



**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Municipal Police Training Committee**  
“Training for Today, Planning for the Future”



# CHIEFS NEWSLETTER

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### Firearms requalification and training

- 1 As an ongoing reminder, annual firearms training and requalification will be required for all weapons officers are issued or permitted to carry starting July 1, 2019. Detailed information, including the number of rounds required, can be found on the [MPTC website](#) under “Additional Resources”.



### MPTC Entry-Level Fitness Testing

- 2 At the May meeting the MPTC Committee voted to enact a moratorium until January 1, 2020, on the pass/fail component of the Recruit Officer Course entry-level fitness testing. The testing will still be conducted, but during the moratorium, it will NOT be pass/fail. Instead, it will be used to gather data intended to inform the Committee regarding the setting of an appropriate standard. You should have received an email from Chief Brian Kyes with details regarding the decision.

### Municipal Police Training Fund (AKA the \$2 bill)

- 3 As of the end of May, the MPTF had collected \$1,094,398 in the first quarter of 2019. However, that number is likely low. With the Fund being a new account, the Department of Revenue is working to assure all rental car companies have remitted the required funds and that all collected funds have been properly transferred. As a reminder, the surcharge is supposed to be submitted quarterly. Intuitively (and as has been the experience for the Convention Center), the first quarter will perennially be the quarter with the lowest revenues.



## MPTC FY20 Budget

As of this writing, the legislature is set to authorize an appropriation of \$4.79 million for the MPTC’s operating budget, which is roughly the same as last year’s

budget. This will free up more of the MPTF for additional training opportunities.



## MPTC TY2020 In-Service Training

The MPTC Committee made the following determinations with respect to mandatory statewide in-service training for *all* sworn officers (fulltime and reserve). These blocks of training equal eighteen (18) hours of training. If the local option segments are included, the total will be twenty-four (24) hours, which means every officer will need a minimum of twenty-two (22) or sixteen (16) additional hours, respectively, of police-related training to meet the mandatory 40-hour annual in-service training requirement.

Here are the mandatory training requirements for all sworn officers (fulltime and reserve) for Training Year 2020:



### TY20 In-Service

- Legal updates (6 hours)
- Procedures, Protocols, and Considerations for Investigations Involving Animals (3 hours)
- Police Survival (3 hours)
- Defensive Tactics classroom and skills (6 hours)
- Local Option (6 hours)  
The MPTC will furnish six (6) hours of a local option. The local option is a topic chosen by the local MPTC program coordinator based upon input from and discussions with the chiefs of police in her or his area. Consequently, please contact your regional MPTC program coordinator if you have a suggestions for the local option in your area.

In addition, officers are required to complete the annual firearms training and requalification requirements (see above). CPR and first aid training are also required pursuant to MGL chapter 111 §201. Both of these do count towards the overall 40-hour training requirement, as does any other police-related training, regardless of the provider and regardless of whether it is classroom or Internet based.

## MPTC TY20 In-Service Training for Chiefs of Police

The Committee will be making decisions regarding in-service training for chiefs at its June meeting.

## SRO Training

The Governor requested \$40,000 in his supplemental budget bill to fund a first round of school resource officer training. We utilized that money to host two week-long NASRO basic training sessions. The ultimate goal – made possible by the \$2-bill – will be to develop and deliver the training annually and to offer an in-service training component for those SROs who have already attended the NASRO basic training. A working group is developing the training plan.

## Civil Rights Officer Training

Pursuant to Governor Baker's request that every department designate a Civil Rights Officer and his direction to the MPTC to

develop a training regimen for such officers, we have convened a working group to steer and facilitate the development of the train-

ing. The goal is to deliver the first iteration of the training later this year.

## Reserve Basic Training

With the completion and rollout of the overhauled curriculum for the fulltime recruit training, we need to decide what that means for the reserve basic training program. Certainly, there is support

for creating a single recruit training standard for all police officers – fulltime and reserve. However, the MPTC Committee realizes there are many layers to making such a decision and as such, plans

to conduct listening/discussion sessions regionally to gather input from stakeholders prior to making any final decisions.

## Recruit Officer Courses

We are migrating the enrollment process for recruit officer training onto the Acadis platform. Enrollment will be accomplished by logging in through the portal and submitting the application and

related documents electronically. Please contact Pat Caggiano for assistance and guidance. However, we still ask that you please communicate with Pat regarding your hiring plans and for the re-

cruit academy admission process to help assure we are prepared to meet your training needs.

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As a reminder, the cutoff for applications is now 45 days prior to Day One (to allow for entry-level fitness testing) **OR** when the class reaches capacity with fulltime

officers, which can occur before the 45-day cutoff. Consequently, do not rely on the 45-day cutoff; if you want to get a student officer into a particular class, make

sure to submit the application packet (application, PAT, medical, and letter of appointment) to Pat without delay.

## MPTC Blog

If you have not noticed it yet, the MPTC has developed a blog to keep you, your officers, and the citizens of the Commonwealth informed regarding MPTC events, milestones, and news. Here is a link to the [Official Blog](#).

## Decertified Police Officers

With police misconduct continuing to be a topic of national interest and discussion, it is critical that agencies take every opportunity to vet candidates. Even though Massachusetts does not have a decertification process, most states do have one, and over 30 states submit a list of police officers they have decertified (and who are no longer allowed to serve as police officers in their respective states) into the Na-

tional Decertification Index (NDI). Even though the MPTC only submits names when we know a court has ordered that the officer surrender his/her status, MPTC does have access to the NDI and the list of officers decertified in other states. I encourage you to contact Marylou Powers at [Marylou.Powers@mass.gov](mailto:Marylou.Powers@mass.gov) or (781) 437-0302 if you would like us to see if an applicant or candi-

date you are considering is on that list.

As always, thank you for your service to the Commonwealth and her citizens. Please feel free to contact me with questions, comments, or concerns. But above all else, please be careful out there!

Dan

## Training At-a-Glance



### In-Service Training FT and Reserve

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The MPTC will furnish six (6) hours of a local option. Please contact your regional MPTC program coordinator if you have a suggestions for the local option in your area.
- Annual Firearms Training and Qualification
- CPR and First Aid
- Chiefs in-service training will be determined at the June Committee meeting



### Basic Training

- At the May meeting the MPTC Committee voted to enact a moratorium until January 1, 2020, on the pass/fail component of the Recruit Officer Course entry-level fitness testing.
- The cutoff for FT ROC applications is now 45 days prior to Day One (to allow for entry-level fitness testing) **OR** when the class reaches capacity with fulltime officers
- There is support for creating a single recruit training standard for all police officers – fulltime and reserve. The MPTC Committee plans to conduct listening/discussion sessions regionally to gather input from stakeholders prior to making any final decisions.



### Training & Qualification

- July 1, 2019 annual training and re-qualification standard for all firearm platforms; including less-lethal will be instituted.



### School Resource Officer

- The MPTC used the Governor's \$40,000 supplemental budget to host two weeklong NASRO basic training sessions.
- Funded by the \$2-bill, the ultimate goal will be to develop and deliver the training annually and to offer an in-service training component for SROs who attending the NASRO basic training.

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