



*We wish you
a prosperous and happy
New Year!*

December 2007

MCOLES Annual Registration

The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) is conducting its 2008 Annual Registration. **Michigan law requires the participation of all Michigan law enforcement agencies in this process.** This reporting period is also designed to allow agencies that have voluntarily participated in the Justice Training Fund Law Enforcement

Distribution to fulfill reporting requirements regarding expenditure of their funds.

The Annual Registration process is conducted over the MCOLES Information and Tracking Network, and it includes the following steps.

A. Verification that the agency's profile (agency head, address, phone number, etc.) is correct as listed on the MCOLES Information and Tracking Network. For 2008, new information that will be required on this page will include data for an administrative contact within the agency. Detailed instructions for completing this information will be provided.

B. Review and verification of the agency roster of currently licensed law enforcement officers. Review and verification of information on officers that have separated from the agency during calendar year 2007.

C. Report on hours worked by law enforcement officers, employed by the reporting during calendar year 2007, with indication of full or part-time status.

D. Report on Justice Training fund Law Enforcement Distribution (LED) expenditures and registration for 2008 LED funds.

Authorized operators of the MCOLES Information and Tracking Network should log into the network before January 7, 2008 to determine if their passwords have expired. Screen prompts will guide operators through

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December Stakeholder Meetings



MCOLES Stakeholder Session at Marquette

MCOLES held stakeholder meetings throughout Michigan during the week of December 3, 2007. The purpose of these meetings was to report on issues and strategic achievements, including proposed solutions to the regular employment issue, to gain input from the field, and to hold formal hearings on proposed administrative rules for recruit training. Meetings were con-

ducted at Kentwood, Auburn Hills, Marquette, Gaylord, and Lansing. In addition to gaining perspectives from the field on current issues, many of the comments directed to Commission members and staff will be incorporated into the future strategic direction taken by MCOLES. Thanks to all who participated! Please refer to the Executive Director's remarks for more information on these sessions.

A Message from the Executive Director...



On behalf of the Commission, I extend sincere thanks to all of you who attended our December stakeholder sessions. Despite a very

busy schedule, our current initiatives demanded a return to the field to report out on some issues and gather input on others. Sessions were held in Kentwood, Auburn Hills, Marquette, Gaylord, and Lansing.

The initial presentation for these sessions focused on reporting the progress that has been made on our strategic objectives. For those who were unable to attend, a written progress report is available at www.michigan.gov/mcoles. As you might recall, the identification of these goals was heavily influenced by input from the field, several years ago. Consequently, many of you have a vested interest in their fulfillment. In bringing this

material before you, through these meetings, we have sought to bring closure to those initiatives that have been fulfilled, to refresh some that remain in progress, and to incorporate unfulfilled objectives and new input into our future direction. I would add that the progress we have made has come in the face of huge administrative and fiscal challenges and would not have been possible without the continuing support of Michigan's law enforcement and criminal justice communities.

A significant amount of time was spent in these sessions explaining the Commission's work, to date, on the regular employment issue. It has come as no surprise that this effort has been difficult. The Commission's Regular Employment committee has been working over the past year and one half to develop recommendations for Commission action. The challenge has been to balance our statutory requirement to ensure that Michigan's law enforcement officers are

regularly employed with the law enforcement needs of local communities. Proposed recommendations were presented to our audiences around the state. They were met with both concern and voices of approval. As I write these comments, we are continuing our assessment of the input we received from all quarters.

The final part of our stakeholder sessions dealt with expansion of MCOLES authority to deal with unethical law enforcement officers. This effort will take shape in upcoming revisions under development for MCOLES empowering legislation, Public Act 203 of 1965.

Again, I thank all who were involved in these sessions, and I invite your continued input. On behalf of the Commission, I extend our sincere wishes for a prosperous and happy new year!

The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards

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Mr. Raymond W. Beach, Jr.
Executive Director

Buczek and Bosscher to Lead Commission in 2008



At the December 11, 2007 meeting, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES)

Commission Chair John Buczek

selected John Buczek to serve as its Chairperson. John has represented the Fraternal Order of Police on the Commission since 2001. Since coming to the Commission, John has seen major change. The Commission has reorganized pursuant to an Executive Order that expanded both its representation and size. John is the Executive Director of the Michigan Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police.



At the same meeting, Sheriff James Bosscher of Missaukee County was picked to serve

Vice Chair James Bosscher

as Commission Vice Chair for 2008. Sheriff Bosscher has served with the Commission since 2003, and has been the Sheriff of Missaukee County since 1993.

Both men agree that the preservation and enhancement of funding for law enforcement standards and training is their greatest priority for 2008.

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the password renewal process. Network operators should contact the MCOLES Help Desk if they experience unresolved login problems or need help with any reporting issues. **The MCOLES Help Desk will be available from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. The Help Desk Number is 322-5615.**

Specific instructions and guidelines, a checklist, and responses to frequently asked questions will be available for your reference at the Annual Registration Home Page in the MCOLES Information and Tracking Network. Links to information on the MCOLES Annual Registration will also be available at the MCOLES public web site, www.michigan.gov/mcoles.

Sheriff Wriggelsworth Honored for Commission Leadership



Sheriff Wriggelsworth (left), Executive Director Ray Beach, incoming Chair John Buczek

After serving the maximum number of terms permitted under its bylaws, the

Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) recently honored its Chairperson, Ingham County Sheriff Gene Wriggelsworth. The Commission's regular order of business was interrupted on December 11, 2007 for presentation of a plaque and kudos by other Commission members.

Sheriff Wriggelsworth will remain an active member of the Commission but will turn the gavel over to Mr. John Buczek, Executive Director of the Michigan Fraternal Order of

Police, in January. During his tenure as Chair, Sheriff Wriggelsworth ushered the Commission through extensive efforts to defend funding levels and obtain more adequate and stable funding for law enforcement training. Under his leadership, MCOLES has also embarked on initiatives to address regular employment by part time Michigan law enforcement officers and to expand MCOLES authority to deal with ethical breaches by law enforcement officers.

Barb Best Retires



Barbara Best receives resolution from Gene Wriggelsworth, observed by Ray Beach

One of the most familiar names among MCOLES staff for those in the field of law enforcement, especially training, is Barbara Best. Since 1984, Barb has been working with law enforcement officers, training providers and other folks across the criminal justice spectrum. Her most enduring legacy has been in the area of records management. Barb was instrumental in the development and implementation of the MCOLES Information and Tracking Network. At its December 2008 meeting, the Commission recognized Barb's efforts on behalf of law enforcement and criminal justice. She was honored in a Commission resolution and received a plaque of appreciation.

Training Position

The Northern Michigan Law Enforcement Training Group (NMLETG), an Urban Cooperative entity, located at Camp Grayling, is seeking a qualified person to serve as Executive Manager of the organization's services and programs. A detailed job description can be obtained by inquiring at the e-mail address listed below. Individuals interested in this position should begin the hiring process by sending a resume along with a cover letter summarizing education and work experience to Mr. Bill Page at the address listed below, no later than January 15, 2008. Not all interested individuals will be contacted for an interview. This contracted position will be filled on a part-time basis leading to the assumption of full time duties within a period of one to two years. The pay scale will be commensurate with the qualifications and experience of the selected individual. The individual selected to fill the position will be an "at will employee" serving at the pleasure of the NMLETG Board.

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