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New Member of the Constables' Education and Training Board

Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner Jeffery Miller has appointed Captain John W. Laufer as his designee to the Constables' Education and Training Board. Captain Laufer is the Director of the Training Division of the State Police Bureau of Training and Education in Hershey. Captain Laufer has been a member of the Pennsylvania State Police for 19 years and received a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from West Chester University in 2001.

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency would also like to thank Major John Gallaher for his years of service to the Constables' Education and Training Board. Major Gallaher was promoted and has become the Executive Director of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission. The Major served on the Board from 1998 to 2005.

Training Cycle Ends October 31

Constables are reminded that the training cycle ends in late October, and that classes are limited as to size and are on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to ensure uninterrupted certification, constables are encouraged to enroll in class as soon as possible. Enrollment with the appropriate training provider is required prior to attending any class. To enroll, mail or FAX a completed Standard Registration Form directly to the training delivery contractor or use the on-line registration link on the PCCD web site. (www.pccd.state.pa.us)

Also, do not fail to change your current personal information if your mailing address or phone number should change. You have 15 days to change the information to stay in compliance Pa. Code Title 37 §431.11. Also, Act 44 provides that any constable or deputy constable who fails, neglects or refuses to maintain a current insurance policy as required, or to file proof thereof with the clerk of courts, shall cease automatically to be certified to perform judicial duties upon the expiration of the policy of which proof has been filed with the clerk of courts. In order to ensure uninterrupted constable certification, it is essential that every constable file with the county clerk of courts a new certificate of insurance.

Change in Meeting

There has been a change in the next meeting time and place for the Constables' Education and Training Board. The meeting that had been previously scheduled for August 15, 2005, in the southwest part of the State has been changed. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 19, 2005, at 1:00 at the PCCD building in Harrisburg

Training Evaluations

Staff members of the PCCD have been encouraging constables and their deputies to take a few minutes at the end of class to fill out the course evaluation forms. Your input is very important to the training process. The feedback that you have been offering will help in the development of the curriculum for the future. A good example of how your input on the evaluation form can impact training is the judgmental shooting module of the firearms training. This year, judgmental shooting has received excellent reviews in your course evaluations. Staff members at the PCCD have passed the information on to the curriculum development team. In the future, because of your input, the scenarios will reflect some of the areas you have requested. This is just one of the many examples of how your suggestions can effect your training. The next time you are at training and a fellow constable or deputy constable has a suggestion or some constructive criticism, ask them if they have written their suggestion on the course evaluation form. If they have not, encourage them to do so.