

February 10, 2010

To: All Sworn Personnel

From: S. Teague, Major
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Subject: Directive: In-Service Training 2010

In-service training (IST) is scheduled to start on February 19, 2010. As most of you are aware, the Training Unit has assumed responsibility of the S. 34th Street Training Facility and has been tasked with providing on-duty instructors to accomplish IST in 2010. Every effort is being made to minimize the impact of IST on each division and squad. Therefore, it is imperative that everyone attends IST on the date they signed up for and were scheduled. **Any request to re-schedule an assigned date must be coordinated by a lieutenant or higher through the officer's chain of command. This change should be accomplished by that officer's supervisor, which would require having the officer withdraw from the original class and sign up for a new class. Any changes in the schedule will result in the supervisor receiving an email notifying him/her that the officer withdrew from the class. If approval was not granted by a lieutenant or higher authority, then the request should be denied. There are just enough IST training dates to satisfy each sworn officer attending with no make up dates.** In the event of an emergency, you must contact your Shift/Bureau Commander, as procedure dictates.

Officers that carry a privately owned Sig Sauer or Beretta 9mm and Specialty Team Members, who carry an issued Sig Sauer 9mm; may continue to do so, or switch to the department issued .40 caliber Smith & Wesson. Officers will not be able to carry a privately owned .40 caliber pistol and the department will not issue Specialty Team members another make of .40 caliber pistol.

IST will start at the HCSO range at 0700 hours and officers are required to wear the issued training uniform, which consists of the blue BDU pants and grey TPD T-shirt. Officers that are not properly attired will be reported to their division commander. Officers may wear shorts or sweat pants when doing the PAT, but will have to change into the training BDU's for the remainder of IST.

All personnel, including plainclothes squads, will bring all TPD owned handguns, magazines, duty belts, holsters, batons, and Tasers for firearm qualification. Additionally, all officers will need to bring their gun cleaning kits. Weapons will be cleaned prior to leaving the range. This will provide the proper training on breaking down the new weapon and ensuring it has been cleaned. Proper eyewear protection (wrap-around lenses) will be provided by the officer and worn during firearms training. The instructors will provide ear protection.

The Training Unit will only supply 9mm and .40 caliber ammunition. If you intend on qualifying with an off-duty weapon of a different caliber, you must bring at least 50 rounds of that ammunition.

The morning session of IST will be comprised of only Firearms Training. This will include the transition of collecting the city issued Glock, magazines and holster, and issuing the .40 caliber pistol and new holster. If you wish to purchase your current duty weapon, and have not already done so, bring a check made out to Smith and Wesson for \$340.00. We will tag your duty pistol, and it will be available to you when in-service training for 2010 has been completed later in the year. Instructions will be provided at a later date on how to pick up your duty weapon.

The second half of the day will consist of O.C. training, expandable baton training, searching and the PAT. This training will take place at the Training Facility located at 116 S. 34th St. beginning at 1430 hours. **As a reminder, the maximum qualifying time allowed for the PAT is 6 minutes and 4 seconds. All failures will be handled as outlined in SOP 697 - Physical Abilities Test.**

Prior to taking the PAT, each officer will have the option of having their blood pressure checked by a member of Fire Rescue or signing a waiver and not having the blood pressure checked. If an officer chooses to have their blood pressure taken and their blood pressure is above 140/90, it will be retaken after ten minutes. This will be repeated a maximum of three times. If the officer's blood pressure remains above 140/90, he/she will be provided with a departmental form and instructed to see their physician in order to obtain a medical clearance to participate in the PAT. They must see their physician and provide the department with this medical clearance within seven days. These officers will not be permitted to take the PAT, but will participate in the rest of IST and remain full duty status for seven days. A blood pressure reading will not be taken if an officer signs a waiver.

Separate training dates for carbine and shotgun qualifications will be forthcoming. Any officer that has previously qualified with a TPD issued or privately owned shotgun/carbine will be notified in the near future as to when to attend a re-qualification course.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sgt. Mark Delage at (813) 276-3644 or another member of the Training Unit.

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