

SCRANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide Scranton Police Department personnel with guidelines on the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Act. It will outline various responsibilities, as related to mandatory basic and yearly training required by law.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Scranton Police Department to comply with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipal 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.

III. PROCEDURES

A. 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).

1. Recruit officers must meet minimum standards for physical fitness and education as prerequisites to employment as a police officer.
2. Recruit officers who have satisfactorily completed the basic educational and training requirements as established by the commission will be issued the appropriate certificate by MPOETC.

B. Annual Retraining Program (Mandatory Training)

1. All sworn officers shall attend and successfully complete all yearly MPOETC mandatory training requirements.
 - a. Officers shall successfully complete the legal updates (3 credit hours) block of mandatory MPOETC training no later than March 01 of the current calendar year. The remaining required nine (9) elective training hours of the mandatory updates shall be completed no later than August 01 of the current calendar year. Exceptions will be made for officers out on long term injury and/or military deployment. Refer to General Order 19-003.
 - b. Shift Supervisors shall ensure the officers are allotted time to complete the required updates during their normal scheduled tour of duty.
2. The Training Sergeant will schedule mandatory training that is required by the Commission. This includes annual retraining, as well as basic recruit training for newly hired officers who have not yet completed the basic course.
3. In cases where the officer is unavailable to attend the mandatory training, the Training Sergeant will coordinate attendance at another location. Ultimately however, it is the officer's responsibility to ensure that they receive the annual training to remain a certified police officer.

C. Documentation

The Training Unit shall maintain all documentation and records in regard to mandatory training that is required by MPOETC.

By Order Of

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