

CONSTABLES' TRAINING BULLETIN

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Recent Board Action

During the August 13, 2020 Board meeting, the following action items were approved by the Board and will be presented to the Commission at the September 9, 2020 meeting. These changes will become effective on the date of the Commission's approval.

1. Firearms Certification Extension – This approval will extend the firearms certification of all currently firearms certified constables and deputy constables. Their current firearms certification periods will be extended to December 31, 2021.
2. Change to 2020 Certification Training Requirement – This approval will eliminate the 8-Hour physical class requirement and only require the successful completion of the 4-Hour online training to maintain certification through December 31, 2021.

New Board Member

The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Academy Director has been selected and Major George L. Bivens will be serving on the Board as the PSP Commissioner's designee. Major Bivens has been a member of the Pennsylvania State Police for the past 35 years, serving in a variety of Patrol and Criminal Investigation related assignments. During the period of December 2010 through January 2016, Major Bivens served as the Deputy Commissioner of Operations and was responsible for oversight of all 16 PSP Troops and 3 Area Commands, the Bureau of Patrol, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, Bureau of Emergency and Special Operations, Bureau of Gaming Enforcement, Bureau of Information Technology, Executive Services Section, and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security. Currently, he serves as the Director of the Bureau of Training and Education within the PSP.

Major Bivens is a past Chair of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Organized Crime Committee, served as a member of the IACP Police Investigative Operations Committee, and has been active with several other committees at the state, regional, and national level. Major Bivens is a graduate of the 191st class of the FBI National Academy, the FBI's Leadership in Counter-terrorism Program as well as a 2012 graduate of the FBI's National Executive Institute.

**Constables' Education and Training
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**John Pfau
Manager,
Bureau of Training Services**

Constable Grade Transcripts

Program Staff have received numerous inquiries regarding error messages that are received when trying to access the grade transcripts in CCETS. Please be advised that you must be logged into CCETS using Internet Explorer version 11.0 or higher for the transcript to generate without errors. If using Microsoft Edge, Google Chrome or any other internet browser, you will receive errors.

Temple Online Activation Emails

If you have NOT received the activation email from cesystem@temple.edu, please contact Sherry Leffler at sleffler@pa.gov. It is important that you activate your Temple Canvas account in order to gain access to the required 4-Hour online subject, "Reacting to Witnessed Criminal Behavior".

Approximately 33% of the active and certified constables and deputy constables have completed the online training. **This must be completed by December 4, 2020 to maintain certification for 2021.**

Canvas Reminders

If you have completed the online subject, Reacting to Witnessed Criminal Behavior, and passed the course, do not attempt to take this online subject again through Canvas. The latest grade that is reported to us will be official grade recorded in CCETS. This grade may be different than the first grade reported.

The following language appears on the examination module: If both test attempts are failed, you must contact PCCD Staff in order to pay and retake the online training module. **This only applies if you take and fail at both attempts at the exam.**

If you pass an exam on the first attempt (70%=7 out of 10 questions or higher), you **DO NOT** need to take it again. DO NOT open an exam unless you are prepared to take it at that time. You have 30 minutes to complete each attempt at the exam, so we encourage you to take your time and do not rush through it. Plan so that you can complete the exam uninterrupted.

The exam will expire or "time out" after 30 minutes. If this occurs, it will be considered a failure and you will only be given one additional attempt to successfully complete the exam in the 30-minute time frame allotted.

Last 2020 CETB Meeting

The last Board meeting of the year will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020. This meeting will be conducted remotely via Skype and the Board packet and call in information will be posted prior to the meeting. This information can be found on the Constables' section of the PCCD website under "New Information for Constables".

Contact Information

Program Staff are continuing to telework and the best way to reach us is by email at sleffler@pa.gov or trabeaver@pa.gov for any questions or issues. We will continue to update the constable population by email and in CCETS as often as possible.