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## CHANGES TO BASIC TRAINING WAIVER POLICY

Since 1991, the Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Board has permitted deputies with certain prior Pennsylvania based law enforcement experience and training to request a waiver of basic training. Deputies approved for this waiver were permitted to attend an abbreviated waiver course for certification in lieu of basic training.

Recently, the Board reviewed the requirements for a waiver of training in view of the pending expansion of the basic training program. As a result of the review, the Board has made two changes the basic training waiver policy. 1) Waiver eligibility criteria have been expanded and simplified. 2) Successful completion of the waiver examination is now required for all eligible applicants.

A new, simplified Basic Training Partial Waiver Application has been developed and is included with this Bulletin. The application is also available at our web site, [www.pccd.state.pa.us](http://www.pccd.state.pa.us).

Waiver applications must be accompanied by documentation of the applicant's training and employment history which meets one or more of the following criteria: successful completion of Act 120, municipal police officer's basic training; employment as a municipal police officer in Pennsylvania; or employment as a Pennsylvania State Police officer. In addition, documentation of qualification in firearms, CPR, and first aid must accompany the application. Acceptable documentation is described on the application form.

As noted above, upon determination that the applicant meets the requirements of the waiver policy, all applicants for a waiver of training will be required to take a waiver exam. Based upon successful completion of waiver exam, applicants will be awarded a waiver of basic training, which will allow them to attend a waiver course of approximately 100 hours, in lieu of attending the complete basic training program. To receive certification as a deputy sheriff, applicants must successfully complete the waiver course.

An additional category in the waiver policy allows for a full waiver of basic training for a deputy who previously has served a full, four-year term as a sheriff in Pennsylvania. This deputy is eligible for a full waiver after passing a full waiver examination.

The waiver exam is designed to test the knowledge and experience retained by the applicant deputy from his training or employment as a police officer in Pennsylvania. This exam, multiple choice and true/false, was developed to provide the Board with a way to gauge that the deputy could be certified without receiving additional training in subjects for which he/she already has adequate knowledge.

Waiver exams will be scheduled on a regular basis. Prior to scheduling a deputy for a waiver exam, the department must receive notice from the PCCD that the application has been approved and the applicant meets all eligibility requirements. Only deputies registered for a particular exam date will be allowed to take the exam. Exam dates are currently scheduled as follows.

**Waiver Exam Dates**

June 9, 2000	10:00 am	PCCD, Harrisburg
June 12, 2000	10:00 am	PCCD, Harrisburg
June 14, 2000	10:00 am	PCCD, Harrisburg
June 19, 2000	10:00 am	Allegheny County Police Academy

To schedule an exam, departments should contact Don Numer at extension 3041 at either (717) 705-3693 or (800) 692-7292.

Once a department is notified that an applicant has passed the waiver exam, they may schedule him/her for attendance at the waiver course. The Academy will not accept tentative enrollment or enrollment of any deputy who has not yet passed the waiver exam. Information on enrollment for both the basic and the waiver training courses will be issued in a future Bulletin.