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## CONSTABLES' TRAINING BULLETIN

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### Tentative Meeting Dates – 2009

Thursday, February 5, 2009 - 10 am, C. Ted Lick Center,  
Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg

Thursday, May 21, 2009 - 10:00 am, Erie area

Thursday, August 6, 2009 - 10:00 am, Wilkes-Barre area

Thursday, November 5, 2009 - 10:00 am, PCCD, Harrisburg

Please call, toll-free, (800) 692-7292, to determine the exact time and location of meetings. Meetings of the Constables' Education and Training Board (CETB) are public meetings and constables are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

### Act 233 Payments for Training Year 2008

The stipend payment for Training Year 2008 will be \$196.50, per-diem and mileage, for the twenty-hour, three-day Continuing Education training. Any constable or deputy constable who successfully completed Continuing Education in 2008, maintained his or her certification in 2008, and who wishes to receive a stipend payment in 2009, must submit a Federal Form W-9 to PCCD on or before March 15, 2009. Constables have to submit only one W-9. If a constable received an Act 233 payment in a previous year, he or she should not submit another Form W-9. If in doubt, visit the Personal Information Viewer on PCCD's website, [www.pccd.state.pa.us](http://www.pccd.state.pa.us). If you have filed a W-9, it will be listed there under W-9 Tax Information. The W-9 Form can be also be downloaded from the website. PCCD will begin processing payments after the March 15 deadline. Constables should anticipate a processing time of approximately 60 days.

## 2009 Constables' Firearms Training 20-hour ADVANCED FIREARMS

Again in 2009, a 20-hour Advanced Firearms certification course will also be offered. The Advanced Firearms Course was designed for more experienced shooters. There will be minimum requirements for attendance. A constable must have achieved a qualifying score of 88% on the range the previous year and must also have scored a 75% in all other areas, such as weapon manipulation skills, judgmental shooting, and written tests. The qualifying score for the course of fire will be the same as for all other firearms classes. Shooters will fire for qualification at the beginning of the course. If a constable fails to qualify in the Advanced Firearms course, he or she will be allowed to attend a standard Annual Firearms class that year at no cost or penalty.

## Constables' Firearms Training Qualification with Secondary Weapons

Qualification with secondary weapons is permitted, subject to time constraints and range conditions. Constables must qualify with their primary duty weapons before they will be permitted to use secondary weapons. If a constable fails in the initial attempt, the constable is permitted one additional attempt to qualify. The only exception to this is if a weapon failure occurs. Then the constable will be permitted two attempts to qualify with a secondary weapon, provided the constable has sufficient ammunition.

## 2009 Constable ID Cards

In December 2008, the PCCD mailed new certification cards to all constables who had maintained their certifications by successfully completing continuing education during 2008 and by filing current professional liability insurance information with their county clerks of courts. Ample allowance was made for normal mailing time, so that constables should have received their new cards before the old ones expired on December 31, 2008. To ensure that cards or other correspondence from PCCD are mailed to the correct address, any constable who changes his address or other contact information should report those changes to the PCCD immediately.

### **§ 431.11. Registration.**

(a) A person shall register with the Board for certification by completing and submitting a form provided by the Board. The person will be required to provide information such as mailing address and telephone number, Social Security number, date of birth and office held or sought. A constable shall set forth the beginning date and expiration date of the term of office held, and provide documentary evidence of election or appointment.

(b) A registrant shall inform the Board of a change to registration information within 15 days of the change.