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Department of State Police

Division of Standards and Training

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To: SSPO Chiefs and Public Safety Administrators

From: Captain Daniel C. McGinn, #2406, Commandant, MA State Police Academy

Subject: SSPO #30 Training Class Announcement

1. The Massachusetts State Police Academy is pleased to announce the upcoming 30th Special State Police Officer Academy Class (SSPO #30) scheduled to commence on Monday, September 28, 2020, at the Massachusetts State Police Academy in New Braintree. As in previous classes, this class will run concurrent with State Police Municipal Academy #9. The two classes will share common core courses, when applicable, delivered by a team of municipal, state, and campus police officers. Much of the training material will be delivered in electronic form, requiring all student officers to have their own laptop or tablet device. The Academy will adhere to an approximate 704-hour curriculum and will be 18 weeks in duration, which includes 40-hour blocks of firearms training and emergency vehicle operations. SSPO #30 will be capped at a maximum of 40 student officers.

2. At the request of MACLEA, the Academy will conduct voluntary pre-screening fitness assessments for those agencies who are interested in determining their candidate(s) suitability for attending a police academy. Agencies may send multiple candidates to the pre-screening assessment. For informational purposes, attached below is a link to the MPTC Health and Wellness Preparation Guide that describes the fitness assessment candidates will complete on the dates indicated. Candidates must pass the fitness test according to MPTC entry standards, prior to admission into SSPO #30.

3. Significant dates relative to SSPO #30 consist of the following:

Pre-Fitness Testing: August 12, 2020 - 0800 hours
Fitness Test Consisting of: Two Obstacle Courses (Gebhardt Landry - Assessment Only)
1.5 mile run (Assessment Only)

Orientation and Fitness Test: August 26, 2020 - 0800 hours
Fitness Test Consisting of: Two Obstacle Courses (Gebhardt Landry - Pass / Fail)
1.5 mile run (Assessment only)

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1.5 Mile Run Test Standards

Male Age Range	Run Time (minutes:seconds)
20-29	12:38
30-39	13:04
40-49	13:49

Female Age Range	Run Time (minutes:seconds)
20-29	14:50
30-39	15:38
40-49	16:21

Academy Start Date: Monday, September 28, 2020
No Classes Held on: November 26, 2020 and December 25, 2020

Graduation Day: January 29, 2021

4. Any agency who would like to enroll student officer(s) in SSPO #30 are directed to contact Ms. Juliet Tondera, Recruit Training Coordinator, via email at: Juliet.Tondera@mass.gov to request an application packet. **Completed application packets must be received by Ms. Tondera, no later than Monday, August 10, 2020.** Medical release forms and the Applicant's Informed Consent / Physical Agility Test Release must be submitted to Ms. Tondera, prior to any pre-screening fitness assessment is performed. Candidates will not be allowed to participate in the assessments, if these forms are not submitted.

Please submit completed application packets via U.S. Mail to:
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Sincerely,

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