



CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

NO. 2-2007 February 1, 2007

TO: SHERIFFS, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION, NEW YORK CITY WARDENS, AGENCY TRAINING COORDINATORS

RE: ANNUAL FIREARMS AND OTHER WEAPONS TRAINING AMENDMENTS

On December 6, 2006, the New York State Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC) amended several requirements for the Annual Firearms Course and the Annual Other Weapons Course. The amendments followed input from a panel of subject matter experts and extensive discussion by the Council.

The **use of force** component has been amended to require a minimum of one hour of annual training. The **other weapons** component has been amended to require a minimum of one hour of annual training per 'other weapon.' The **firearms training** component remains at five hours. It is the responsibility of the individual facilities to establish any additional time necessary to best train their staff in the weapons they utilize.

The MPTC established a list of 'other weapons' which include **batons** (straight, expandable, or side handle) and **hand held aerosol subject restraint devices** (oleoresin capsicum, CN, CS, or hybrids). If a peace officer has access to, or supervises anyone who has access to, any of the listed weapons during the course of their official duties, they must complete annual training pursuant to the provisions of §2.30 of the Criminal Procedure Law. If a hand held aerosol subject restraint device contains any agent other than OC (oleoresin capsicum), including, but not limited to, CN, CS, or hybrids, the Commission mandates the facility to increase their annual training time to include the difference in the effects and the decontamination of CN, CS or hybrids.

MPTC has identified batons and hand held aerosol subject restraint devices in the list of 'other weapons.' Therefore, the annual requirements for any Commission-approved weapons, not identified by MPTC, fall under the direct purview of the Commission. The established annual training requirements for any of the weapons not listed by MPTC remain the same as they have been in the past. As an example, a chemical agent's deployment system other than hand held aerosol device (e.g., grenade) requires 4 hour recertification annually.

An updated Commission-approved Chemical Agents (OC) In-Service Annual Lesson Plan is available to any agencies considering the one-hour option.

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To request the updated one hour lesson plan or if you have any questions, please contact Eileen Carpenter at (518) 485-2477 or via e-mail at ecarpenter@scoc.state.ny.us.

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