



NEWSLETTER

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Pennsylvania's Safe Harbor Law

by Craig Hevalow, MPOETC Training Unit

Act 130, known as the Safe Harbor Law, ensures child victims of human trafficking won't be prosecuted for prostitution or other crimes. The bill was signed into law on October 24, 2018.

Since the bill's introduction in January 2017, legislators, advocates, and citizens have rallied to generate momentum behind the legislation aimed at protecting young victims.

Act 130 provides full immunity from prosecution for certain crimes for any minor who has been the subject of sexual exploitation or human trafficking. The legislation requires law enforcement to report any encounter with a minor who has been subject to sexual exploitation to the Department of Human Services. The Department is responsible for developing a state-wide protocol to provide victims with safe long-term housing, education, life-skills training, and counseling.

The law also requires MPOETC to provide training to police which shall include the following methods:

- Identify a sexually exploited child.
- Interview and engage with a sexually exploited child.
- Assist victims to access specialized programs and services for a sexually exploited child.
- Minimize trauma in the detention of a sexually exploited child.

Over the past year, I had the pleasure of being a Subject Matter Expert with the Pennsylvania Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers & Multidisciplinary Team. Through building awareness, identification, collaboration, and knowledge about best practice and program development, the Chapter will enrich the state's resources to increase the likelihood of positive outcomes for at-risk children and youth. The long-term goal is to provide technical assistance to participating teams/organizations in their development of best practice protocols and programs.

The Pilot of the two-day course of instruction was completed in November. The next phase is to revise and complete the curriculum. With the approval of the Training Commission, I will adapt portions of this training, related to law enforcement, to complete a course for Mandatory In-Service Training which will be provided to Pennsylvania Municipal Officers in 2021. This will allow law enforcement to have similar training as other teams/organizations throughout the Commonwealth assisting at-risk children and youth.

Human trafficking is the world's fastest growing criminal enterprise, second only to the drug trade. Between 100,000 and 300,000 children are commercially exploited in the United States each year. Over 273 human trafficking cases have been reported in Pennsylvania since 2016.

Quarterly Legal Updates

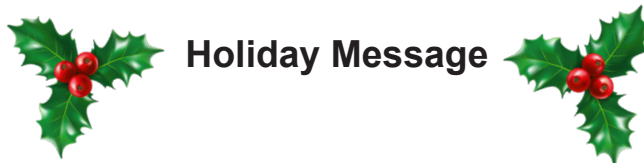
The Commission recognizes that both statutes and case law can change frequently and throughout the year. While officers take mandatory Legal Update training, many times the officers would have benefitted from knowing about the changes when they happened rather than waiting months to attend the class. 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.

Effective January 1, 2020:

- Pursuant to 42 Pa.C.S. Section 1725.1(f) the hearing cost for a summary traffic citation will increase from \$8.00 to \$9.00. As of 01/01/2020, only citations that reflect the new hearing cost will be accepted. Police departments in Pennsylvania need to order new citation forms reflecting this \$1.00 increase.
- Title 201, Rules of Judicial Administration – Rule 1910. Broadcasting, Recording and Photography in the Courtroom. Law enforcement officers may wear body cameras into the courtroom, but they may not be activated unless during an emergency situation in the courtroom. See Rule for more detailed information.

Commonwealth v. Batista, (Pa. Superior Ct. 9/27/19)

Given the extremely limited number of permits that have been issued, when an officer smells fresh marijuana emanating from a building that is a reported grow-house there still exists a fair probability that the marijuana inside is illegal. Law enforcement still has the power and the duty to investigate that probability.



Holiday Message

Dear Law Enforcement Friends,

As the year comes to a close, the MPOETC staff and I would like to wish you and your families a very merry Holiday Season.

The challenges we face in the law enforcement field continue to be daunting, but the rewards and personal satisfaction received for a "job well done" make it worthwhile. I urge you during this holiday season to reflect on the opportunities you have seized to help someone in need. Continue to positively impact the communities and Departments you serve, and always strive for professionalism in law enforcement. You answer the call every day for the citizens and visitors of this Commonwealth.

The staff and I say "Thank You" for your cooperation and commitment; we look forward to our continued work together.

We wish you all a joyous holiday season, and a new year filled with hope, prosperity and happiness.

Major Troy S. Lokhaiser
Executive Director

Season's Greetings

2020 Mandatory In-Service Training

by MPOETC Training Unit

The MPOETC Training Unit has completed conducting the instructor training workshops for certified police trainers who will be teaching the following Commission-approved 2020 In-Service courses:

20-001 Legal Update (Required – 3 credits)

This three-hour course will discuss significant pieces of legislation passed after Oct 1, 2018 that affect police operations and investigations, specifically changes and updates to the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, Vehicle Code, and Rules of Criminal Procedure. The training program also addresses pertinent court decisions from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth, Superior and Supreme Courts, and the United States Supreme Court and other federal courts and explains legal issues directly impacting police procedures and the case preparation process.

20-002 Officer Safety: Explosive Devices (Elective – 3 credits)

This three-hour elective course will discuss the current trends in improvised explosives safety, including recognition of key components, response, and post blast investigations. Officer safety and investigative sufficiency will be overriding themes.

20-003 Operational Planning and Crowd Management (Elective – 3 credits)

This three-hour elective course will address the logistics of preparing for planned and unplanned events by learning how to develop an Operational Plan. Officers will review crowd management response tactics and will be introduced to protective detail principles during an event. The course will conclude with how to conduct an After-Action Review and its importance regarding lessons learned and actions to take for future events.

20-004 Personal Leadership (Elective – 3 credits)

This three-hour elective course will develop personal leadership skills by focusing on an understanding of self through mindfulness, discussing the traits of effective leaders, and exploring the continuing development aspect of leadership. The course will spend time discussing the specific skills of time management, critical decision making, and self-care. Authenticity and legitimacy as a leader will be a theme throughout the course. This course is intended to provide useful and immediately applicable knowledge and skills.



Sgt. Lance Hoyson of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police instructing MPOETC-Certified Instructors on Operational Planning and Crowd Management at the 2020 MIST Instructor Workshop.

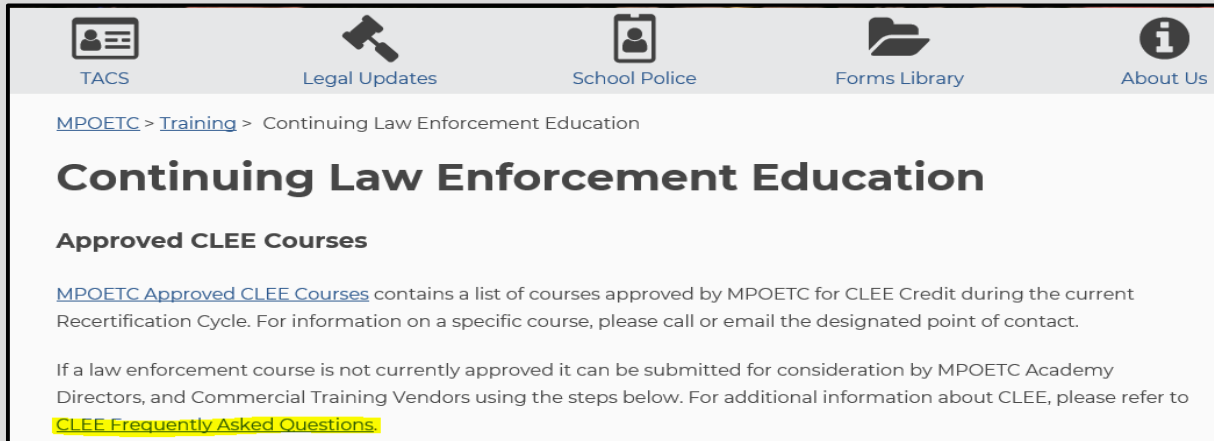
Picture by: Leah Napoli, MPOETC



Reminder: CLEE Credit

Officers who attend MPOETC-approved Continuing Law Enforcement Education (CLEE) courses please be aware that the CLEE training providers **only** maintain the completed CLEE roster/sign-in sheet in case MPOETC or a police chief needs to contact them to verify officer attendance. **It is the responsibility of police chiefs or their designee to data enter MPOETC-approved CLEE courses into their officers' training records within our web-based Training And Certification System (TACS). Data entry into TACS is how officers will be credited for their participation.**

If you have any questions regarding the CLEE process on the MPOETC website (<https://mpoetc.psp.pa.gov>) follow the path: Training > In-Service Police Officer Training > Continuing Law Enforcement Education and refer to the *CLEE Frequently Asked Questions* document.



Highlights from the December Commission Meeting

On December 12, 2019, the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission met at the Radisson Hotel Valley Forge, King of Prussia, PA for their regularly scheduled quarterly meeting. Colonel Robert Evanchick, Commissioner of the PA State Police, called the meeting to order and reviewed the minutes from the September 19, 2019 meeting.

Major Troy Lokhaiser, the Commission's Executive Director, reported on staff activities from the previous quarter and Commissioner Bart Burne reported on the committee meetings held the previous day, December 11, 2019, during which Commission members received detailed reports from staff and held in-depth discussions in preparation for the full Commission meeting. The Commission members then heard full reports from the chairperson of each committee and voted on and approved the following significant decisions to:

1. Decertify five police officers for disqualifying criminal convictions including: Cruelty to Animals; Interception, Disclosure or Use of Wire, Electronic, or Oral Communications; Obscene and Other Sexual Materials and Performances; Corruption of Minors; Unlawful Use of Schedule II Substance; Obstructing Administration of Law or Other Government Functions; Hindering Apprehension or Prosecution.
2. Decertify one police officer due to a permanent physical or psychological impairment.
3. Suspend one police officer who is subject to a final Protection From Abuse order and is prohibited from possessing a firearm.
4. Decertify one instructor for conduct which reflects unfavorably upon a certified school or the Commission.
5. Approve certifications for 262 municipal police officers and 55 municipal police instructors.
6. Establish a standard firearms qualification course for handgun qualifications. All departments will be required to use the standard course for 2020 handgun qualifications unless they submit an alternative course to the Commission staff for approval.
7. Revise the Academy Director and Instructor Code of Conduct and require that all directors and instructors must review and sign the Code of Conduct Form each certification cycle.
8. Deny a request to establish a new municipal police academy in Centre County, PA.

Information Regarding the March 2020 Commission Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission is on March 18 and 19, 2020 at the Eden Resort and Suites, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601-4216. Phone: 717-569-6444.

The Committee meetings begin on Wednesday, the 18th at 12:30 P.M.

The Executive Committee meeting will begin on Wednesday, the 18th at 3:30 P.M.

The School Directors meeting will begin on Thursday, the 19th at 8:00 A.M.

The Full Commission meeting will begin on Thursday, the 19th 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.

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uestions, 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 Troy S. Lokhaiser or the Editor, Mr. Craig L. Hevalow, by calling toll-free at 1-800-342-0858. The Commission can be contacted using the email addresses on page 6. 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, under Newsletters.

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

Christmas Day: December 25, 2019

New Year's Day: January 1, 2020

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: January 20, 2020

President's Day: February 17, 2020

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



New Agency Executives

- Chief Lanny R. Conley** Plum Borough PD Allegheny County
- Chief James H. Fisher** Upper Pottsgrove Township PD Montgomery County
- Chief Brian K. Fochtman** Berlin Borough PD Somerset County
- Chief Glenn E. Granitz, Jr.** Allentown City PD Lehigh County
- Chief Randy C. Morris** East Greenville Borough PD Montgomery County
- Chief Matthew P. Williams** Weissport Borough PD Carbon 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
 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
 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
 Telephone: (717) 346-4086
 Fax: (717) 346-7781 or (717) 346-7782

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND INSPECTIONS

Regulatory Compliance, School Inspections

Email: mpostandards@pa.gov
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Congratulations!

