Safe Handling of Resistant Offenders (Four Hours):** Classroom teaching will take one hour, focusing on liability and use of force issues and preparing for practical exercises. Three hours will be set aside for defensive tactics and the demonstration and practical exercise of handcuffing and handgun retention techniques.

**Terrorism Awareness and Prevention (Four Hours):** This program was designed to help constables understand who terrorists are, what they do, and why and how they do it. Terrorism Awareness and Prevention will teach constables what to look for and how to properly handle and report suspicious activity. Equally important, it will stress that suspicious activity is not when someone looks, speaks, acts, believes, or lives differently, but rather is that which is unusual or out of place and may be leading to criminal activity.

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## 2003 Constables' Partial Waiver of Continuing Education

In 2003, there is one waiverable subject for constables who are also municipal police officers, Terrorism Awareness and Prevention. Municipal police officers must successfully complete all other subjects in the 2003 Continuing Education course in order to renew their certifications for 2004. They can apply for a waiver only for Terrorism Awareness and Prevention.

Applicants must certify that they have attended and successfully completed the six-hour, optional MPOETC Course 03-319, Terrorism and Law Enforcement, an elective, in-service course for 2003. A constable or deputy constable who is currently employed as a municipal police officer may apply for a partial waiver of constables' continuing education provided that his or her training and certification is current, in force, and up-to-date upon application for waiver of constables' continuing education.

Applicants must complete and sign a *2003 Constables' Continuing Education Partial Waiver Application for Law Enforcement Officers (PCCD Form 216)*, and attach documents verifying that the he or she has successfully completed MPOETC Course 03-319, Terrorism and Law Enforcement. Applicants must also attach a copy of his or her current MPOETC certification card. A waiver application may be obtained by calling (800) 692-7292, extension 3198. When leaving a message, include the applicant's name, mailing address, and telephone number with area code. The application will also be available in the constable training program section of the PCCD website at [www.pccd.state.pa.us](http://www.pccd.state.pa.us).