

**Policy Statement – Training**  
**Constable Education and Training Board**  
**Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency**

**1. Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in this policy, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

*Act*—42 Pa.C.S. § § 2941—2950 (relating to constables).

*Basic training*—A course of training administered by the Board under section 2945 of the Act (relating to program contents).

*Board*—The Constables’ Education and Training Board of the Commission.

*Certification*—The Board’s official determination that a constable or deputy constable has successfully met the requirements of the Act and Board Regulations.

*Commission*—The Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

*Constable*—A person currently serving as constable or deputy constable.

*Continuing education*—A course of annual training administered by the Board under section 2946 of the Act (relating to continuing education).

*Firearms qualification*—The Board’s official determination under the Act and Board Regulations that a constable has met the requirements to carry or use firearms in the performance of duties.

*School*—A facility approved by the Board that enters a contract with the Commission to conduct training.

*Waiver*—The Board’s grant of permission to a constable to reduce the hours of classroom attendance in a Board training course.

**2. Firearms qualification.**

a. A constable who fails either phase of the qualification course of fire on his or her first attempt, will not be provided any remediation training by the firearms instructors, during the annual firearms qualification.

b. The firearms certification of a constable who fails to achieve a passing score in a retest of a written examination or practical skill proficiency examination shall cease immediately on the date of the failure. The constable will not be firearms certified until that constable attends a second firearms qualification course in its entirety and completes it successfully to obtain a firearms qualification. The constable shall bear financial responsibility for the second firearms qualification course.

### **3. Training Course Failures.**

a. A constable or deputy constable who fails a basic training, basic firearms, continuing education, or firearms qualification course after January 1, 2020, shall bear the financial responsibility to attend an additional course regardless of the training year in which the failure occurred.

### **4. Basic Training and Basic Firearms Payments.**

a. A constable or deputy constable who is elected or appointed must pay for the expense of the basic training course and the basic firearms training course starting January 1, 2020. The cost of a basic training course and basic firearms training course will be determined by Program Staff and published yearly.

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