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Act 44 becomes Act 49-2009

On Friday, October 9, 2009, the Governor signed Act 49-2009 into law. Act 49 is a consolidation of various statutes regarding constables including the 1994 Constables' Education and Training Act, known as Act 44. For the first time, there is one Commonwealth statute that encompasses the most common laws regarding Constables and Deputy Constables. That statute is Title 44, Chapter 71 Constables. Chapter 71 is broken down in the following Subchapters: A) Preliminary Provisions, B) Election, C) Appointment, D) Conflicts, E) Training, F) Powers and Duties, G) Compensation, and H) Penalties and Remedies.

Act 44-1994, the Constables Education and Training Act was moved from Title 42, Chapter 29 to Title 44, Chapter 71, Subchapter E. There are three minor changes to the Constables' Education and Training Act. The first is that Act 49 eliminates part of Act 44, Section 2945, which provided for constables in office at the time of Act 44 passage, to take a waiver exam to attain certification instead of attending the basic training. This portion of Section 2945 has not been relevant since late 1997.

The second change was to Act 44, Section 2948(b), that required constables have Act 120, 235 or Act 2 firearms certification until the Board created the current Act 44 firearms training and certification. That portion of Section 2948(b) has not been relevant since the Board established a firearms program in 1998.

The third change is that the fee section of Act 44, Section 2950, has been consolidated in Act 49 with other similar or older, unrelated statutory fees for various constable services. Since Act 49 is a consolidation of various constable statutes, repeals some statutes and updates some of the dated language in other statutes, there were no large scale changes. The various separate statutes that were consolidated in Act 49 have been repealed from their original statutes. For example, Title 13, Constables, has now been incorporated into Title 44 as Chapter 71, Constables.

PCCD will begin to change over all of its documentation and curriculum from references of Act 44 to Act 49. This will take time, but there are no differences, other than those mentioned previously between the old Act 44 and the new Act 49. ***The requirements for constable training, certification, and insurance have not changed.*** The composition and role of the Constables' Education and Training Board remains the same as well.

Re-election/Election Certificates

Many constables will stand for re-election and many new constables will be elected in the fall of 2009. **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.

Contact Information at PCCD

THESE ARE NOT CONTACTS FOR CLASS ENROLLMENT.
GO ON-LINE OR CONTACT YOUR TRAINING PROVIDER TO ENROLL IN CLASS.

If you reside in one of the following regions/counties, and you have questions regarding certification, insurance, or where to send your election certificate or appointment order, your contact person is
Sue Lanza, (717) 265-8552, ganza@state.pa.us

NORTHWEST: Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, McKean, Venango, and Warren Counties

SOUTHWEST: Allegheny, Beaver, Cambria, Greene, Fayette, Indiana, Somerset, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties

If you reside in one of the following regions/counties, and you have questions regarding certification, insurance, or where to send your election certificate or appointment order, your contact person is
Don Horst, (717) 265-8551, dhorst@state.pa.us

NORTH CENTRAL: Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Potter, Snyder, Tioga, and Union Counties

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If you reside in one of the following regions/counties, and you have questions regarding certification, insurance, or where to send your election certificate or appointment order, your contact person is
Sherry Leffler, (717) 265-8554, sleffler@state.pa.us

NORTHEAST: Bradford, Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming Counties

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