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Firearm Education & Training Commission

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COMMISSION ELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2012



An election held during the January 19th FETC meeting resulted in a change of leadership for the Commission. Keith Graybill, formerly the FETC Vice-Chairman, was elected as Chairman while Scott Schlechter, formerly the FETC Chairman, was elected as Vice-Chairman. Officers are elected or re-elected, as applicable, annually by the FETC at the first meeting of the calendar year.



Vice-Chairman Schlechter

Chairman Graybill, a consultant for the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, has been an FETC Commissioner since 2007. He is a former Chief Probation Officer in Juniata County and past president of the Pennsylvania Association on Probation, Parole and Corrections.

Vice-Chairman Schlechter currently serves as a supervisor and training coordinator for Lehigh County Adult Probation. He has been an FETC Commissioner since 1998.



Governor Corbett Names Michael Potteiger as Chairman of Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole

Governor Tom Corbett appointed Michael C. Potteiger of York County as the new chairman of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, effective Feb. 1. Potteiger, 45, of York Haven, succeeds Lloyd A. White, who has served as acting chairman since last July.

According to a statement released by the Governor's Office, "Potteiger began his career as a Dauphin County probation officer. While supervising convicted drug offenders, Potteiger was instrumental in the planning and development of the Intensive Drug Unit. He then served as chief adult probation officer in Northumberland County, helping implement a treatment court for drug and alcohol offenders, as well as people with mental health issues. In 2008, he returned to Dauphin County as the director of the Adult Probation and Parole Services. As director, he developed programs to focus on re-entry by engaging offender's family members in the process. He was instrumental in developing Dauphin County's veterans court. Potteiger also currently serves as president of the Pennsylvania County Adult Probation Chiefs Association."

By statute, the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole is also an FETC Commissioner and the FETC looks forward to his input at future meetings.

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TRAINING NOTES

CFI Conference Set for March 13-14, 2012

The CFI Conference will be taking place at the Days Inn in State College, PA. Those in attendance will be reviewing the new FETC qualification course of fire as well as the expanded low-light range training. Those CFIs who were selected by their counties to attend should have already received a conference informational memo via email from FETC Executive Director Todd Burns.

Training Injury and Instructor Complaint Forms

The Commission has developed two new forms. The first, Form 27, is used to report injuries that occur during Commission-approved training events. The second, Form 28, allows CFIs to report observed unsafe and/or unprofessional conduct by other instructors during Commission-approved training events. Both are available on the FETC website under the Forms and Publication tab.

FETC Policy Update

After a discussion at the January 19, 2012 Commission meeting, it was determined that there will be no armoring of student weapons by Commission staff or CFI's instructing on behalf of the Commission during Commission-run trainings, including the Basic Training Academy.

CFI Applications

The Commission has adopted an application process for non-active Law Enforcement Officers who want to become certified firearms instructors (CFI's) for the Commission. This application is available on the FETC website under the Policies and Procedures tab.

Attendance Policy

In order to receive credit for a basic training or in-service class, officers must be present for the entire course of instruction including all practical exercises or live fire drills. Leaving early for any reason and thereby not participating in the entire curriculum will result in no credit for that class. Early departures will be noted by the class lead instructor and brought to the attention of Commission staff.

2012 FETC Basic Firearms Training Academy Dates

67th BTA 69th BTA

Classroom: June 6-8
Range A: June 19-22
Range B: June 26-29
Range B: Sept 25-28

68th BTA 70th BTA

Classroom: July 11-13 Classroom: Oct 10-12 Range A: July 24-27 Range A: Oct 16-19 Range B: July 31-Aug 3 Range B: Oct 23-26

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