

4.1.9 Municipal Police Officers' Education & Training Act

I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Johnstown Police Department to comply with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Act, as amended, [53 Pa C.S.A. 2161, et seq.] in regard to municipal police officer training and agency responsibilities.

II. PURPOSE

To provide police personnel with guidelines on the Pennsylvania Education and Training Act. It will outline various responsibilities, as related to mandatory basic and yearly training required by law.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Mandatory Training

Mandatory training shall be attended by all police officers as required by the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission [MPOETC]. All training shall be accomplished by a certified instructor[s] at a location approved by the commission. Training shall include, at a minimum:

1. Entry Level Training: All newly sworn police officers will successfully complete basic recruit training in accordance with the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission [MPOETC].
 - a. This will be accomplished prior to any routine assignment in any capacity in which the officer is allowed to carry a firearm or is in a position to make an arrest, except as part of a formal field-training program.
2. Annual Retraining Program: All sworn officers shall attend and successfully complete all yearly MPOETC mandatory training requirement.

B. Scheduling of Training

1. The Captain of Police in charge of training will schedule all police officers for mandatory annual retraining that is required by the commission.

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2. The Administrative Sergeant will schedule the basic recruit training for newly hired officers who have not yet completed the basic course.
3. It is each officer's responsibility to ensure that he/she has received the mandated training each year in order to remain a certified police officer.

C. Documentation

1. The Captain of Police shall maintain all documentation and records in regard to mandatory training that is required by the commission.

Effective Date:

Date: October 1, 2010

By Order Of:

Craig Foust
Chief Of Police