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In Memoriam

Constable and Board Member Harry C. Walsh

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Harry C. Walsh, Allegheny County (City of McKeesport) Constable and Constables' Education and Training Board Member. Harry passed away on July 15, 2015 after a brief illness. He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, and was a Public Community Sales Representative for Bell Atlantic for 43 years. , a Controller and Councilman for the City of McKeesport, a constable for the City of McKeesport, a Democratic Committeeman for the 7th Ward of McKeesport, a member of the White Oak American Legion Post #701, and the Eleventh Ward Club. Constable Walsh served on the Board since 2009 and was a vocal advocate for the constable population. He will be missed for his sense of humor and charismatic personality.

Instructor Thomas Olsen

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Thomas Olsen, Act 49 Instructor. Tom passed away on June 21, after an illness. The Constables' Education and Training Board certified Tom to teach Act 49 training courses in 1996 and he formally taught for the Program at Harrisburg Area Community College. Tom as a firearms instructor at the Piccola Law Enforcement Center at HACC for 31 years, a retired sergeant from the Camp Hill Police Department and served in the US Army Reserves for 12 years. He will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have made his acquaintance in both the training environment and the constable community. For all who knew him, Tom was a Leader, a Visionary and one of the finest firearms instructors that has ever taught for the Program.

Liability Insurance

Act 49 states 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 County Clerk of Courts. In order to ensure uninterrupted constable certification, it is essential that every constable file a new certificate of insurance with the County Clerk of Courts before the current insurance policy expires.

Re-election/Election Certificates and Appointment Orders

A few new constables will be elected in the fall of 2015. Other constables may stand for re-election. **In order to ensure continued, uninterrupted certification, if you are re-elected or elected for the first time in November**, you must forward a copy of your new election certificate from the county Board of Elections to the PCCD via mail or FAX to: Bureau of Training Services, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, PO Box 1167, Harrisburg PA 17108-1167; FAX (717) 783-7140. If you are a constable or deputy constable who has been newly-appointed or re-appointed, you must forward a copy of your new appointment order signed by the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, to the address above.

Minor Court Civil Rules Change

Effective April 12, 2015 Title 246, Minor Court Civil Rules, Chapter 800. Minors and Incompetents As Parties, has been changed to: Minors and Incapacitated Persons As Parties. The changes effect Rules 801 to 816, 818 and 820, but the changes are very limited, changing the terminology from incompetent to incapacitated person and clarifying the incapacitated person as an adult. Rule 802. Minor May Be Party to Action, has been changed from Whether or not he is represented by a guardian a minor may be a party to an action to A minor is not required to be represented by a guardian in an action. The rest of the changes are simply replacing incompetent with incapacitated person.

Western Region Firearms Classes

Several Annual Firearms classes have been cancelled in the Northwest and Southwest regions due to low enrollments. There is a minimum enrollment of 16 for Annual Firearms classes. Please be advised that if you have not enrolled for your annual firearms qualification class, do so as soon as possible before more classes are cancelled due to low enrollment. The last scheduled Annual Firearms class in the Western Region will be held at the Twin Rivers COG location on October 16, 17, and 18, 2015.

First Aid and CPR Certifications

When reviewing class evaluations, Program Staff have noticed numerous requests for First Aid and CPR certifications. The Board's stance is that these certifications are readily available at the local level and the cost would be minimal. The Program and Board feels that the continuing education training hours should be utilized for other pertinent subjects rather than for a certification that can easily be obtained through other entities. The initial certification for First Aid and CPR is not provided through the Program either.

Additional Insurance Provider

The following insurance provider has requested that their updated contact information be provided to the constables and deputy constables. *The information provided below does not imply endorsement by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, or the Constables' Education and Training Board.*

E.R. Munro and Company
420 Fort Duquesne Blvd, Suite 400
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1460
Phone: 877-ERMUNRO (376-8676)
Website: www.ermunro.com
Contact Person: Tod Aronson

Attendance Policies

Please see the Attendance Policies outlined in Board Regulation below. All calls should be made “to the director of the school or a designee” directly.

§431.25(a), §431.35(a) and §431.47(a). Attendance Policies.

States in part . . . A notification shall be deemed timely if it is delivered to the director of the school or a designee no later than 7 calendars prior to the start of classes.

Constables and deputy constables should not call or inform the class instructors as to the non attendance of themselves or others.

All attendance calls should be made directly “to the director of the school or a designee”, see the Training Delivery Contractor contact information listed below.

If you have an emergency prior to, or on any of the scheduled class dates, contact the Training Delivery Contractor as soon as possible.

Please do not contact PCCD Staff to enroll, withdraw or transfer training classes.

Training Delivery Contractor Contact Information

Eastern Region: Temple University, Dee Beiter – (267) 468-8331, tuf49925@temple.edu

Central Region: Indiana University of PA, Michael Marcantino – (724) 549-1929, m.j.marcantino@iup.edu

Western Region: Penn State-Fayette Campus, Todd Brothers – (724) 430-4114, teb18@psu.edu

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Constables’ Education and Training Board (CETB) will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at PCCD’s Offices, 3101 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110. All CETB meetings are open to the public and constables are welcomed and encouraged to attend.