Distance Learning Courses

The Deputy Sheriffs' Education and Training Board is pleased to announce the availability of the 2009 Deputy Sheriff's Distance Learning Courses offered through Temple University.

- Civil and Criminal Liability   (8 hours)
- Cultural Diversity   (8 hours)
- Drug Identification   (6 hours)
- Legal Updates 2009   (4 hours)
- Use of Force   (8 hours)

The enrollment period begins February 1, 2009. This training is free and upon successful completion, the deputy's official training record will reflect the course, hours, and successful completion (Pass). However, this training does not replace the 20-hour continuing education requirement of Act 1984-2 nor is the deputy or County reimbursed for the time spent completing these modules. This is a voluntary program for the benefit of deputies and their offices.

In order to participate in the merit courses and experience all features of the program, the deputy will need to have access to reasonably up-to-date computer equipment. The minimum computer requirements are Windows XP, 512MB RAM, Pentium IV, and Broadband Internet access.

Deputies may take any and all courses listed. However, selected courses must be completed by July 31, 2009. At that time, student enrollment will be cancelled.

In order to process registrations efficiently, deputies should send an e-mail to aluongo@temple.edu and provide Temple University with the following information:

- Full name
- Rank/title
- E-mail address
- Departmental Address
- Daytime telephone number
- Course or courses registering for
- A unique eight (8) digit alpha-numeric pin/password (each deputy creates):

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Once registered, deputies will receive a confirmation e-mail from Temple containing a unique username and password as well as information on distance-learning course policies. Deputies are asked to safeguard this important information; grade(s) for the course(s) are linked to usernames.

Deputies will have approximately six (6) months to complete the course(s). Each module contains the lesson, a workbook, supplemental materials, a test, and a course evaluation. The courses are graded in a pass/fail manner, 70% and higher being a passing grade. After taking the test, deputies will receive their grade and have the opportunity to review the correct response for each question. All grades will be reported to PCCD and to their respective Sheriffs.

A Temple University Certificate of Completion and Transcript of Training will be issued to each deputy, and a copy to his/her Sheriff, at the end of the enrollment period for each course successfully completed.

Temple would like the deputies to complete the course evaluation for each module. This feedback will help to improve future distance-learning for deputy sheriffs.

We have presently arranged for a limited number of registrations (logins) per cycle. So as not to waste a login perusing the courses, Temple University has established a visitor's account. To preview the distance-learning courses without registering, a deputy can go to https://blackboard.temple.edu and log-in using:

> Username: deputy50
> Password: deputy50

Remember, that as a visitor, deputies can explore the courses but they do not receive credit until they register and complete each course as a registered student.

If deputies have questions or need assistance while completing the course(s), they may contact Temple University at (215) 204-7930 or e-mail aluongo@temple.edu. In addition, deputies can refer to the "Technical Support" icon located in each training module.