

Part-Time Basic Law Enforcement Training Academy **ACADEMY START DATE SUSPENDED**

Mobile Team Unit 15 has been notified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board that the Executive Committee of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board recently decided to temporarily suspend the start of the next Part-Time Basic Law Enforcement (PTBLE) Academy until January, 2018. This decision was made to allow time for the Executive Institute to update the on-line training modules for the Part-Time Academy to reflect the new 560 hour curriculum.

Information provided by the Training Board advises that Departments with Part-Time officers in need of Basic Training will be given two options:

- 1) Enroll their officer(s) in the January 2018 PTBLE Academy through their MTU. They will need to submit to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board a request for an extension of any deadlines for Basic Training. (Enrollment in Basic Training within 6 months of the date of appointment and 18 months to complete Basic Training from date of appointment.) However, the six month deadline to pass the POWER Test still applies*. **These extension requests will be granted due to the temporary suspension of the program.**
- 2) Hire the officer and appoint them on Full-Time status, enroll them into one of the Full-Time Academies to complete the new 560 hour Basic Law Enforcement Training, and then submit a Form E to drop them back to Part-Time status once they complete the Academy. Departments opting for this will benefit from the direct tuition agreements with the Full-Time Academies and will not have to pay tuition then wait 9 months or more for reimbursement from the Training Board.

*Department heads who have officers who are met with this six month deadline for the POWER Test should email Chuck Doan at MTU 15 at: chuck@mtu15.com to schedule the POWER test. Officers taking and passing the POWER Test will be accepted to the next Part-Time Academy (beginning in January 2018) but will be required to take the POWER Test again within 45 days of the start of that Academy.