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Important Policy Changes

On May 26, 2011 the Constables Education and Training Board approved the following regulation changes which were then approved by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency on June 14, 2011. The following regulation changes are being made into Board Policy until the completion of the Regulation process through the Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

FIREARMS QUALIFICATION

§ 431.42. Eligibility for firearms qualification.

A constable holding certification who is 21 years of age or older and who is not precluded under State or Federal law from possessing or using a firearm may enroll in a firearms qualification course.

The above section is existing Board Policy.

§ 431.43. Firearm and ammunition.

(b) The firearm provided shall be of a design generally acceptable for law enforcement usage, and shall be in a condition for safe operation as designed and intended by the firearm manufacturer. The firearm provided shall be one of the following calibers:

- (1) .380.
- (2) .38 special.
- (3) .357.
- (4) .40.
- (5) .45.
- (6) 9MM.

The Board and PCCD voted to eliminate the 10mm caliber firearm as an acceptable firearm to be used during the firearms qualification course.

This Board Policy will become effective on January 1, 2012.

§431.47. Attendance policies.

- (c) New Weapons: A constable who successfully completes a firearms qualification course may not attend another firearms qualification course in the same training year with the following exception: If a constable obtains a new weapon after having successfully completed his or her annual firearms qualification, the constable may attend, without penalty, another firearms training class and complete the qualification course-of-fire using the new weapon. Attendance at another firearms course is subject to course availability.
- (d) Advanced Firearms Failures: If a constable attends an advanced firearms qualification course and fails to successfully complete the qualification course-of-fire, the constable may attend, without penalty, a basic or annual firearms qualification course in its entirety.
- (e) Weapons Malfunctions: If a constable fails to successfully complete the qualification course-of-fire during any firearms qualification course because of a weapon malfunction, the constable may attend, without penalty, another firearms qualification course in its entirety, or may retake, without penalty, the portion of the firearms qualification course during and after which the malfunction occurred. Attendance at another firearms course is subject to course availability. Firearms instructors will document weapons malfunctions.

The above subparagraphs are currently in practice by the schools to accommodate these situations. However, these subparagraphs will become effective as Board Policy on January 1, 2012.

Additional Board Policy that will be implemented:

Other Person

“Other Person” language as been removed from the Board Regulations. “Other Person” is identified by the Program as a Non-constable, which would be a person who does not have a current valid term of office as a constable or deputy constable. Only a person with an election or appointment certificate on file with the Program will be assigned a Temporary Access Number. This person can still register with the Program but they will not be eligible to enroll into the basic training courses until they have a valid term of office on file with the Program. This Board Policy will become effective on January 1, 2012, however, effective immediately Program Staff will not issue a Temporary Access Number without the election or appointment certificate on file.

Additional Board Policy that was implemented in June 2008 (see Training Bulletin #60-Agusut 2008):

Law Enforcement Firearms Waiver Elimination

All Waivers of Firearms Training for Law Enforcement Officers have been eliminated. All constables who want to be certified to carry a firearm in the course of their constable duties, including those who are also law enforcement officers, must attend the Act 49 firearms training course in its entirety and pass the Act 49 firearms qualification course.

Additional Basic Firearms Class Being Offered

There is an additional 40 hour Constable Basic Firearms training being offered this year. The class enrollments will be on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

BASIC FIREARMS – INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Sept.23, 2011 – Oct.2, 2011
SW21F11B

South Strabane Township FOP
Eighty Four, PA

Fri 6pm – 10 pm
Sat/Sun 8am 0 5pm

The Basic Firearms course has been designed to provide essential grounding in acceptable law enforcement techniques for any constable who is not certified to carry a firearm by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). It consists of 40 hours of basic firearms training and qualification. While the training is not mandatory, it is available to any constable who has completed the 80-hour Basic Training Course, has acquired a certification number, and is at least twenty-one years of age.

Online enrollment is best. Use the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) website:

www.pccd.state.pa.us

Online enrollment is secure and fast, and is confirmed immediately. Enrollment can also be accomplished by mailing or faxing a completed standard registration form directly to the training delivery contractor. ***Do not mail or fax training forms to PCCD.*** Registration questions should be referred to the appropriate regional training delivery contractor. Constables cannot register for classes by calling or mailing PCCD.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

To register, a completed Standard Registration Form must be mailed or Faxed to:

Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Criminal Justice Training Center
R&P Building, Room 30
629 Fisher Ave
Indiana, PA 15705
ATTN: PA Constable Training Unit
Telephone: (724) 357-4055
FAX: (724) 357-4090

Website: www.iup.edu/crimjustice
E-mail: crball@iup.edu

Next Board Meeting

Thursday, August 4, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.
Ramada Inn, Hazelton

Meetings of the Constables' Education and Training Board (CETB) are public meetings. Constables are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

For Persons with a Record of a Disability

If special arrangements are required for a person with a record of a disability to participate in any constable training course, the person must contact the training provider (school) at least 20 days prior to the first day of class.

Constable Legal Resources

PCCD is no longer providing the printed Constables' Legal Reference Guide. Staff is directing constables to Internet resources for the most up-to-date information, such as these Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Pennsylvania Code websites:

http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/LI/Public/cons_index.cfm

<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/246/partItoC.html>

<http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/234/234toC.html>

These web sites are the same ones used by PCCD staff. If printed, hardcopy versions are desired, PCCD staff is referring constables to publishers of law books, such as Westlaw and Gould's. The individual constable would be responsible for purchasing books directly from them (approximately \$109 plus shipping per constable, per year).

Contact Information at PCCD

If you have questions regarding certification, insurance,
or where to send your election certificate or appointment order.

THESE ARE NOT CONTACTS FOR CLASS ENROLLMENT

Don Horst, (717) 265-8551, dhorst@state.pa.us
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