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### CONSTABLES' LEGAL REFERENCE GUIDE

All active, certified constables and deputy constables should have recently received a copy of the Constables' Legal Reference Guide by US mail. It is loose-leafed, 994 pages of text and 248 pages of index, bound in two volumes. Volume 1, pages 1 through 558, contains information on the PCCD's Victims Compensation Program and Titles 13, 18 and 42. Volume 2, pages 559 through 990, contains Titles 234 and 246, information from the State Ethics Commission on financial disclosure, and the index. By now, all active, certified constables should have received a copy of the guide. If any certified constable has not received a copy, please notify the PCCD by calling (800) 692-7292, extension 3198, and leaving a message.

All information in the guide will be updated annually. Active, certified constables will receive the annual updates directly from the publisher, as long as they maintain their certifications. The guide will also be distributed to new constables in future basic training classes. Although the information in it is public information, the legal guide is a unique compilation, and the PCCD had to obtain permission from West Group Publishing for Purdon's, among others, to publish it. It is intended to be used only by certified constables and deputy constables as a training and reference tool. Please use the guide in place of old editions of the Crimes Code and the Pennsylvania Rules of Court. Many changes have occurred since last year. In particular, the Rules of Criminal Procedure have changed considerably, and these changes are reflected in the legal guide. The guide's index is useful only in conjunction with the guide itself.

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Constables' Education and Training Board offer this publication as a general guide to sources of legal authority relating to constables in Pennsylvania. It is not designed to be a substitute for advice rendered by a licensed attorney.

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## **WEB-BASED CONSTABLE FINDER**

Constables are encouraged to visit the PCCD's website at [www.pccd.state.pa.us](http://www.pccd.state.pa.us). A new feature of the site is the Constable Finder. It allows the user to search on a constable's name or certification number. A county search will list all certified constables in the county selected. The information contained in the Constable Finder is restricted only to information that is public in nature, constables' names, certification numbers, and counties. The information is updated every day. Privileged, confidential information, such as constables' social security numbers, addresses, or telephone numbers, are not contained or accessible on the site.

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## **REVISED TRAINING SCHEDULE**

A revised Constables' Training Schedule for the second half of 2001 is being prepared for distribution in June. The revised schedule will list all remaining classes in 2001, July through October. Constables are reminded that the training cycle ends in October, and that classes are limited as to size and are on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to assure continued, uninterrupted certification, constables are encouraged to enroll in class as soon as possible. Registration with the appropriate training provider is required prior to attending any class. To register, a completed Standard Registration Form must be mailed or FAXed directly to the training delivery contractor. They cannot be accepted over the telephone.

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