



NEWSLETTER

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New MPOETC Executive Director

It is a great honor for me to serve as the new Executive Director of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (MPOETC). Thanks to the hard work of the wonderfully dedicated police academy directors, instructors, police chiefs, and officers of this Commonwealth, we have a highly professional culture of policing in Pennsylvania. In working with the men and women of MPOETC, it is clear that we have a highly motivated team to continue the important work of the Commission. It is my goal to continue the traditions of law enforcement excellence that have been created by so many in our Commonwealth. I plan to maintain this tradition by having MPOETC bring more cutting edge technology, quality police training, and certification processes to our law enforcement community.

I am very excited about the future that MPOETC will bring to our police community in Pennsylvania. This summer we anticipate implementation of the first phase of the MPOETC Training And Certification System (TACS). The new TACS computer system will bring a whole host of conveniences to police chiefs and police officers alike. TACS will make recertification easier than ever before and it will bring conveniences for all officers as they maintain their training records.

I can also tell you that MPOETC curriculum development specialists are hard at work developing a new basic training curriculum. A goal of the curriculum is to capitalize on the experience our academy instructors have while teaching the new officer the knowledge they need to succeed. The Continuing Law Enforcement Education (CLEE) program, started by MPOETC, brings flexibility and choice for officer education. This new program allows chiefs and officers to tailor yearly training to individual officers of differing specialties. These are just some of the great programs for which we can all be proud. Please check the MPOETC website at www.psp.pa.gov/MPOETC for the newest information on these exciting programs.

I have spent a great deal of my career involved in law enforcement training, and like you, I have a passion for law enforcement. To me working with each chief, officer, and instructor is an exciting opportunity to shape the future of law enforcement training and professionalism. I look forward to seeing you at various meetings and wish you the best as you continue the noble tradition of protecting our communities in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Major Adam Kisthardt, Executive Director

Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission

Request for Subject Matter Experts

by MPOETC Training Unit

In anticipation of future in-service training requirements, MPOETC has begun development of several courses. Over the next 10 months, curriculum will be developed and instructors will be trained in preparation for 2017. Developing good curriculum requires input from experts with knowledge and experience in the subject area. MPOETC is currently seeking subject matter experts to participate in the development of the two courses listed below.

The *Assaults* course will prepare officers to have the knowledge to serve as a security-planning resource in their community. Due to the nature of their jobs, police officers have an understanding of security issues that is rarely possessed by other professionals. With this understanding and their experience, police officers can be an invaluable resource to various entities throughout their communities. These entities include schools, businesses, houses of worship, and public access entities such as malls, theaters, etc. This course will teach officers to conduct security and vulnerability assessments as well as the importance of coordinated response plans to active assault situations. If you have completed training in *A.L.I.C.E.*, *ALERT Community Vulnerability Assessment Methodology*, the FLETC's *Physical Security Training Program*, or hold a similar certification such as ASIS International's *Certified Protection Professional (CPP)* or *Physical Security Professional (PSP)*, and are interested in assisting with the development of this course, please send your resume to mpotraining@pa.gov with a statement of your interest in this course.

The *Intel* course will provide an overview of law enforcement intelligence processes, resources, and responsibilities. Almost 15 years after 9/11, many police officers have a limited understanding of the factors affecting information sharing across the various levels of government. Additionally, few know the various criminal intelligence resources available or the role the street-level officer plays in the law enforcement intelligence community. This course will teach officers about law enforcement intelligence and how they can access the various resources that exist. If you have a working knowledge of the current law enforcement and criminal intelligence community, are actively engaged in the collection, analysis, or dissemination of law enforcement intelligence, and are interested in assisting with the development of this course, please send your resume to mpotraining@pa.gov with a statement of your interest in this course.

2016 MPOETC In-Service Courses Available Online

by Leah Napoli

As an alternative to attending the MPOETC In-Service courses in the classroom, MPOETC has made available their in-service courses to be taken online by accessing them on the PAVTN.net website. The 2016 MPOETC courses are:

- *Legal Update (16-201)* – 3 Mandatory credit hours
- *Tactical Medicine (16-203)* – 3 Elective credit hours
- *Use of Force (16-202)* – 6 Elective credit hours

Also available is the *Substance Abuse Prevention for First Responders (15-808)* - MPOETC Approved Elective 3 credit hours. This Substance Abuse Prevention, Education and Outreach for First Responders Program will increase public health and safety, as well as the health and safety of our First Responders.

If you are already a member of PAVTN.net please login to access the courses.

If you would like to register to be a member of PAVTN.net, please email Christopher Braun at cjbraun@pachiefs.org to request membership to access the MPOETC online courses.

Highlights of the December Commission Meeting

Colonel Tyree C. Blocker, Chairman, called the quarterly meeting of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission (Commission) to order on December 10, 2015, at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

The Commission approved the minutes from the September 10, 2015, meeting.

Lieutenant Stephen L. Kiessling, Acting Executive Director, presented his Executive Director's report. The report consisted of the certification exam administered, professional standards interviews conducted, school inspections performed, and staff attended meetings and training, and presentations were given. The West, East, and Central 2016 Mandatory In-Service Instructor Training was held during this quarter.

In the absence of Commissioner Bart Burne, Ed.D., Commissioner Richard Long presented the Executive Committee Report. Each Committee Chair gave their report. During the meeting, Colonel Blocker announced Major Adam Kisthardt as the interim Executive Director; and, former Commission Counsel, Joanna Reynolds, announced Linda Randby as the new Commission Counsel.

Commissioner Stephen Margeson presented the Training Committee Report. Harrisburg Area Community College requested an increase of their tuition rate from \$3,600 to \$4,000. The Committee recommended approval. A motion was made and approved by the Commission for the tuition increase. The *IACP Leadership in Police Organizations* course, for candidates who wish to become a certified school director, was accepted and approved by the Commission.

In the absence of Commissioner Bart Burne, Ed.D., Commissioner Todd Naylor presented the Certification Committee Report. The Committee reviewed 199 full waiver applications, 115 basic applications, 40 new instructor applications, and 2 amendments to existing applications. The Committee also reviewed three new school director applications for Captain Glen Dorney, Gerald M. Monahan Sr. Police Academy; Lieutenant Andrew Winters, Reading Police Academy; and Lieutenant Cristyn Zett, Pittsburgh Police Academy. A motion was made, and the Commission approved all applications, as well as the new school director applications.

Commissioner Lawrence Cherba presented the Rules and Regulations Committee Report. The proposed rules are currently with the Regulatory Affairs Office, and they are being prepared for submission to the Office of Attorney General and the Independent Regulatory and Review Commission.

Commissioner Richard Long presented the Professional Standards Committee Report. A motion was made, and approved by the Commission, to approve the following police academies for one year or until their next inspection: IUP California, Mansfield, and Temple.

Commissioner Mark Hall presented the Strategic Planning Committee Report. The Committee presented the 2016 Strategic Vision Statement draft to the Commission. Approval from the Commission will be requested at the March 2016 quarterly meeting.

Commissioner Jacob Bierling presented the Budget Committee Report. As of November 30, 2015, 79 police departments requested reimbursement for Mandatory In-Service Training. Those expenses were \$121,791.48. As of November 30, 2015, 20 police departments requested reimbursement for tuition and salary for 193 officers. Those expenses were \$1,004,019.63. Total expenses for reimbursement are \$1,125,811.11.

Mr. William Richards requested a moment of silence for Officer Junior Lloyd Reed from St. Clair Township Police Department who was killed in the line of duty.

The next Commission meeting will be held on March 16 and 17, 2016, at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was adjourned.

The office of the Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission will be closed on the following date for the purpose of transacting public business:

Memorial Day: May 30, 2016

Regular office hours are from 8:15 A.M. to 4:15 P.M.
Monday through Friday

Information Regarding the March Commission Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission is on March 16 and 17, 2016, at the Radisson Hotel Harrisburg, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Phone: 717-763-7117.

For the committee meeting schedule and full Commission meeting time; please refer to the insert on this page. The Commission encourages attendance by police chiefs, law enforcement officers, police academy directors, instructors and other interested parties. If you have further questions concerning the meetings, please feel free to contact the Executive Director. You may also find information about the meetings by visiting our website at www.psp.pa.gov/MPOETC, under Popular Links click on the *Commission Meeting Schedule* link.

The Executive Committee will hear reports from all committees. In addition, the Executive Committee will also open their meeting to comments from the audience. If you would like to make a presentation to any committee, please contact the Executive Director in order to be placed on the agenda for the appropriate committee. This is your opportunity to have your concern or suggestion heard by the Commission.

Next Quarterly Commission Meeting Schedule

WEDNESDAY, March 16, 2016

12:30 PM	Certification Committee
2:00 PM	Training Committee
2:45 PM	Strategic Planning Committee
3:30 PM	Break
3:45 PM	Rules and Regulations Committee
4:00 PM	Professional Standards Committee
4:15 PM	Budget Committee

THURSDAY, March 17, 2016

8:00 AM	School Directors Meeting
9:00 AM	Certification Committee (if needed)
10:00 AM	Executive Committee
10:30 AM	Full Commission Meeting



Questions, comments and information for inclusion in the *Newsletter* are always welcome. This is your opportunity to submit your concerns or suggestions to the Commission. To do so, please contact the Executive Director, Major Adam M. Kisthardt or the Editor, Mr. Craig L. Hevalow, by calling toll-free at (800) 342-0858. The Commission can be contacted using the e-mail addresses on page 6. You may also write to:

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The Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission was established in 1974 to set hiring and training standards for police departments in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through strict certification procedures and standardized basic and continuing professional in-service training for police officers. The Commission needs the support of the entire law enforcement community, state and local government officials, and the general public to be successful. Please circulate this Newsletter throughout your agency and to the government officials in your municipality.

How to Use the Snipping Tool

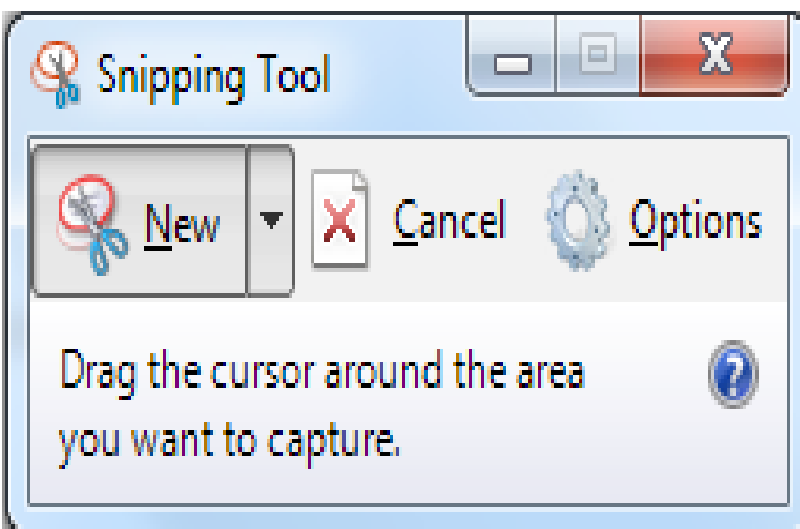
by DJ Jerome

Have you ever needed to capture a screen shot, but didn't want the whole screen? Well here is a little known built-in Windows tool to do just that, it's called the snipping tool.

From most Windows systems, click the start button in the lower left corner and type "snip." You should see this pop-up in the results.



Click the snipping tool and you will get a window just like this.



Click new and the screen will change slightly and your mouse will turn into a crosshair. Make sure the screen you want to capture the "Snip" from is in the background. Just click and drag over the area of the screen you want to copy and you got it.

You can now paste that "Snip" into emails, Word docs, etc.

New Agency Executives

Chief Bernard J. Ash	Bethel Township PD Delaware County
Chief Walter J. Beach	Tioga Borough PD Tioga County
Chief John T. Christman	South Whitehall Township PD Lehigh County
Chief Colin Cleary	Green Tree Borough PD Allegheny County
Chief James M. Etherington	Reserve Township PD Allegheny County
Chief Norman L. Hager, II	DuBoistown Borough PD Lycoming County
Chief William H. Hammerle	Connellsville City PD Fayette County
Chief Andrew J. Kensey	Amity Township PD Berks County
Chief Timothy J. Mercer	Logan Township PD Blair County
Chief David M. Ogle	Bendersville Borough PD Adams County
Chief William L. Richards	Shade Township PD Somerset County
Chief Robert Ruxton	Bridgeport Borough PD Montgomery County
Chief Richard B. Skelton	Limerick Township PD Montgomery County
Chief Jerry Speziale, Jr.	Hazleton City PD Luzerne County
Chief Thomas J. Vulakovich	Hampton Township PD Allegheny County
Chief Frederick A. Westover, Jr.	Benton Borough PD Columbia County

Congratulations!

Areas of Responsibility and Contact Information for Commission Staff

The following resource accounts are provided to allow your questions and concerns to reach the Executive Director, Staff Member, or Members of the Commission.

ADMINISTRATION AND CERTIFICATION

Act 120 Applications and Certification, Act 120 Instructor Application and Certification

e-mail: mpocertification@pa.gov
 Telephone: (717) 346-4086
 Fax: (717) 346-7781 or (717) 346-7782

TRAINING

Basic Training Curriculum, Mandatory In-Service Training, Instructor Training, Retired Law Enforcement Identification Act

e-mail: mpotraining@pa.gov
 Telephone: (717) 346-4086
 Fax: (717) 346-7781 or (717) 346-7782

GRANT REIMBURSEMENT

Continuing Law Enforcement Education Reimbursement (Mandatory In-Service Training), Basic Training Tuition and Salary

e-mail: RA-SPMPOFSS@pa.gov
 Telephone: (717) 346-4086
 Fax: (717) 346-7781 or (717) 346-7782

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND INSPECTIONS

Regulatory Compliance, School Inspections

e-mail: mpostandards@pa.gov
 Telephone: (717) 346-4086
 Fax: (717) 346-7781 or (717) 346-7782