

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

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COMMISSION RE-ELECTS CHAIRMAN
GRAYBILL, VICE-CHAIRMAN
SCHLECHTER



Chairman Graybill

An election held during the January 17th, 2013 FETC meeting resulted in the re-election of the Commission's current leadership; Keith Graybill was re-elected as Chairman while Scott Schlechter was re-elected as Vice-Chairman. Officers are elected or re-elected, as applicable, annually by the FETC membership at the first meeting of the calendar year.



Vice-Chairman Schlechter

Chairman Graybill, a consultant for the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission, has been an FETC Commissioner since 2007 and Chairman since January of 2012. He is a former Chief Probation Officer in Juniata County and past president of the Pennsylvania Association on Probation, Parole and Corrections.

Vice-Chairman Schlechter currently serves as a supervisor and training coordinator for Lehigh County Adult Probation. He has been an FETC Commissioner since 1998 and Vice-Chairman since January 2012.

FETC THANKS FORMER FETC SECRETARY
SCHAEFFER FOR HER SERVICE



This month, FETC Executive Director Todd Burns presented former FETC Secretary Diane Schaeffer a plaque thanking her for her service to the Commission.

Ms. Schaeffer was originally hired to the position of FETC Secretary on May 23rd, 2005 and served in that position until October 19th, 2012. She is currently working for the Pennsylvania Department of

Military and Veteran's Affairs at Fort Indiantown Gap.

TRAINING NOTES

2013 FETC Basic Training Academy (BTA) Dates & Reminders

71st BTA

Classroom: June 4-7
Range A: June 18-21
Range B: June 25-28

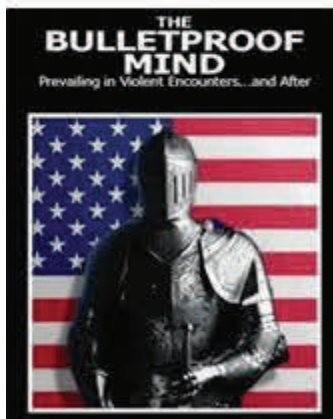
72nd BTA

Classroom: July 9-12
Range A: July 23-26
Range B: July 30-Aug 2

73rd BTA

Classroom: Oct 1-4
Range A: Oct 22-25
Range B: Oct 29-Nov 1

Counties are reminded that the classroom portion of the BTA has been extended; students are now required to report to class NLT 1:00 PM on Tuesday the week of class. Students are encouraged to make sure that their fingerprint check has been cleared by the Pennsylvania State Police and returned to their department's Approving Authority; if the prints are not cleared, a student may NOT attend any portion of the training. Finally, students must make sure that their pistol questionnaires have been completed and signed by their Commission-certified firearms instructor (CFI) prior to arriving at the classroom portion.



The Bulletproof Mind: Mental Preparation for Combat

The Board of Probation and Parole's Training Division is bringing internationally-recognized scholar and speaker, Lt.Col. David Grossman, to Pennsylvania. The Training Division has opened up the invitation to county probation departments.

This training will provide the law enforcement officer/agent with the tools to mentally prepare for a deadly force encounter. You know how to fight, but do you know the steps to take if everything goes wrong? Will you hesitate at the final moment to do what needs to be done? This training will provide the scientific reality of how your body will respond to a deadly force encounter, and the steps you can take now to make sure it doesn't overwhelm you. It's not about bravery, it's about mental preparation. The truth about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder-why it happens, who it happens to, and one simple way you can avoid it no matter what happens. Are you truly prepared?

There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided!

Course offerings:

Tuesday, April 23rd in Philadelphia (location TBD) OR
Wednesday, April 24th at Fort Indiantown Gap (Annville, PA)
The course runs from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Departments with personnel interested in attending should email Janet Collins (jancollins@pa.gov) or Valerie Evans (valevans@pa.gov).

NOTABLE COMMISSION MOTIONS PASSED IN SEPTEMBER

MOTION 1209.06: Motion made that the Commission prohibit either a Certified Firearms Instructor or a Master Instructor from being paid outside of the current vendor holding the contract for performing any type of Commission sanctioned and approved inservice training. In the event that such an event occurs the Commission will not recognize credit for any student who is in attendance of the training.

MOTION 1209.07: Motion made that a CFI and MI cannot armor weapons during any Commission training event.

"Amateurs practice until they do it right, but professionals practice until they cannot do it wrong."

- John Farnam

COMMISSIONER DOMBROWSKY REAPPOINTED



On November 15, 2012, Governor Corbett announced the reappointment of Ms. Patricia Beth Dombrowsky as a FETC Commissioner. Her current term will now expire in November of 2015.

Commissioner Dombrowsky was originally appointed to the Commission in September of 2006. She is currently the Director of Law Enforcement Training at the

Harrisburg Area Community College.

FETC THANKS COMMISSION VICE-CHAIRMAN SCHLECHTER FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE



During the Commission meeting on January 17th, 2013, FETC Chairman Keith Graybill (R) presented FETC Vice-Chairman Scott Schlechter (L) a plaque, thanking him for his service as a member of the Commission's Curriculum Committee.

Vice-Chairman Schlechter was originally appointed to the Curriculum Committee on September 23rd, 1997 and served on the committee until July 19th, 2012.

PLANNING AN IN-HOUSE BTA?

Those counties wishing to conduct an in-house basic training are reminded to follow the rules and procedures as mandated by FETC regulations:

§ 79.64. County-conducted basic training.

(a) To be recognized by the Commission, a basic training conducted by a county must be preapproved by the Commission and be carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions in the Commission's approval letter.

(b) An MI shall supervise all county-conducted basic training.

(c) A county desiring to conduct a basic training shall submit an application for county-conducted basic training, including all required documentation, to the Executive Director on Form 19b as found on the Commission's web site (<http://www.fetc.state.pa.us/fetc/site/default.asp>).

(d) County-conducted basic training must be conducted on training sites, both classroom and range, that are preapproved by the Executive Director.

(e) Only students who have submitted a basic training application, which has been approved by the Executive Director, shall participate in a county-conducted basic training.

(f) The entire county-conducted basic training must be completed within 30 consecutive calendar days and on the dates, times and at locations specified in the application.

(g) Upon request of the Executive Director or at the conclusion of the training, the county shall submit to the Executive Director all forms and materials referenced in the Commission's basic training approval letter in 30 calendar days.

(h) A county that is conducting an approved basic training may accept any Commission-approved student for participation in the training.

(i) Materials to support county-conducted basic training may be provided to the county by the Commission solely at the discretion of the Commission.

(j) The Commission reserves the right to monitor and inspect all aspects of county-conducted basic training without notice to the county that is conducting the training

2012 68TH BASIC CLASS - RANGE A

JULY 24-27, 2012



(L) CFIs Mark King, Robert Wolfe, Jeff Baker, and Vanessa Adler (R) Top Gun Winner Matthew Haulman with FETC Executive Director Todd Burns and Range Master Vanessa Adler.

68th FETC
Basic
Classroom
July 11-13, 2012

Instructors
Troy Smith
Drew Bucher

2012 69TH BASIC CLASS - RANGE A

SEPTEMBER 11-14, 2012



(L) CFIs Shannon Sunday, Mike Flaud, Jeff Breckenmaker, Aaron Harvey, and Troy Smith (R) Top Gun Winner Anthony Snead with FETC Executive Director Todd Burns and Range Master Troy Smith.

69th FETC
Basic
Classroom
September 5-7, 2012

Instructors
Brian Rock
Jerry Spiegel

70th FETC Basic Classroom

October 10-12, 2012

Instructors
Dave Mink
Gregg Willig

2012 70TH BASIC CLASS - RANGE A OCTOBER 16-19, 2012



(L) CFIs Gerald Rose, Bernard Sikora, Brian Rock, Gerald Davis, and Brian Holley (R) Top Gun Winner Brandy Baugher with FETC Executive Director Todd Burns and Range Master Brian Rock.

2012 70TH BASIC CLASS - RANGE B OCTOBER 23-26, 2012



(L) CFIs Dan "Good Stance" Mosier, Drew Bucher, Gregg Willig, Rich Worley, and Tim Barnes (R) Top Gun Winner Josiah Fischer with FETC Executive Director Todd Burns and Range Master Gregg Willig.

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

3RD ANNUAL FAYETTE COUNTY ADULT PROBATION IN-HOUSE BASIC CLASS

SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 4, 2012

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



(L) APO Tim Finnelly, APO Ian Miller, and JPO Kevin Kara (Top R) CFIs Lee Demarco & James Grassi and MI James Kovacs (Bottom R) Course High Shooter Ian Miller

2012 BUCKS COUNTY ADULT PROBATION IN-HOUSE BASIC

OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 9, 2012



(T) Deputy Chief Warren Grant and PO's Mike Aluise, Robert Pollock, Monica Rousset, John Russell, Brock Parker, Jim Mattingly, and Mike Baier (L) CFI's Sgt David Kratz, PO Brad Halter, Supr. David Miller, and Range Master John Flite (R) Top Shot Winner Mike Aluise and Range Master John Flite.



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