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Re: Municipal Police Training Committee In-Service Training

Dear Chiefs,

I am writing to inform you of recent concerns that have come to our attention regarding our annual in-service training. As you are aware, the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) delivers required annual in-service training to Departments both in person and online. With the convenience and flexibility of online in-service training comes the expectation and requirement that officers complete the training in its entirety.

The MPTC has recently learned of instances where some officers are bypassing their TY25 online training by using technologies that override controls meant to prevent fast-forwarding through the training. The introductory slides to each online component note the expected run time for each segment. We have discovered instances where trainings that should take hours to complete are finished in a matter of minutes.

MPTC staff are working closely with Acadis to identify the extent of this issue and to implement any remedial measures necessary. Additionally, we are in the process of notifying Chiefs of Departments with members who have bypassed their training requirements. Officers who complete an online course in less than the minimum run time will forfeit the ability to do online training and will be required by the MPTC to complete all TY25 in-service training in person.

We appreciate your assistance in ensuring that officers are completing their annual in-service training requirements. Any officer that has failed to complete any required training in its entirety will be required to attend in-person training and their names will be forwarded to POST for failure to successfully complete in-service training.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff W. Farnsworth".

Chief Jeff Farnsworth

MPTC Executive Director