

Simple Notes – Clarifications for 2026

Law Enforcement Officers

1.5.1 – To ensure the qualification and physical, emotional, and mental health of each candidate for a sworn position, prior to appointment, the agency has a written directive that:

b. requires a background check for each candidate that includes:

I. A criminal history check including the submission of fingerprints to the Central Repository for the Commonwealth and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

NOTE – IdentGo is an MPOETC-specific requirement and does not satisfy this standard and/or 37 PA Code § 241.5 – Background Investigations (b) (1) All prospective employing law enforcement agencies shall conduct: (i) A criminal history check, including the submission of fingerprints to the State Police Central Repository and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

NOTE – The IdentGo payment receipt is not considered proof of compliance. Acceptable documentation must include an official response from PSP/FBI or a background investigation report submitted by the agency investigator confirming that the individual was fingerprinted, either by the investigator or another agency member and if an agency-owned and operated LiveScan system is used, its use must be documented; if another agency's LiveScan is used, the documentation must reflect use of the hiring agency's ORI.

d. requires that a psychological fitness and emotional stability examination is conducted by a Pennsylvania-licensed psychologist, prior to appointment.

NOTE – While MPOETC may not always require that a psychological fitness and emotional stability examination be conducted by a Pennsylvania-licensed psychologist prior to appointment, PLEAC does require it; therefore, the examination must be completed.

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Unusual Occurrences

2.2.5 – A written directive regarding unusual occurrence planning and management that includes:

c. ICS training for all personnel, appropriate to their level of responsibility, as determined by the agency.

NOTE – One proof of compliance is required for each level of responsibility, as determined by the agency. The agency is only required to provide documentation for training conducted within the applicable accreditation period (year), not past training. Additionally, the frequency of this training is determined by the agency, meaning that unless recurring training is required by agency policy, the training only needs to be completed once.

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Property & Evidence Control

3.6.6 – A written directive requiring the following documented inspections, inventory, and audits shall be completed:

NOTE – All property logged in is subject to audit. If a piece of property is out for testing, court, or other purposes, the property log must reflect its location on the day of the audit.

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Crime Victims

4.5.1 – A written directive regarding the legal mandate that the law enforcement agency comply with the Pennsylvania Crime Victims Act (18 P.S. § 11.101 et seq.) in regard to responsibilities of state and local law enforcement agencies including:

(1). 11.212(b)(1) the law enforcement agency responding to or investigating an incident shall provide basic information on the rights and services available for crime victims and the availability of crime victims' compensation to the direct victim or, if appropriate, a member of the direct victim's family. The information shall be provided when the agency has first contact with the direct victim or, if appropriate, a member of the direct victim's family or as soon as reasonably possible. The information required under this subsection shall be in a written notice in a manner or form developed by the Office of Victims' Services.

NOTE – If an agency is utilizing a QR code, it must direct them either directly to the PCCD website for Pennsylvania Crime Victims – Local Victim Services or the agency's website, which does the same. Additionally, an agency's policy must address what actions must be taken for victims without a cell phone or a cell phone that does not have a QR Code Scanner.



Pennsylvania Crime Victims – Local Victim Services Agency (Example)



Upper Dublin Police Department – Crime Victim Information (Example)

***Flexibility for Crime Victim Liaisons, Social Workers, etc.**

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Act 22 Police Video

4.11.2 – The agency has a written directive that addresses procedures for making and complying with requests for police video that includes the following:

d. Establishment of reasonable fees for each video provided.

NOTE – Under Act 22, a fee is not required to be implemented by law, and PLEAC is not requiring one. However, if a fee is authorized, it must be established by the governing municipal body or agency, whichever is most applicable, and documented through policy and a fee schedule.