

MPTC Firearms Training Program

Important Notice for All MPTC Contracted Firearms Instructors

December 30, 2011

To: All Firearms Instructors (Advanced, Instructor Trainers & Master Instructor Trainers) contracted to teach for the MPTC

Your contract expires June 30, 2012.

A meeting of all State Wide Coordinators was held by the MPTC Executive Director Dan Zivkovich regarding the new curriculum re-write and Instructor criteria. Some program changes were announced including going to a 4 Tier Instructor Level System.

Level I (Basic) - Department training only and issued a certificate by MPTC

Level II (Basic) - MPTC instructor under contract who may assist in teaching and instruction both classroom and practical. (Cannot teach alone). (Formerly known as "Advanced Instructor")

Level III (Lead) - MPTC instructor contracted by MPTC who will assist in mentoring/evaluating Level I and Level II Instructors. (Formerly known as Instructor Trainer)

Level IV (Master Instructor) - contracted by MPTC, assist the Statewide Coordinator with 10 Day Instructor class, 1 & 2 Day Recertification, site monitoring, administration and other firearms training classes & duties as directed by the Coordinator.

Program needs will be assessed to determine the number of instructors that are needed at each level and those needs will be addressed.

In line with the 3 year MPTC contracts expiring on 6/30/12, all MPTC contracts and Certifications will expire on 6/30/12. All current certified instructors will be reset to Level I or II (Basic) and are welcome to reapply. There will be new criteria for each level and applications, resumes, etc. will need to be resubmitted. Once your application has been accepted, there also may be a 4 hour (pre-screening) class to identify those to be trained and certified for those roles on their ability to instruct, evaluate, handle administrative functions, etc.

There will be requirements to advance from one level to the next, based on your experiences and endeavors within a specific timeframe. For example – you may be required to demonstrate a certain number of hours assisting in training, classroom, and practical exercises, and possibly other criteria to advance from Level II to Level III. Once your application has been accepted, there also may be a 4 hour (pre-screening) class to identify those to be trained and certified for those roles on their ability to instruct, evaluate, handle administrative functions, etc. This process is designed to create a high quality level of instructor to deliver the MPTC product as it

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moves, hopefully to a POST system. The new application and process will be in place prior to the expiration date of 6/30/12, and as soon as it becomes available, I will notify you.

This is happening in all MPTC training modules for all instructors statewide. As more information becomes available, I will pass it along to you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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