



CONSTABLES' TRAINING BULLETIN

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Retirement

PCCD announces the retirement of John Pfau, effective Friday November 15, 2024. John has been a valued part of the PCCD team for over 30 years, bringing dedication, passion, and expertise to his role as Bureau of Training Services Criminal Justice Systems Specialist Manager.

John began his career with the Commonwealth and PCCD on April 4, 1994; the same year the original constable Training Act (Act 44-1994) was enacted. Throughout his time with PCCD, John worked his way through each position of the program, playing a crucial role in the program's expansion. Some of his most notable accomplishments include:

- Designing and assisting with development of the two initial training management systems.
- Establishment of the certification process and numbering.
- Development of the Training Bulletins, Board Policy, and Regulations.
- Standardized curriculum, online training management system, online registration for training, instructor updates and professional development, advanced firearms training, optional training, and integration of constable certification data with Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts.
- The institution of many of the elements of the current program.

In 2009, John was tasked with revamping the, then outdated, Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms system. He managed the development of a new, web-based License to Carry Firearms system for Pennsylvania. John, with his team, completed the project ahead of schedule in May 2011. This resulted in a return of \$1.5 million to the Commonwealth's General Fund. Since 2007, John also supervised the Sheriff & Deputy Sheriff, Act 2, Training, and Certification Program, as well as the DARE and Crime Prevention training.

Prior to working for the Commonwealth, John served four years in active duty as a United States Army Officer with mechanized infantry and combat engineers. After active-duty, John served in the United States Army reserves for an additional 18 years with Signal, Military Police, and Engineers. Mr. Pfau served 13 months in Iraq (2002-2003) and 10 months in Korea with a Military Police Brigade.

John will be greatly missed. Please join us in wishing him warmest congratulations, and heartfelt gratitude.

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**John Pfau
Manager,
Bureau of Training Services**



Address Change
Personal Information Review

Per Board Regulation: A person shall register with the Board for certification by submitting information such as mailing and/or email addresses, telephone number, Social Security Number, date of birth and office held or sought. A constable shall set forth the beginning date and expiration date of the term of office held and provide documentary evidence of election or appointment. A registrant shall inform the Board of a change to registration information **within 15 days of the change (Title 37 §431.11 (b))**.

Change of Registration Information can be updated on-line through the Constables' Certification, Education and Training System (CCETS). This information can also be completed by mail or FAX to: Bureau of Training Services, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), PO Box 1167, Harrisburg PA 17108-1167; FAX (717) 783-7140 or by contacting your training region's PCCD contact at the email or phone number.

2025 8-Hour Annual Firearms Class

During the August 8, 2024 Constables' Education and Training Board Meeting, the Board approved a motion to change the annual firearms class to 8-hours effective 2025. This motion was approved by The Commission during the September 12, 2024 meeting. Constables shall be required to **bring 50 rounds of practice ammunition with them to class.** These **50 rounds shall be in addition to the 120 rounds used for the qualification course of fire.** Failure to bring the additional 50 rounds of ammunition to class will result in the constable's dismissal from class with the opportunity to enroll in a subsequent class. Practice rounds will only be needed for the primary weapon chosen for qualification. If a constable chooses to qualify with a second firearm, he/she will not be permitted to change firearms in the middle of qualifications, unless a unresolvable malfunction occurs with the primary firearm.

It is the responsibility of the constable to ensure the firearm(s) are serviced by a licensed armor to maintain safe and proper functioning.

2025 CETB Meeting Schedule

The CETB approved the 2025 meeting schedule during the November 7, 2024 meeting. All meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. in person at PCCD offices at 3101 North Front Street Harrisburg, PA 17110 or via Microsoft Teams. The dates are as follows:

- Thursday, February 13, 2025
- Thursday, May 15, 2025
- Thursday, August 14, 2025
- Thursday, November 6, 2025

For additional information or a request for special accommodations, please call (717) 265-8557 or toll-free, (800) 692-7292. Information regarding the Microsoft Teams Meeting and call-in instructions will be posted on the Constables' page on the PCCD Training Website.



Re-Election/Election Certificates and Appointment Orders

Any constable elected in November 2024 must forward a copy of his/her election certificate from the County Board of Elections to PCCD via email to Tracy Beaver at trabeaver@pa.gov or Nick Hartman at nihartman@pa.gov or by FAX to (717) 783-7140, this will ensure continued and uninterrupted certification.

A constable or deputy constable, who is newly appointed or re-appointed, must forward a copy of his/her appointment order signed by the President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas to PCCD.

A constable who is re-elected to a new term of office and is appointing deputy constables from his/her prior term of office, will need to petition the court to have the deputy constable re-appointed. The deputy constable must submit his/her appointment order to PCCD.

2025 Training Schedule

The 2025 Training Schedule will be posted to the PCCD Website and emailed to all constables on **Monday, December 16, 2025.**

Online enrollment will be available in the Constables' Certification, Education and Training System (CCETS) beginning 8:00 a.m. on December 16, 2025. Online enrollment is encouraged to secure a seat in a class. As a reminder, paper enrollment forms cannot be faxed to the Training Delivery Coordinators, they must be emailed. Contact information for the Training Delivery Coordinators is located at the bottom of this Training Bulletin and in the 2025 Training Schedule.

2025 Continuing Education Courses will include 8-Hours of classroom instruction for Mechanics of Arrest, 12-Hours of online instruction for Civil Law and Levies, Domestic Violence, and Human Trafficking. The 20-hours of Continuing Education training must be completed by 5:00 pm on November 21, 2025.

The 12-Hours of online subject instruction, through Temple's Canvas System, will be available beginning at 8:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, January 21, 2025.**

Contact Information

East Region: Michael Marcantino, Temple University – michael.marcantino@temple.edu or 267-468-8331

West Region: Tony Mucha, PSU-Justice & Safety Institute (JASI) – txm52@psu.edu or 814-865-8051

For questions regarding certification, training, insurance, or where to send your election certificate or appointment order, please contact PCCD Program Staff:

Tracy Beaver – trabeaver@pa.gov or 717-265-8552
Nick Hartman – nihartman@pa.gov or 717-265-8551
Michael Vaughn – michavaugh@pa.gov or 717-265-8557

Note: These are not contacts for class enrollment