1.0 Purpose

The Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Act requires law enforcement agencies in the Commonwealth comply with certain hiring, training, and in-service mandates as determined by law and regulation of the Municipal Education and Training Commission (MPOETC). This policy provides that the department maintain compliance with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission, as amended, (53 Pa.C.S.A. Section 2161, et seq.) in regard to municipal police officer training and agency responsibility.

2.0 Policy

It shall be the policy of the University of Pittsburgh Police Department that all commissioned personnel and applicants comply with the provisions of this policy.

3.0 MPOETC Requirements

A. Minimum standards for hiring

The department shall maintain compliance with the minimum standards for physical fitness, psychological evaluation and education as prerequisites to employment as a police officer in effect by the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission regulations at the time of the officer hiring.

(PLEAC 4.9.1a)

B. Certification of police officers

1. Only police officers that have satisfactorily completed basic educational and training requirements as established by the Commission (MPOETC) shall be hired by the department.
2. The department will continue compliance upon hiring MPOETC certified police officers with any regulation of the Commission requiring record-keeping and submissions for ongoing certification requirement updates.  

(PLEAC 4.9.1b)

C. In-service training

1. The department will require every police officer under its employment attend a minimum number of hours of in-service training as provided for by regulation.

2. If reason exists that an officer is unable to comply with the annual in-service requirements, the department will file a show of cause document with the Commission requesting additional time for the officer to comply with the in-service training requirements. Approval of this request shall be made by the Commission on a case-by-case basis.