



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MUNICIPAL POLICE TRAINING COUNCIL
CONNECTICUT POLICE ACADEMY



GENERAL NOTICE 93-04

To: Chief Executive Officers
Training Officers

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Subject: Police Managerial Training

The General Assembly has recently passed by public act, and the Governor has signed into law, an amendment to Section 7-294j of the General Statutes, which requires instruction be given to Police Managers relative to New Legal Developments Concerning Police Policies and Practices. This notice is to fully apprise all members of the law enforcement community of these changes.

Briefly, the amended General Statute now requires:

That instruction shall be provided on the subject of new legal developments which impact on police policies and practices . . . each year to the Chief Law Enforcement officer of each municipality and any person designated by him to serve in such capacity in his absence. Each such officer may be given credit for such course of instruction toward the certified review training required by subsection (a) of section 7-294d.

The following are the changes to note:

- (1) The requirement that there be TWO sessions each year has ended. The number of sessions will be determined yearly by the Chief State's Attorney. A single session may suffice.
- (2) The minimum number of hours being specified as FOUR has been removed. Each session shall last as long as is deemed necessary to impart the new information.
- (3) The persons required to attend this training is now specified and LIMITED to a very few identifiable people. Any questions on who must attend may be directed to the Executive Director, or to the Assistant Director, Field Services Division of the MPTC.

- (4) Finally, the training given shall be creditable toward the standard forty (40) hour review training requirement for all police officers. Training shall be credited toward the "Police and the Law" requirement of at least seven (7) hours every three years.

Only four of the six sessions which could have occurred under this statute have been provided. One session did not take place at the direction of the Chief State's Attorney and the one which would have been provided this spring (1993) was not organized with the expectation that this legislation would rendered it unnecessary. That has occurred. Therefore, those individuals who fell under the previous definition of police manager could have attended no more than four (4) managerial training sessions.

It will be the practice of the Certification Division's staff, when conducting a review audit of training records in the 1990-1993 time period, to seek evidence of the four management review sessions for affected officers and to apply the credit hours toward "Police and the Law" training requirements under the forty (40) hour review period. Please contact the MPTC's Certification Division if there are any questions.