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## CONSTABLES' TRAINING BULLETIN

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### Re-election - New Term Dates

Many constables will stand for re-election in the fall of 2003. **In order to ensure continued, uninterrupted certification**, if you are re-elected 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; FAX (717) 783-7140.

### Regulation Change

The requirement that newly certified constables must attend Continuing Education in the same year as they complete Basic Training has been removed from Board regulations. The most recent version of the regulations, Title 37 Law, Chapter 431, were published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on March 29, 2003. This chapter sets forth standards and procedures relating to the certification of constables and deputy constables and their qualification to carry or use firearms in the performance of their duties. The complete text of this chapter can be found on Pages 558.1 through 558.10 of the Constables' Legal Reference Guide (2003 Updates), or on the PCCD's website at [www.pccd.state.pa.us](http://www.pccd.state.pa.us) by clicking on Board Regulations.

### Training Cycle Ends Early November

Constables are reminded that the training cycle ends in early November, and that classes are limited as to size and are on a first-come, first-served basis. In order to ensure uninterrupted certification, constables are encouraged to enroll in class as soon as possible. Registration with the appropriate training provider is required prior to attending any class. To register, mail or FAX a completed Standard Registration Form directly to the training delivery contractor. Registrations will not be accepted over the telephone.

## **2003 Updates to Legal Reference Guide**

Copies of the 2003 Updates to the Constables' Legal Reference Guide were mailed to all active, certified constables and deputy constables during the week of April 21, 2003. If you are a certified constable and have not received your copy, please call the PCCD at (800) 692-7292, extension 3198. When leaving a message, please include your telephone number and area code.

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Constables' Education and Training Board offer this publication as a general guide to sources of legal authority relating to constables in Pennsylvania. It is not designed to be a substitute for advice rendered by a licensed attorney.

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### **Professional Liability Insurance Carriers**

The following is a list of insurance companies/agencies that are currently offering liability insurance to constables and deputy constables. This list contains the information available, as of the date of this bulletin, and should not be considered all-inclusive. Further, *this list does not imply endorsement by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, or the Constables' Education and Training Board.*

**E.R. Munro and Company: (412) 281-0673, Ext. 136**

**W.N. Tuscano Agency Inc: (800) 442-8063.**

**Walter Olshanski Insurance: (724) 695-1490**

**PSCA (members only): (800) 424-7827**

**Banas Insurance Agency: (412) 787-1131**

**Jerich Insurance Agency: (724) 842-1841 or (724) 274-4814**

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### **Office of Constable Incompatible with Private Detective's License**

**Based on a recent incident, constables should be aware that an individual who is a licensed private detective may not hold the office of constable.**

As cited in the notes of Title 13 P.S. § 2, In re Stanley, 201 A.2d 287, 204 Pa. Super.29, Super.1964, which has not been overturned or modified to date, determined that the holding of a private detective's license is incompatible with the holding of the office of constable.