



# NEWSLETTER

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## TACS Updates

### Annual Departmental Use of Force & Control Tactics:

As previously mentioned in the December 2023 newsletter, effective in January of 2024 all municipal police departments will be able to add the Departmental Use of Force & Control Tactics training for their officers by accessing the Use of Force & Control Tactics tab in TACS. Departments can either add the Use of Force & Control Tactics training individually for each officer, or complete a mass update for more than one officer, similar to entering Firearms Qualifications and CPR/First Aid TACS entries.

The Use of Force & Control Tactics TACS entry must include the training year, training date, and the name of the MPOETC-approved instructor.

### Legal Updates Announcements:

In an effort to ensure timely notifications about statutory updates, all officers with a profile in TACS will be receiving Legal Update Announcements sent via TACS to their email address associated with their TACS profile. These announcements will contain recent and significant pieces of legislation and pertinent court decisions that will have an impact on our law enforcement officers' day-to-day duties. Once the email announcement is received, officers will be required to complete the following steps in order to acknowledge that they have read the legal update notification:

1. Select the TACS Announcement link
2. Go to the TACS homepage Announcement tab and enter demographic information (last name, date of birth, and SSN) to sign-in to TACS
3. In the Announcement list screen \*click\* the View Details button to see the Announcement Details.
4. \*Click\* the Acknowledge button. Please note that once you click on the Acknowledge button for a specific legal update Announcement, it will be removed from the list.

Any questions pertaining to these TACS Updates can be emailed to the Training Resource account at [ra-mpottraining@pa.gov](mailto:ra-mpottraining@pa.gov).

## Quarterly Legal Updates

The Commission recognizes that both statutes and case law can change frequently and throughout the year. While officers take mandatory Legal Update training, many times the officers would have benefitted from knowing about the changes when they happened rather than waiting months to attend the class. To help reduce the time it takes for officers to hear about recent changes to the law, the Commission's quarterly newsletter now includes a synopsis of the most significant recent changes.

### Organized Retail Theft - EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

Act 42 of 2023 Amends Title 18/PA Crimes Code Section 3929.3 (Organized retail theft) as follows:

#### Subsection (b) Grading

- (1) If the retail value is at least \$2,500 but not more than \$9,999 the offense is a felony of the third degree.
- (2) If the retail value is at least \$10,000 but not more than \$49,999 the offense is a felony of the second degree.
- (3) If the retail value is at least \$50,000 the offense is a felony of the first degree.

#### (b.1) Enforcement

Establishes enforcement procedures.

#### (b.2)

Establishes geographic districts of the prosecuting attorneys.

### ACT 53: Wiretap Extension

The Wiretap Act was set to expire and this extends it until 12/31/2029. It also amends the definition for "oral communication", removing the restriction of conversations to State Parole Agent's and Department of Corrections officers' bodycams.

This requires the following for Agents.

- (i) Is clearly identifiable and on official duty.
- (ii) Is using an electronic, mechanical or other device that has been approved under section 5706(b)(4) to intercept a wire, electronic or oral communication in the course of official duties.
- (iii) Has received training on the device.
- (iv) Has provided prior written notice to a person under the lawful supervision of State parole that an agent, as defined in 61 Pa.C.S. § 6101, may intercept communications with the person.

This requires the following for DOC officers.

- (i) Is clearly identifiable and on official duty.
- (ii) (ii) Is using an electronic, mechanical or other device that has been approved under section 5706(b)(4) to intercept a wire, electronic or oral communication in the course of official duties.
- (iii) Has received training on the device.
- (iv) Is not intercepting a communication from inside the residence of an employee of the Department of Corrections without the consent of the employee or prior court approval.

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

**Memorial Day: May 27, 2024**

**Juneteenth National Freedom Day: June 19, 2024**

Regular office hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.  
Monday through Friday

**What is a flower's favorite kind of pickle?**

A daffo-dill.



## MPOETC Staff Updates

### Welcome Aboard and Welcome Back!

**Michael Corricelli** joins us as the new Training and Curriculum Director. After serving as an Air Force officer, Mike was appointed as a federal agent and worked for over 28 years. Since 2004, he worked in the Commonwealth with PSP, PAOAG, and numerous municipalities on local task forces. He has experience in counterintelligence operations, narcotics trafficking, violent crime, and sex crimes. He is a recognized expert in child exploitation investigations. He was a firearms and tactics instructor and also a bomb and hazmat investigator/first responder. A former forensic scientist, he has taught at local, state and national level training sessions on a variety of topics. Mike is also an adjunct instructor of criminal justice at the Lebanon Valley College.

**Jourdan Knapp** returned to MPOETC as the Bureau Administrative Manager in February of 2024. Jourdan most recently worked as the Business Manager for the Bureau of Driver Licensing for PennDOT and previously worked for MPOETC as the Certification Unit Supervisor from September 2018 to November 2021. Jourdan has worked for the Commonwealth for over 17 years; 15 of which being with PSP.

**Katy Schriener** was promoted to Clerical Assistant 3 at MPOETC in January of 2024. Katy is a part of the Lethal Weapons Unit. Prior to joining MPOETC, she was a Clerical Assistant 2 at Liquor Control Enforcement, Bureau Headquarters. In May, Katy will have two years of service at PSP.

### Farewell and Best of Luck!

**Jeanne Crawmer** provided MPOETC her dedication and expertise for over the past six years cumulatively as the Training and Curriculum Director, and as a Police Training Education Specialist. Jeanne possesses over 35 years of law enforcement experience having worked as a Patrol Sergeant with West Manchester Township PD, and was a HACC Police Academy Basic Curriculum and Mandatory In-Service Training Instructor.

**Stephanie Dunkerley** was promoted into a new position with the Department of State as a Legal Analyst beginning in February of 2024. Stephanie served in the role as the Certification Unit Supervisor for the past three years.

**Leah Napoli** has worked for MPOETC as a Police Training Education Specialist for the past nine years. Aside from being the MPOETC Newsletter Editor and Designer, her primary role was to develop in-person annual Mandatory In-Service Training and oversaw the conversion and delivery of eLearning courses presented to our municipal police officers throughout the Commonwealth. Beginning in April of 2024, Leah accepted a promotion position with the Office of Administration, Bureau of Talent Planning and Development as a Learning and Development Specialist.

**Vickie Shenberger** retired in January of 2024 with 12 years of service. Vickie served as a Clerical Assistant 3 with the Lethal Weapons Unit at MPOETC for six years.

**Sheila Wetzel** retired in January of 2024 with over 35 years of service. Sheila served as the Bureau Administrative Manager at MPOETC for over 18 years and has worked for nine different Executive Directors. Sheila was also involved with over 72 MPOETC Commission Meetings.

“May luck be with you on every path you tread, and may joy and success be with you as you move ahead.”

- Irish Blessing

## Highlights from the March 2024 Commission Meeting

On March 13-14, 2024, the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission held its regular quarterly meeting in Harrisburg at the MPOETC office. On Wednesday afternoon, March 13, 2024, the Commissioners held committee meetings to discuss the business of the Commission. On Thursday morning, March 14, 2024, the Commissioners met in an Executive Committee meeting, which was followed by the formal meeting of the full Commission, where they took the following actions:

- The Commission approved the change to firearms qualification ammunition. Departments can now use either duty or range ammunition provided the cartridge is the same bullet weight and manufacturer as they carry/duty ammunition.
- The Commission revoked certifications of three officers: One officer for physical or psychological impairment and two officers for convictions of the following disqualifying offenses: Simple Assault, Recklessly Endangering Another Person, and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or a Controlled Substance.
- The Commission approved an increase in Mercyhurst Academy tuition from \$6,000 to \$6,500.
- The Philadelphia Police Academy provided an update on the implementation of HB 863. Since February 2024, of the 432 individuals who tested under the new entrance standard, 242 woman and men have met or exceeded the benchmark of 15% and are currently undergoing training or waiting to class-up.

## Information Regarding the June 2024 Commission Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission is on June 12 and 13, 2024 at The Inn at Villanova University, 601 County Line Road, Radnor, Pennsylvania, 19087. Phone: 610-519-8000. Further information about the meeting, including a topical agenda, will be available at <https://mpoetc.psp.pa.gov/Pages/about-us.aspx>. *Please note that a public notification will be made if this meeting is rescheduled.*

- Committee meetings begin on Wednesday, the 12th at 12:30 P.M.
- Executive Committee meeting begins on Thursday, the 13th at 9:00 A.M.
- Full Commission meeting begins on Thursday, the 13th at 10:00 A.M.

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.

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.



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 William A. Brown by calling toll-free at 1-800-342-0858. The Commission can be contacted using the email addresses on page 5. You may also write to:

### MPOETC Newsletter

### *Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Commission*

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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. The quarterly newsletter is also available on the MPOETC website at [www.psp.pa.gov/MPOETC](http://www.psp.pa.gov/MPOETC), under About Us > Quarterly Newsletters.



# New Agency Executives

- Chief Robert A. Berta** Jessup Borough PD  
Lackawanna County
- Chief Patrick R. Kilroy** Collingdale Borough PD  
Delaware County
- Chief Joseph E. Riskosky** Kittanning Borough PD  
Armstrong County
- Chief Scott E. Sokol** Rostraver Township PD  
Westmoreland County
- Chief Steven Ziviello** Aldan PD  
Delaware County
- Chief Chris R. Prescott** Commonwealth University - Lock Haven  
Clinton County
- Chief Kenneth Lawless** Morton Borough PD  
Delaware County

# 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

Email: [mpocertification@pa.gov](mailto: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

Email: [mpotraining@pa.gov](mailto: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

Email: [RA-SPMPOFSS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-SPMPOFSS@pa.gov)  
 Telephone: (717) 346-4086  
 Fax: (717) 346-7781 or (717) 346-7782

## PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND INSPECTIONS

### Regulatory Compliance, School Inspections

Email: [mpostandards@pa.gov](mailto:mpostandards@pa.gov)  
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# Congratulations!

