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County Probation and Parole Officers'
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Updates:

- As a reminder, all officers granted extensions by the Commission to complete their 2010 Maintenance of Certification need to do so by the deadline stated in their extension approval letter. Failure to do so will result in suspension of your certification to carry a firearm. In addition, they will still need to meet their 2011 training requirements.

**IN MEMORY OF FORMER FETC
COMMISSIONER JOHN D. HOLT**

Former Commissioner John D. Holt, 59, passed away Friday, Dec. 10, 2010. Mr. Holt spearheaded the design and proposal of the firearms education and training program that would become Act 158 of 1994, establishing the FETC. In 1995, Mr. Holt was appointed as a Commissioner by Governor Tom Ridge and served in that capacity until 1998.

Mr. Holt was hired as a county adult probation officer in April of 1975, promoted to assistant chief probation officer in 1985 and then chief adult probation officer in 1998. He retired in April of 2009 after 34 years of service.

In addition to his work as a probation officer, Mr. Holt was a Pennsylvania State Police firearms instructor and NRA shotgun instructor. He served as chairman for both the Training and Firearms committees for the County Chief Adult Probation and Parole Officers Association of Pennsylvania. He was also instrumental in changing the curriculum format within the Probation Officer's Basic Training Academy operated by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, where he also served as an instructor for five years.



Several instructors participated in the Adlers' 3rd annual instructor shoot-off. The events included 360 scanning, constant movement, close quarter shooting, jam clearing ground shooting, and takedowns with the instructors. This year's event took place on October 28th. If you are interested in participating in future shoot-off's, please contact Vanessa Adler at vadler@columbiapa.org.

FAREWELL TO OUTGOING COMMISSIONER
THE HONORABLE THOMAS KING KISTLER



With his appointment as a Commissioner expiring, the FETC would like to thank the Honorable Thomas King Kistler for his service as a Commissioner and to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Judge Kistler was originally appointed as Commissioner in May of 2006.

THE FETC WELCOMES INCOMING COMMISSIONER
THE HONORABLE RUSSELL D. SHURTLEFF



The Honorable Russell D. Shurtleff, President Judge of Pennsylvania's 44th Judicial District, was appointed as FETC Commissioner effective December 2, 2010.

Judge Shurtleff earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Scranton and his law degree from the Catholic University's Columbus School of Law in Washington, DC. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Marine Corps' Officers Candidate School and was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps.

Judge Shurtleff has maintained a private law practice in Factoryville for 20 years. In 1997, Governor Tom Ridge appointed Judge Shurtleff to fill a judicial vacancy in District Court. He was elected to the position in 1999 and then re-elected in 2005. He was elevated to his current position as President Judge in January of 2010. He also presides over the Wyoming County Drug Treatment Court, an initiative he was instrumental in starting in 2007.

In addition to being a member of numerous clubs and service organizations, Judge Shurtleff has been a volunteer firefighter for 27 years, serving as EMS Lieutenant, Captain, Fire Lieutenant and Trustee.

NEW FETC ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
NICHOLAS F. KLIMOWICZ



Nick Klimowicz joined the Commission in October of 2010 as its new Administrative Officer, a position formerly held by Angela Sweigart. Prior to working for the Commission, Nick worked for the Department of Public Welfare.

Before becoming a Commonwealth employee, Nick served in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving at duty stations both within the U.S. and at diplomatic posts overseas.

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TRAINING NOTES

Course 7: Weapon Control / Weapon Retention and Disarming
Starting in 2011, the Commission will be offering a new in-service course, Course 7. This course will explore legal issues, mindset, and practical skills with regard to weapon retention and disarming techniques. A course pilot is already scheduled for mid-January; the follow-up train-the-trainer course will likely be held in February or March.

“Unless you continually work, evolve, and innovate, you’ll learn a quick and painful lesson from someone who has.”

Cael Sanderson
Head Coach, Penn State Wrestling
2004 Olympic Gold Medalist
4-time NCAA champion

NOTABLE COMMISSION MOTIONS PASSED IN MAY

MOTION 1005.03: Motion made that the Commission assumes the responsibility of background investigations on any applicant for Certified Firearms Instructor status not officially affiliated with a county probation department or with the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, and who has not been previously certified as a CFI by the FETC.

NOTABLE COMMISSION MOTIONS PASSED IN SEPTEMBER

MOTION 1009.02: Motion was made to accept and approve the Student Code of Conduct. (NOTE: The updated Student Code of Conduct has been posted on the FETC website)

NOTABLE COMMISSION MOTIONS PASSED IN NOVEMBER

MOTION 1011.03: Motion was made that in the event of an accidental discharge of a weapon by a Certified Firearms Instructor (CFI) at a Commission-sponsored event, the instructor be immediately removed from the range or training site and have their CFI certification suspended until the Commission can convene to address the situation.

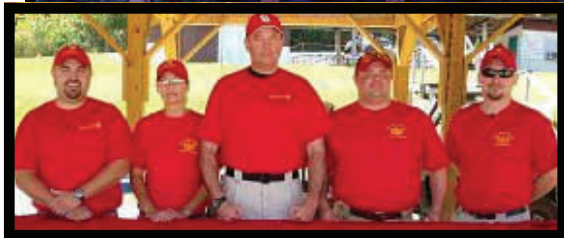
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60TH 2010 BASIC CLASSES



**60h Classroom
Instructors: Justin
Anderson and Doug
Lauer**



60th Section A BTA September 14-17, 2010 Palmyra Sportsman Range
(L) CFIs Shawn Miller, Nicole Gutshall, Jerry Davis, Brian Rock and Shane Schmeckbecher. (R) Dennis Conklin - Top Gun Winner Range Master Brian Rock.

According to § 79.63 of the regulation, Counties seeking approval of an in-service training course developed by an entity other than the Commission or a Commission-approved school or vendor shall submit an application to the Executive Director at least **90 calendar days** prior to the first proposed day of training. The proposal must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director



60th Section B BTA September 28 - October 1, 2010 Palmyra Sportsman Range
(L) CFIs Scott Schultz, Bernie Sikora, Shawn Morgan, Gerald Rose, and Brian Holley. (R) Andre Dyer - Top Gun Winner with Executive Director Todd Burns and Range Master Shawn Morgan.

2010 61ST BASIC CLASSES



**61st Classroom
Instructors: Rich Worley
and Jason Newcomer**



61st Section A BTA October 19-22, 2010 Palmyra Sportsman Range
 (L) CFIs Doug Lauver, Bruce Althouse, Tim Duff, Drew Buche, Vanessa Adler.
 (R) Daniel Walker - Top Gun Winner with Executive Director Todd Burns and Range Master Tim Duff.

Students wishing to have an electronic copy of their class photo and/or Top Gun awardee photo should contact the FETC Administrative Officer, Nicholas Klimowicz, at nklimowicz@state.pa.us



61st Section B BTA October 26-29, 2010 Palmyra Sportsman Range
 (L) CFIs Doug Lauver, Mike Heisey, Justin Anderson, Joe MacLaughlin and Matt Lewandowski. (R) Malvern Sutter, Jr. - Top Gun Winner with Executive Director Todd Burns and Range Master Justin Anderson.

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