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New Board Member

The Constables' Education and Training Board would like to welcome Constable Julie Glick Sokoloff. Julie Glick Sokoloff is the newest member of the Constables Education and Training Board, having been appointed in November 2005. She is a elected constable in Lower Merion Township in November 2003.

Julie is a life-long Pennsylvania resident. She has an extensive background working in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Currently, she is the administrator at the Macula Vision Research Foundation, a nonprofit foundation in West Conshohocken that is devoted to funding research to find the cure for macular degeneration.

Call for Instructors Application

In 1996 the Board made an effort to afford constables with no training experience an opportunity to participate in a Instructor Development Program. The Instructor Development Program was developed, because the Board recognizes that the duties of constables differ from those of other Law Enforcement personal and felt it would enhance the training program if constables with experience could became Act 44 Instructors. The program consists of a 40-hour training course, which will incorporate subject material and how to facilitate to a class of adult learners. Expenses relating to the program will be reimbursable. There will be no payment for attendance at the training. Any constable/deputy who is interested should contact the training provider in their area.

Job Task Analysis

The PCCD, through the Request For Proposal process, have contracted with a vendor to conduct a Job Task Analysis of Constables' as they relate to the performance of judicial duties in Title 42 § 2941-2950. The contractor that has been selected is Caliber Associates from Fairfax, Virginia. The contractor will recommend changes to the Act 44 curriculum based on the results of the Job Task Analysis. The Job Task Analysis is expected to take 12-16 months to complete.

The PCCD is requesting constables and deputy constables that maybe contacted by Caliber, to participate fully in this Job Task Analysis. The impact of this analysis will help in the development of improved curriculum that will allow you to perform your duties and keep our communities safe. This is your opportunity to provide a outside entity information that is "job specific" to performing the duties of a constable for the minor judiciary branch in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

You may be contacted to provide information by telephone, mail, or while you are at training. Caliber will be performing oral interviews, running focus groups, and may request to accompany you while you are performing your duties. Caliber will be collecting information from many sources that interface with your duties. Many of these focus groups will be announced via. mail, PCCD Training Bulletin, or the PCCD website. Some of the other sources of information will be District Judges, Training Providers, and Court Administrators. The Job Task Analysis will be conducted in all six training regions to assure a good cross section of information is obtained.

The Job Task Analysis and your input is extremely important to help provide direction to training that is pertinent for you to perform your duties for the minor judiciary. The issues that the contractor is interested in will only relate to training.

Unrelated issues of interest to constables will not be addressed. The issues of moonlighting, county payment policy, use of county 911 system, expanded authority, and the use of emergency vehicle lights, ect... will not be discussed.

Anyone who would like to contact Caliber Associates to provide them with any information can do so at the following e-mail address or phone number;

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phone: 703-934-3633.

P.O. Box 1167, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1167
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General Reminder

CHAPTER 11 ETHICS STANDARDS AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Recently the State Ethics Commission mailed forms to constables and deputy constables for the filing the Statements of Financial Interests. May 1 of each year is the deadline to file your disclosure information. Any questions regarding the information should be directed to the State Ethics Commission.

You may contact the State Ethics Commission at the following addresses and numbers:

Toll-free phone number: 800-932-0936,

E-mail at: ethics@state.pa.us.

State Ethics Commission
P.O. Box 11470
Harrisburg, PA 17108-1470

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