

# PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY

## Constables' Education and Training Board

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### Board Chair Resigns

At the May 11, 2017, Constables' Education and Training Board meeting Constable Fred Contino resigned as a member of the Board. Constable Contino was appointed to the Board on June 19, 2007 and has served as the Board Chair since 2013. During Constable Contino's tenure on the Board, he was a very integral part of the Board and has always provided a great perspective from the constable's point of view. He was always a vocal advocate for the constable population and his presence on the Board will be greatly missed by the other Board members, Program Staff and the constable population.

### PSP Designee Named to Board

Major William P. White has been named as the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Designee on the Board. Major William White currently serves as the Director of the PSP Bureau of Training and Education. He oversees the Academy in Hershey as well as the four Regional Training Centers and the Pursuit Driving facility in Ft. Indiantown Gap. Major White enlisted in the State Police in May of 1993 and has served in various positions as he progressed through the ranks. His previous assignments include Commanding Officer, Troop J Lancaster; Director, Aviation and Special Services Division, Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations; Criminal Investigation, Patrol and Staff Services Section Commander; Criminal Investigation Unit Supervisor; Tactical Section Supervisor / Assistant Coordinator (Eastern Section), Special Emergency Response Team (SERT); Bomb Technician - Hazardous Devices and Explosive Section, Patrol and Criminal Investigation Supervisor.

Major White has an undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from Shippensburg University and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Eastern University. Major White is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy for Law Enforcement Executives and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Hazardous Devices School.

## **Rescheduled CETB Meeting**

**The August 10, 2017 Constables' Education and Training Board (CETB) meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, August 17, 2017, at PCCD's Offices, 3101 N. Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110 beginning at 10:00 a.m.** All CETB meetings are open to the public and constables are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

## **SC02BT17 Date Changes**

Please note that the dates have been changed for SC02BT17: this Basic Training class will now be held September 8-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-October 1, 2017. Please contact Mike Marcantino at IUP (724-549-1929) with any questions.

## **Training Year 2018 Reduction of Classes and Locations**

In an effort to provide training classes in the most economical manner, Program Staff have recently worked with the Training Delivery Contractors to combine and cancel 2017 training classes with low enrollment numbers. Program Staff will be looking closely at the number of training classes offered in 2018. However, there will be enough seats to accommodate all of the current certified constable population.

## **Acceptable Firearms Calibers**

Please be advised that per Board Regulation below, no other firearm calibers can be used for qualification at any Constables' Firearms Training Classes. Recently there was a .44 caliber firearm being shot as a second weapon, which is not an acceptable caliber. Below are the acceptable calibers recognized by Board Regulations:

Title 37, Chapter 431, §431.43. Firearms and ammunition.

- (a) As a prerequisite for attending a firearms qualification course, a constable shall provide at all times during the course a firearm and ammunition, magazines, speed loaders, safety accessories and cleaning equipment specific to the firearm. The Board will provide ammunition to the constable for use during instruction. The constable shall provide ammunition for use during the qualification test.
- (b) The firearm provided shall be of a design generally acceptable for law enforcement usage, and shall be in a condition for safe operation as designed and intended by the firearm manufacturer. The firearm provided shall be one of the following calibers:
  - (1) .380.
  - (2) .38 special.
  - (3) .357.
  - (4) .40.
  - (5) .45.
  - (6) 9 mm.
- (c) The ammunition provided shall be of a type and design generally acceptable for law enforcement usage, and may not be remanufactured or reloaded.

## **Unacceptable Ammunition**

Recently we have seen some constables shooting 9mm +P+ ammunition for qualification. Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute (SAAMI) currently has no data on +P+ ammunition. Several firearms manufacturers recommend only using ammunition that meets SAAMI standards. As a result currently PCCD will not allow +P+ ammunition for qualification.

## **Preferred Correspondence**

In an effort to reduce mailing costs, Program Staff are requesting that at all registered CCETS users take advantage of email correspondence rather than mailed correspondence. Since the implementation of CCETS in 2014, the Program has realized significant costs savings in the reduction of mailed correspondence. If you have a valid email address on file with the Program but are receiving correspondence via USPS, please take a moment to change your “Preferred Correspondence Method” to Email in CCETS to help in reducing our mailing costs.

Program Staff will be contacting several hundred constables and deputy constables in the near future, who have an email address on file with us but their “Preferred Correspondence Method” is set to “US Mail”. We will be asking if they would be willing to switch to “Email” correspondence, to assist us in reducing mailing costs for the Program.

## **Email Address(es)**

Please make sure to update any changes you may have to your email address(es) stored in CCETS. We have received numerous undeliverable email address responses and would like to continue to email correspondence to these individuals.

## **Less than Lethal Options Certifications**

If you have completed the 80-Hour Basic Training class in 2016, you do not need to take an Optional Training class in 2017.

The following outlines the expirations for these certifications:

Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol Training (OCAT) – Four year certification  
Monandock Expandable Baton (MEB) – Two year certification  
Management of Aggressive Behavior (MOAB) – Four year certification

## **Training Delivery Contractor Contact Information**

Eastern Region: Temple University, Dee Beiter – (267) 468-8331

Central Region: Indiana University of PA, Michael Marcantino – (724) 549-1929

Western Region: Penn State-Fayette Campus, Ted Mellors – (724) 430-4114

## **Program Staff Contact Information**

If you have questions regarding certification, insurance,  
or where to send your election certificate or appointment order  
**THESE ARE NOT CONTACTS FOR CLASS ENROLLMENT**

WESTERN PA: Armstrong, Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Greene, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mercer, McKean, Somerset, Venango, Washington, Warren, and Westmoreland Counties

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