



2025 MIST Course Descriptions

25-001 Legal Updates (Required)

A three-hour course that will review recent statutory changes to the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Vehicle Code, and Rules of Criminal Procedures that were communicated via TACS throughout the calendar year to officers. The course will also highlight pertinent court decisions and significant pieces of legislation that affect police operations and investigations from Pennsylvania's Commonwealth, Superior and Supreme Courts, various Federal Courts, and the U.S. Supreme Court.

25-002 Law Enforcement Response to Homeless Persons (Required)

A three-hour course exploring the issue of homelessness and law enforcement's response. The course will examine the prevalence of the issue, the varying degrees of homelessness and factors that lead to homelessness, to include a discussion of homeless persons as offenders and victims. Finally, the course will address procedural justice practices that are designed to address issues such as implicit bias.

25-003 Tactical Response (Elective)

A three-hour course designed to encourage officers to prepare mentally and physically to respond to an active threat. This course will establish guidelines and best practices, beginning with response to the call and concluding with tactical considerations. This course will also explore ways in which law enforcement can be better equipped to handle an active threat incident.

25-004 Elder Abuse and Exploitation (Elective)

A three-hour course that will help officers recognize the signs of elder abuse and exploitation including physical abuse, psychological abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect **with an emphasis on financial exploitation**. This course will provide guidelines within the criminal justice system to assist officers in prosecution using local, state, and Federal resources to increase successful outcomes for the victims.