



5 TOPICS IN 5 MINUTES

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Dear Law Enforcement Community,

As we embrace this holiday season, the Commission extends warm wishes and gratitude for your continued support and collaboration in promoting public safety and advancing the law enforcement profession. We remain committed to bringing you useful updates and reminders as we approach the New Year.

One topic that is forthcoming is the 2025 Annual Registration process, which must be completed by agencies between January 6 to February 7, 2025, in accordance with statutory requirements. Agencies will receive detailed information regarding the 2025 Annual Registration process in the coming days.

A pivotal highlight we wish to acknowledge is Senator Hertel's exceptional leadership in introducing Senate Bill 834. The passage of this legislation, which doubles survivor benefits for families of officers who have fallen or been permanently disabled in the line of duty, reflects a profound commitment to our public safety community. We sincerely thank Senator Hertel for championing this cause and making a meaningful impact in the lives of many. Additionally, we extend our gratitude to the following Senators for their co-sponsorship of this legislation: Senators Polehanki, Bayer, McCann, Wojno, Santana, Chang, Geiss, McBroom and Klinefelt.

Should you have any questions about the topics below, [please feel free to reach out to the Commission for further information](#). We appreciate your engagement with 5 Topics in 5 Minutes and eagerly anticipate bringing you a spring update in 2025.

Respectfully,

Tim Bourgeois
Executive Director
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PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER BENEFIT ACT

On October 3, 2024, Governor Whitmer signed [PA 128 of 2024](#) into law which doubled survivor benefits from \$25,000 to \$50,000 for public safety officers who are killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty, helping the surviving families by providing them with financial support in recognition of their loved one's service. Senator Kevin Hertel, Chair of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Military, Veterans, State Police, was the lead sponsor of this legislation. [Visit the Public Safety Officer Benefit Act webpage to learn more.](#)

"While many professions are safe, steady, and predictable, the work of our public safety officers is anything but," said Sen. Hertel. "Their work is defined by uncertainty, yet they choose to sacrifice their own comfort and safety for the security of their community. And while they may not have a uniform to put on, their families are right alongside them in service. This legislation acknowledges their sacrifices and provides them with support as they endure an unimaginable loss." [Read Sen. Hertel's full press release here.](#)



AN UPDATE ON GRANTS

Michigan Justice Training Fund (MJTF)

The Commission will host the 2025 Michigan Justice Training Fund (MJTF) Grant Application Workshop on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 9:00 AM, via Microsoft Teams. A formal invitation, including registration details, will be distributed on February 3, 2025, via [MSP-MCOLES-Grants@michigan.gov](#).

Public Safety Academy Assistance Program (PSAA)

PSAA Appropriation I: Following a review of unspent Appropriation I funds and reimbursements from recruit drops, 8 applications were approved and paid. The entire \$30M from Appropriation I has been exhausted, including all returned funds.

PSAA Appropriation II: As of December 12, 2024, the Commission has received 61 applications from 38 agencies, requesting \$1,191,829.82 in grant funding of the \$10M provided by the legislature.

Out-of-State Recognition of Prior Basic Training and Experience (RPTE)

As of December 12, 2024, the [Out-of-State RPTE Grant Program](#) has received 23 applications from law enforcement officers across 17 states, with the total amount of requested funds totaling \$40,047.66.



CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

On December 17, 2024, [the Commission announced important updates](#) regarding Continuing Professional Education (CPE) (I) curriculum requirements and (II) funding distribution for calendar year 2025. Additionally, the Commission has made available a range of valuable resources to support CPE, including details about a forthcoming webinar.

I. CPE Curriculum Requirements

CPE requirements for calendar year 2025 will consist of 8 hours of Commission-designated training topics and 16 hours of agency-selected training topics. This structure allows for customization based on individual needs while ensuring comprehensive professional development. Additionally, [the Commission has updated the Quick Reference Guide](#), providing a glimpse of the CPE curriculum guidelines for the next three years, from 2025 through 2027.

While at least 24 hours of education and training are required for calendar year 2025, the Commission strongly encourages agencies to exceed the standard to meet the agency's needs and foster professional development.

II. CPE Funding Distribution

Funding has been secured for professional development, with each full-time equivalent (FTE) position receiving \$1,000 to meet the 2025 CPE standard. The Commission expects each agency will receive their 2025 CPE distribution within the next two weeks identified as "2025 CPE Distribution for Licensed LE Officers."

Any surplus CPE funds may be utilized by the agency for professional education/training of licensed law enforcement officers or, when necessary, to acquire equipment to facilitate CPE education/training.

III. CPE Helpful Resources

The Commission will virtually host a comprehensive CPE webinar designed for law enforcement agency leaders and training officers at the end of January 2025. This session will cover a range of topics, including recognized course options, answers to your frequently asked questions, funding guidelines, and instructions for registering in-service training programs within the Michigan Information and Tracking Network (MITN). Once the date and time have been finalized, further information and details will be communicated.

[Visit the CPE webpage to review and access CPE resources.](#)



RECOGNITION OF PRIOR BASIC TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

MCOLES recently updated the RPTE program to enhance the state of Michigan's law enforcement profession and include statutory required training.

Beginning in January 2025, RPTE offers two options for applicants: 1) a five-day (5) program that consists of Law Enforcement Response to Active Violence (RTAV), Behavioral Health Emergency Partnership (BHEP), firearms qualification and the MCOLES Licensing Exam; and 2) an eight-day (8) program that includes all topics in the five-day program, in addition to criminal law, traffic law, and First Aid/CPR/BLS. If an applicant chooses the five-day program, they must possess and provide a current Basic First Aid/CPR (adult & infant)/BLS certification to participate. Successful qualification on the firearms component is required to be eligible to take the MCOLES Licensing Exam on the final day.

[Visit the RPTE webpage to learn more.](#)



ON YOUR RADAR

Michigan Office of the Child Advocate Partnership

In our continuing efforts to enhance the safety and welfare of at-risk children, the Commission has established a strategic partnership with the [Michigan Office of the Child Advocate \(OCA\)](#). This partnership aligns with the OCA's mission to advance the state's child welfare system, particularly by addressing and alleviating situations where children may be suffering physical abuse at the hands of parents or caretakers.

The Commission is pleased to announce the integration of the OCA's educational resource, [the TEN-4-FACEs video](#), into the Basic Training Academy curriculum. This video will be incorporated into the module on Responding to Complaints of Suspected Child or Vulnerable Adult Abuse, starting with the 2025 curriculum year. We believe this initiative and collaboration will equip our future law enforcement officers with the knowledge and skills necessary to identify and respond effectively to signs of child abuse and will significantly strengthen our collective capabilities to protect vulnerable children across the state.

Lunch and Learn Sessions Continuing into 2025

In collaboration with the Michigan Sheriffs' Association (MSA) and the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP), the Commission is planning on hosting a series of 'Lunch and Learn' sessions throughout the coming year.

Please stay informed by [visiting News and Current Issues](#) for further details.

Free Training Opportunities

The Commission is pleased to offer complimentary training opportunities! [The updated 2025 training schedule](#) includes a variety of courses such as Comprehensive Sexual Assault Investigations, Instructor Development Course, Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence, among others.

[Visit the newly enhanced webpage](#) for a streamlined browsing and registration experience, making it easier than ever to explore and enroll in the free training programs available to you.



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