



## Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

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### **Eleven Complete Police Training Requirements at State Police Facility**

**Officers Are from Fish and Boat Commission and DCNR**

Harrisburg, PA – Six waterways conservation officers from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) and five Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) rangers have completed Municipal Police Officers Basic Training, Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner Frank E. Pawlowski announced today.

“The 758-hour training course, held at the Pennsylvania State Police Northwest Training Center in Meadville, Crawford County, covered all phases of police work, from the Vehicle and Crimes codes to use of firearms and conducting criminal investigations,” Pawlowski said.

The Pennsylvania Municipal Police Education and Training Act requires that all beginning law enforcement officers successfully meet training requirements before going to work for a state agency or local police department.

Waterways conservation officer graduates and their home counties are: Anthony R. Beers, Clarion County; Richard D. Daniels, Northumberland County; Eric B. Davis, Westmoreland County; Chad E. Doyle, Venango County; Aaron B. Lupacchini, Carbon County; and Daniel A. Nietupski, Franklin County.

“Waterways conservation officers serve as the Fish and Boat Commission’s primary contact with the general public and the sporting community,” said PFBC Executive Director Douglas J. Austen, Ph.D. “Their responsibilities are immense and widespread, from enforcing regulations to conducting investigations, from stocking fish to participating in public outreach events. The agency’s many accomplishments grow directly from these efforts.”

DCNR ranger graduates and their homes counties are: Mary K. Coursey, York County; Tarah R. Lockner, Lehigh County; Derek M. Smith, Adams County; Robert S. Yurvati, Lehigh County; and Tracy L. Zupich, Lycoming County.

Lockner received both the High Scholastic Award and the High Pistol Award, while Nietupski received the Physical Fitness Award.

Erie County Judge Michael E. Dunlavey addressed a graduation ceremony held Dec. 18 in Meadville. Dr. Austen also offered remarks and Lupacchini spoke on behalf of the class.

The mission of the Fish and Boat Commission is to protect, conserve, and enhance the Commonwealth’s aquatic resources and provide fishing and boating opportunities. For more information about fishing and boating in Pennsylvania, please visit our website at [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com). For more information about the State Police and DCNR, visit [www.psp.state.pa.us](http://www.psp.state.pa.us) or [www.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us).

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