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# County Probation and Parole Officers' ON TARGET Firearm Education & Training Commission

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## Updates:

- If you plan on running an in-house or in-service this year you will need to follow the procedures outlined in the FETC regulations. It is important to get pre-approval to run any type of in-house course. An event and student applications need to be submitted in FCTMS, as well as the required forms.

For more information on these procedures, please review the Bulletin Board section of our website:

[www.fetc.state.pa.us](http://www.fetc.state.pa.us)



## FETC HONORS FORMER COMMISSIONER JOHN HOLT BY RENAMING AWARD IN HIS HONOR

In memory of Former Commissioner John D. Holt, whose passing was noted in the January issue, the Commission voted unanimously to rename the Basic Training Academy's marksmanship award in his honor. Starting with the 62nd BTA class this May, the best shooter in the class will now receive the John Holt Top Gun Award.



## FETC THANKS COMMISSIONER KISTLER FOR HIS SERVICE

During the FETC meeting held in State College on March 24th, FETC Chairman Scott Schlechter (R) presented outgoing Commissioner The Hon. Thomas Kistler (L) with a plaque in recognition for his years of service on the Commission. As mentioned in the January issue of *On Target*, Judge Kistler had served as a FETC Commissioner since 2006.



## FETC COURSE 7 IS LAUNCHED

The newest in-service training, Course 7, is now available. Titled "Weapon Control / Weapon Retention and Disarming," the course pilot was held in Carlisle on March 17th and approved for inclusion in the in-service program by the FETC the following week. The train-the-trainer was then offered on several dates at the end of March / beginning of April. Thirty Course 7 classes are now being offered state-wide by the FETC.



Course 7 "explores legal issues, mindset issues, and practical skills with regards to weapon retention and disarming techniques." After a presentation in the classroom, students will be taught a number of hands-on drills, to include patterns of movement, holstered & unholstered defense, and disarming techniques.



### COMMISSIONER REPARD RESIGNS TO SEEK PUBLIC OFFICE

Commissioner Robert Repard, having served on the Commission since March of 2005, tendered his resignation effective February 14th, 2011. At the same time, he retired as a supervisor with the Tioga County Adult Probation Office, having been employed with that office since 1985. Commissioner Repard is seeking election as Magisterial District Judge in Wellsboro, PA.

### 2011 PBPP-TAUGHT CFI COURSE GRADUATES 11

*Anyone who is interested in becoming a CFI should review the requirements listed on the regulations tab of our website:*

*[www.fetc.state.pa.us](http://www.fetc.state.pa.us)*

*As a reminder, those wishing to submit an application for CFI status need to do so through FCTMS.*



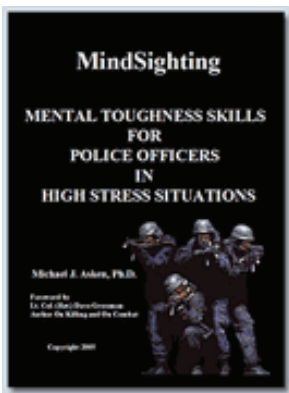
For the entire week of April 11-15, county probation/parole officers from around the state (as well as one FETC staff member) studied together in the hopes of becoming firearms instructors. Taught by staff safety personnel from the PBPP Training Division, the course consisted of both classroom and range coursework covering a wide-range of topics including instruction methodology, range management, shooting techniques, and tactical movement. Students were required to demonstrate shooting proficiency with the FETC course-of-fire; students were required to shoot a 270 (out of 300) the morning of the first day to even continue with the training, then a 285 at the end of the week to graduate. Students were also required to present a number of teach-backs covering the materials they had learned as well as a written test. Graduates are now required to conduct a minimum of 12 hours of instruction, at which point they can apply to the FETC for status as Certified Firearms Instructors (CFIs).

The FETC would like to specifically congratulate Brad Halter from Bucks County Adult Probation and Parole. PO Halter had perfect scores across the board during training, shooting a perfect 300 at both the initial and final qualification course-of-fire as well as perfect scores on both the graded teach-back and the written exam.

## TRAINING NOTES

### **BTA and In-Service Applications in FCTMS**

The Basic Training Academy and FETC in-service training course schedules are posted on the FETC website and course applications keep flowing in through FCTMS. County offices are encouraged to submit their applications in FCTMS as soon as possible; many classes are filling up quickly or having to be canceled due to lack of student applications. Because of the constantly-changing nature of individual class availability, AAs are receiving frequent, if not daily, course availability updates from the FETC Executive Director; please be sure to review these updates before submitting your applications in FCTMS.



### **PBPP Course: Mindsighting**

PBPP's Training Division courses are made available to county-level probation/parole officers. New to their catalog this year is "Mindsighting," by State Police psychologist Dr. Michael Asken. According to the PBPP catalog, the course is "designed specifically for law enforcement personnel, to provide a foundation in the psychological skills of mental toughness. The development of these skills can promote optimal response during high stress conditions." While the April and June classes are full or nearly so, the Training Division is planning to offer several more course dates across the Commonwealth. Those interested in attending should refer to the PBPP catalog distributed to county chiefs.

Aside from his work with the State Police, Dr. Asken is on the Editorial Board of IALEFI's journal *The Firearms Instructor*. He has worked with numerous law enforcement associations and agencies at the local, state, and federal levels to include the FBI and U.S. Navy SEALs. He is the author of the book Mindsighting and has authored or co-authored several other books.

### **CFI Training Conference**

A training conference for Certified Firearms Instructors is being planned to cover the new Basic Course and qualification course-of-fire. This event is tentatively planned to take place at the Toftrees Hotel and Resort in the Spring of 2012.

*For a full version of the  
commission meeting  
minutes visit the FETC  
website at :*

*[www.fetc.state.pa.us](http://www.fetc.state.pa.us)*

### NOTABLE COMMISSION MOTIONS PASSED IN MARCH

**MOTION 1103.04:** Motion was made to approve and accept the Course 7 Weapon Control / Weapon Retention and disarming as a Firearm Education and Training Commission continuing education curriculum.

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