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## CONSTABLES' TRAINING BULLETIN

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### Change of Training Contractors

Contracts for Constable Training Delivery, under Act 49 of 2009, are released for competitive bid. The current training contracts with the six training providers expire on December 31, 2012. In anticipation of the expiration date of the contracts, PCCD was required to advertise the contracts and put the contracts out for bid under PA Department of General Services (DGS) regulations. Any interested vendor with related law enforcement training experience could bid on the contracts. Interested vendors had to bid on each specific region for which they wished to provide training.

PCCD released the Request-For-Proposals (RFP) in January 2012. Interested bidders had to submit proposals to PCCD by April 26, 2012. In accordance with DGS regulations, the proposals were then reviewed and scored based on their technical proposals such as similar training experience, staff to be involved, and available facilities, as well as their fiscal proposals.

The current training providers had to submit proposals, as well as other interested vendors. Once the proposals were scored, the winning vendors were notified and PCCD contracted with those vendors. As a result of this process, beginning in January 2012, the training providers will be:

<b><u>Region</u></b>	<b><u>Training Provider</u></b>
Northwest Region	Penn State Fayette
Southwest Region	Penn State Fayette
North Central Region	Indiana University of Pennsylvania Research Institute (IUP)
South Central Region	Indiana University of Pennsylvania Research Institute (IUP)
Northeast Region	Temple University
Southeast Region	Temple University

All training providers will utilize the same standardized curriculum across the state. New training providers will attempt to provide training in the same geographic areas as the previous contractors. The actual training facilities will be different in some areas, but the same geographic regions will be serviced.

Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC), Lackawanna College, and IUP have had a history of providing high-quality training and excellent service to meet the training needs of constables in their regions. The selection of different training providers is in no way a reflection of PCCD's opinion of the training services provided by HACC, Lackawanna College, or IUP. There are many rumors regarding the changes, so if you have questions, please contact PCCD at the phone number found in this bulletin.

## New Constables' Education and Training Board Members

### Captain Adam M. Kisthardt, Pennsylvania State Police

Captain Adam M. Kisthardt has been appointed as the Pennsylvania State Police designee to the Constables' Education and Training Board. A 23-year veteran of the Pennsylvania State Police, Captain Kisthardt currently serves as the Director of the Training Division at the Pennsylvania State Police Academy. The Training Division is responsible for all training operations at the State Police Academy in Hershey and the four State Police Regional Training Centers located throughout the Commonwealth. During his career, Captain Kisthardt has served as a State Police Academy Instructor, has been certified as an instructor by the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission, and has served as a training officer and as a hostage negotiator to the Pennsylvania State Police Special Emergency Response Team (SERT).

Captain Kisthardt earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Kutztown University in 1988, graduated from the Pennsylvania State Police Academy in 1989, earned a Master of Public Administration from Kutztown University in 1999, and graduated from the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command in 2009.

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency would like to thank Captain Rodney A. Manning for his years of service to the Constables' Education and Training Board. Captain Manning served on the Board from 2006 to 2011.

### Honorable William C. Wenner, Magisterial District Judge, Dauphin County

Magisterial District Judge William C. Wenner is a life-long Dauphin County resident, having been raised in Susquehanna Township. He is a graduate of the Susquehanna Township School District and Harrisburg Area Community College. After college, Judge Wenner became a police officer and served 23 years until his retirement in 2003. He served with the Susquehanna Township Police Department and later joined the Dauphin County District Attorney's Office in 1998 as a Detective. In 1996, Judge Wenner was promoted to Chief of Detectives for the District Attorney's Office, Criminal Investigation Division (CID) and remained until his retirement in 2003. On June 2, 2003, he became a Magisterial District Judge.

Judge Wenner served twelve and one-half years on the Dauphin County Crisis Response Team and Commanded that unit for seven and one-half of those years. MDJ Wenner is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy, 201st session. He also successfully completed two advanced executive leadership schools, one at Penn State University and the other at Princeton University.

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency would like to thank the Honorable Magisterial District Judge Richard G. Opiela for his years of service to the Constables' Education and Training Board. Judge Opiela served on the Board as its Chairman from 2007 to 2012.

## Honorable Rodney D. Ruddock, County Commissioner, Indiana County

Major General Rodney D. Ruddock, US Army (Retired) was elected to a four-year term as Indiana County Commissioner in January 2004. General Ruddock is a lifelong resident of Indiana, Pennsylvania. He recently completed thirty-five years in public education and thirty-seven years in military service. He served as a school administrator for the Indiana Area School District for twenty-five years. General Ruddock graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) in 1965 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Safety Education. He holds a Master's degree in Counseling Education from Indiana University and a Secondary Administrative Certificate from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a recipient of the IUP Distinguished Alumni Award. He was appointed to the Advisory Committee of the John P. Murtha Homeland Security Institute at IUP.

Major General Ruddock retired from military service in November 2002. General Ruddock began his military career in 1965, when he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Branch from the ROTC program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He served on active duty tour with the Army Security Agency during the Vietnam War. General Ruddock's last assignment with the United State Army was as commanding general of the 99<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Command in Oakdale, Pennsylvania. General Ruddock is also a graduate of the prestigious Army War College. Prior to that, General Ruddock completed the Command and General Staff College, Engineer Officer Advance Course, and Quartermaster Officer Basic Course.

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency would like to thank the Honorable Teresa J. O'Neal, County Commissioner for Juniata County, for her years of service to the Constables' Education and Training Board. Commissioner O'Neal served on the Board from 2008 to 2012.

## Re-election/Election Certificates and Appointment Orders

A few new constables will be elected in the fall of 2012. Other constables may stand for re-election. **In order to ensure continued, uninterrupted certification**, if you are re-elected or elected for the first time in November, you must forward a copy of your new election certificate from the county Board of Elections to the PCCD via mail or FAX to: Bureau of Training Services, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, PO Box 1167, Harrisburg PA 17108-1167; FAX (717) 783-7140. If you are a constable or deputy constable who has been newly-appointed or re-appointed, you must forward a copy of your new appointment order signed by the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, to the address above.

## 2013 ID Cards

In December 2012, the PCCD will mail new certification cards to all constables who have maintained their certifications by successfully completing continuing education during 2012 and by filing current professional liability insurance information with their county clerks of courts. Ample allowance will be made for normal mailing time, so constables should receive their new cards before the old ones expire on December 31, 2012. To ensure that cards are mailed to the correct address, any constable who has recently changed his address should report that change to PCCD immediately.

## 2013 Training Cycle

Constables are reminded that the current training cycle ends in October 2012.

It is expected that the 2013 training schedule will be available in mid-December 2012. ALL CLASSES ARE ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS. Classes are also limited in size. Those class limits are strictly enforced, so it is important to register early. In order to ensure uninterrupted certification, constables should enroll in class as soon as possible. **Enroll early. Online enrollment is best.**

Enrollment for the 2013 training cycle will be available in mid-December, online through the PCCD website at: [www.pccd.state.pa.us](http://www.pccd.state.pa.us). Online enrollment is secure and fast, and is confirmed immediately.

On line enrollment is secure and fast, and is confirmed immediately. Enrollment can also be accomplished by mailing or faxing a completed standard registration form directly to the training delivery contractor. **Do not mail or fax training forms to PCCD.** Registration questions should be referred to the appropriate regional training delivery contractor. Constables cannot register for classes by calling or mailing PCCD.

## Liability Insurance

Act 49 states that any constable or deputy constable who fails, neglects or refuses to maintain a current insurance policy as required, or to file proof thereof with the clerk of courts, shall cease automatically to be certified to perform judicial duties upon the expiration of the policy of which proof has been filed with the clerk of courts. In order to ensure uninterrupted constable certification, it is essential that every constable file a new certificate of insurance with the county clerk of courts before the old certificate expires.