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## CONSTABLES' TRAINING BULLETIN

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### Board Meeting Dates – 2010

Wednesday, June 9, 2010 - 10:45 am  
The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, State College

Thursday, August 5, 2010 - 10:00 am, King of Prussia area

Thursday, November 4, 2010 - 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 Suspended

At its meeting on February 4, 2010, the Constables' Education and Training Board voted, four to three, to suspend Act 233 Stipend Payments to constables under §7144(9)(f) for Training Year 2009, based on the current status of the Constables' Education and Training Account. On March 9, 2010, the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency voted, unanimously, to ratify this decision of the Board.

Therefore, no Act 233 Stipend Payments will be made during Calendar Year 2010. The issue of making Act 233 Stipend Payments to constables under §7144(9)(f) during Calendar Year 2011 for Training Year 2010 will be considered at the Constables' Education and Training Board meeting scheduled for November 4, 2010.

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# REVISED 2010 OPTIONAL TRAINING SCHEDULE

## **NORTHWEST OPTIONAL TRAINING – INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

May 22, 2010                      Edinboro Volunteer                      Sat              8am – 5pm  
**NW01T10**                      Fire Department

## **NORTH CENTRAL OPTIONAL TRAINING – MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY**

October 23, 2010                      Williamsport                      Sat      8am – 5pm  
**NC01T10**

## **NORTHEAST OPTIONAL TRAINING – LACKAWANNA COLLEGE**

Sep 26, 2010                      Scranton                      Sun              8am – 5pm  
**NE01T10**

## **SOUTHWEST OPTIONAL TRAINING – INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Aug 21, 2010                      South Strabane Township FOP                      Sat              8am – 5pm  
**SW01T10**                      Eighty Four, PA

Oct 23, 2010                      South Strabane Township FOP                      Sat              8am – 5pm  
**SW02T10**                      Eighty Four, PA

## **SOUTH CENTRAL OPTIONAL TRAINING – HARRISBURG AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Oct 9, 2010                      Shumaker Public Safety Center                      Sat              8am – 5pm  
**SC03T10 – HACC #60073**                      HACC - Harrisburg PA

## **SOUTHEAST OPTIONAL TRAINING – TEMPLE UNIVERSITY**

Jul 31, 2010                      Lehigh Valley Hospital                      Sat              8am – 5pm  
**SE01T10**

Oct 30, 2010                      DELCO, Sharon Hill                      Sat              8am - 5pm

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# Contact Information at PCCD

THESE ARE NOT CONTACTS FOR CLASS ENROLLMENT.

TO ENROLL IN CLASS, GO ON-LINE OR CONTACT YOUR TRAINING PROVIDER.

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If you reside in one of the following regions/counties, and you have questions regarding certification, insurance, or where to send your election certificate or appointment order, your contact person is

Sue Lanza, (717) 265-8552, [glanza@state.pa.us](mailto:glanza@state.pa.us)

NORTHWEST: Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, McKean, Venango, and Warren Counties

SOUTHWEST: Allegheny, Beaver, Cambria, Greene, Fayette, Indiana, Somerset, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties

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If you reside in one of the following regions/counties, and you have questions regarding certification, insurance, or where to send your election certificate or appointment order, your contact person is

Don Horst, (717) 265-8551, [dhorst@state.pa.us](mailto:dhorst@state.pa.us)

NORTH CENTRAL: Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga, and Union Counties

SOUTH CENTRAL: Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lebanon, Lancaster, Mifflin, Perry, Schuylkill, and York Counties

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If you reside in one of the following regions/counties, and you have questions regarding certification, insurance, or where to send your election certificate or appointment order, your contact person is

Sherry Leffler, (717) 265-8554, [sleffler@state.pa.us](mailto:sleffler@state.pa.us)

NORTHEAST: Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming Counties

SOUTHEAST: Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, and Northampton Counties

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# No-Show Policy Reminder

In 2003, the Constables' Education and Training Board adopted the following regulation in order to address the problem of constables enrolling in training and then not showing-up for class:

## **Title 37 §431.25, §431.35, §431.47. Attendance policies.**

A constable or other person who registers for basic training may withdraw from the course without penalty upon timely notification to the director of the school conducting basic training. A notification shall be deemed timely if it is delivered to the director of the school no later than 7 days prior to the state of the classes. The school may assess a failing grade for all or part of basic training if the constable or other person fails to provide timely notification and the Board finds that substantial mitigating circumstances do not exist.

## Maintaining Current Insurance Information with County Clerk of Courts' Offices

Act 2009-49, specifically Title 44 Pa.C.S. §7142(c), 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 certification, it is essential that every constable files with their county clerk of courts a certificate of professional liability insurance. Constables should deliver the certificates directly to their county clerk of courts offices, which are the legal repositories for professional liability insurance information. The clerk of courts will then advise PCCD that the required insurance information has been filed. Please do not mail or fax it to PCCD.

## Additional Taser® Training Survey

In July 2009, a Taser survey was sent to all active and certified constables requesting your input on the possibility of certifying constables to carry Tasers while performing constable duties. We received an overwhelming response to that survey, but we need more information from the constable population. In an effort to provide quality training, but also keeping in mind the fiscal health of the Constables' Education and Training Fund, we need to know what each active and certified constable/deputy constable's intentions are regarding purchasing a Taser and cartridges for qualification.

Attached is an additional, more-detailed Taser® Training Survey which should be completed and returned to our office in the self-addressed, postage paid envelope. **Please detach, complete, and return the survey by Friday, May 28, 2010.**

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# Act 49 Constable Training Taser® Training Survey

PLEASE PRINT VERY NEATLY IN CAPITAL LETTERS AND FILL IN CIRCLES COMPLETELY

NAME

CERTIFICATION #

COUNTY

## TASER® TRAINING QUESTIONS

Response Definition: Y=Yes N=No

- |  | Y                     | N                     |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. If PCCD would provide training and certification to carry a Taser, would you purchase a Taser to qualify for certification to carry? .....        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. If PCCD would provide training and certification to carry a Taser, would you purchase cartridges for qualification? .....                         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. If PCCD would provide training and certification to carry a Taser, would you purchase cartridges for practice? .....                              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. If PCCD required the purchase of a Taser prior to taking the training, would you still participate in the Taser training and certification? ..... | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. If PCCD required the purchase of cartridges for qualification, would you still participate in the Taser training and certification? .....         | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. If PCCD required the purchase of cartridges for practice, would you still participate in the Taser training and certification? .....              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Are you currently a certified Taser Instructor? .....   | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

## COMMENTS

\*All references are made to Taser® only; no other Electro-Muscular Incapacitation Device will be permitted for training and certification.

