

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
FY 2018 BUDGET POLICE AND CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSIONS**

Classroom Utilization

Issue: PCTC should comment on firing & driving range utilization rates, and whether additional facilities or services would address needs.

Response: The Police and Correctional Training Commissions (PCTC) has been able to accommodate the training needs of Maryland's 160 police agencies and 33 correctional agencies, including their requested utilization of the firing and driving ranges. PCTC has been able to adequately meet the needs of these agencies by deploying creative scheduling tactics. Where there is appropriate overlap in training needs, PCTC has run simultaneous academy training programs. Additionally, various police agencies have provided support by assigning certain employees with training expertise to PCTC to serve as temporary instructors.

Personnel

Issue: PCTC should comment on the vacancies and whether they have impacted commission service delivery.

Response: Like any other state agency vacancies do have an impact on operations. However, the Police and Correctional Training Commissions (PCTC) continue to provide quality services and training to client agencies to ensure compliance with mandated regulations and requirements. In FY 16 the Public Safety Education and Training Center (PSETC) served a total population of 26,381 students (58,785 Trainee Days). Additionally, in early FY17 PCTC was able to hold two separate academies for new Division of Parole and Probation agents and anticipates conducting another academy in April of 2017.

PCTC has continued to exceed its managing for results goal for ensuring at least 75 percent of the graduates of entry level academy training are prepared for on-the-job training.

The staff of the Certification Unit continues to process the certification status of over 16,000 law enforcement officers, over 13,000 State and local correctional officers and many other personnel. The Certification Unit has also successfully completed the required academy training audits for all agencies subject to an audit in 2016.

Crisis Intervention

Issue: PCTC should comment on the recommended crisis intervention training and their potential role in it.

Response: Over the past several years, PCTC has worked with various stakeholders to development Crisis Intervention (CI) training. A number of Maryland's police/sheriffs agencies have already implemented Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT). PCTC has supported those various CIT programs by presenting and coordinating the training for students in the CIT programs. PCTC also ensures that the training is applied to the Commission's annual in-service mandates.

PCTC will continue to support the research, development and presentation of CI training at the academy and during in-service training.

Baltimore Police Department & Consent Decree

Issue: PCTC should comment on the recommended crisis intervention training and their potential role in it.

Response: PCTC is dedicated to supporting the development of model policies along with providing associated training for Maryland's law enforcement entities. To the extent possible, PCTC will provide assistance to the Baltimore City Police Department based on the finalized consent decree.

Recommended Actions

1. Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

PCTC should report to the budget committees on their progress toward forming the new commission, including any associated costs, implementation challenges, and progress made to procure new database software and conduct a needs assessment for a Scenario-based Learning program.

Response: The Department concurs with the recommended action.