

County Probation and Parole Officers'

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Firearm Education & Training Commission

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COMMISSION CONDUCTS A SUCCESSFUL CFI CONFERENCE IN STATE COLLEGE

Over sixty Certified Firearms Instructors met in State College on March 13th and 14th for the 2012 CFI Conference. Held at the Days Inn Penn State, the conference was intended to bring CFIs from each department together to walk through the new Qualification Course of Fire, the expanded BTA Adverse Light instruction, and to discuss issues pertinent to CFIs across the Commonwealth.

The FETC would like to thank the Curriculum Committee members for topic planning and presentation.

If any CFI has ideas for future CFI conferences, please submit your ideas to the FETC Administrative Officer at nklimowicz@pa.gov.



TRAINING NOTES

Requalification Failure Procedures

Department Approving Authorities (AAs) are asked to, as a refresher, review the procedures for handling requalification failures as laid out in Section 79.32 of the FETC Regulations. This can be reviewed at: http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/regulations/7571/revocation_of_certification/518186

The Commission needs to be notified of requalification failures so that we can send out the appropriate letters. This means that the scores need to be entered into FCTMS in a timely fashion but it also implies that departments notify us of any failures as we do not monitor scores daily. This is important due to time constraints outlined in the regulations.

The Commission needs to receive written documentation prior to any requalification attempt. A new requalification event needs to be created by the AA prior to the attempt and scores should be entered as quickly as possible into FCTMS.

Remaining 2012 FETC Basic Training Academy Dates

69th BTA

Classroom: Sept 5-7
Range A: Sept 11-14
Range B: Sept 25-28

70th BTA

Classroom: Oct 10-12
Range A: Oct 16-19
Range B: Oct 23-26

If any probation department has training pictures, especially of in-house FETC courses, that they'd like included in a future newsletter, please email the FETC Administrative Officer at nklimowicz@pa.gov



Wyoming County Probation Conducts SIMUNITION® Training

This past April, Wyoming County Probation conducted an in-house Course 5 (SIMUNITION®) at the Luzerne County Community College's Public Safety Training Institute in Nanticoke, PA.



Thanks to LCCC staff photographer Mark James and Chief Juvenile Probation Officer John Yarnell for the pictures.

FETC THANKS FORMER COMMISSIONER SCHUSTER FOR HIS SERVICE



This past May, FETC Commissioner John Yarnell presented former Commissioner Thomas Schuster (L) a plaque thanking him for his service.

Mr. Schuster was originally appointed to the Commission on May 23rd, 2005 and served as a Commissioner until October 3rd, 2011. He is currently the Chief Probation Officer for Bradford County, having worked for that department since 1980.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON REAPPOINTED



On May 4th, 2012, Governor Corbett announced the reappointment of The Honorable Mark Hamilton as a FETC Commissioner. His current term will now expire in May of 2015.

Commissioner Hamilton was originally appointed to the Commission in January of 2009. He is currently serving as a County Commissioner for Tioga County.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT HIGH SHOOTER AWARDS



The Commission recognizes the top shooter in each Commission BTA with the John D. Holt Top Gun Award. However, the Commission is not alone in rewarding shooting excellence on the qualification course of fire; there are departments out there that make a point to recognize high marksmanship during annual requalifications. The Commission has asked all CFIs to share what their departments do for these shooters.

The departmental awards shown above were submitted by David Eckert, a CFI with Franklin County Adult Probation. According to Eckert:

The plaque represents all the top shooters since our department began to carry and their score for that year. We went with the "glass" type trophy because it looked more professional than a "normal trophy" as well as looks a lot nicer.

We did not inform our shooters that we were doing the awards last year. We unveiled them at our department Christmas party. Overall people seemed impressed by them. The winners (we had a tie) were pleasantly surprised.

Eckert also noted that officers seem to be more motivated to improve their shooting scores in the hopes of getting their name on the plaque.

67th FETC

Basic Classroom

June 6-8, 2012

Instructors
Brad Halter
Dave Miller

2012 67TH BASIC CLASS - RANGE A

JUNE 19-22, 2012



(L) CFIs Abby Krepps, Brad Halter, Larry Smith, Dave Miller, Nick Klimowicz, and Andy McClelland (R) Top Gun Winner Thomas Osowick with FETC Executive Director Todd Burns and Range Master Larry Smith.

2012 67TH BASIC CLASS - RANGE B

JUNE 26-29, 2012



(L) CFIs Mike Smith, Joseph Cockerill, Justin Anderson, Bruce Althouse, and Jerry Spiegel (R) Top Gun Winner Logan Spiece with FETC Executive Director Todd Burns and Range Master Justin Anderson.

If any Basic student wishes to have an electronic copy of the class photo and/or Top Gun awardee photo, please email the FETC Administrative Officer at nklimowicz@pa.gov

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