



## Legal Update- Law Enforcement Liability In Service Training



**Thursday, February 22, 2018**  
**Acton Police Station 371 Main St. Acton**  
**Acton, MA 01720**  
**8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.**  
**(Registration/ light continental breakfast 7:45 a.m.)**  
**lunch included**

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High quality inservice training is essential.

- Ongoing, well-delivered training increases professionalism and decreases the likelihood of lawsuits.

- It is significantly more cost-effective to provide training than risk liability. The average, successful lawsuit for "failure to train" results in \$500,000 in damages, more for attorneys' fees. Ross, Darrell L., "Emerging Trends in Police Failure-to-Train Liability" International Journal of Police Strategies & Management, Vol. 23.
- Our instructor is certified and our materials are approved for veteran officer, inservice credit by the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC).

**Program Highlights**

- **Marijuana issues**
  - OUI and Gerhardt "roadside assessments"
  - Open container
  - Possession, "social host" and other changes
  - Home entry case
- **Traffic stops**
  - Safety and investigative concerns on traffic stops - keep them separate!
  - Vehicle inventories from A to Z
  - School zone stops
- **More on cell phones**
  - No generic probable cause
  - Texts, CSLI and digital cameras
- **Understanding civil rights offenses**
- **Other legal tidbits**
  - Federal immigration detainers and local police
  - Reluctance and the Miranda waiver
  - Misleading police
  - Felony murder rule revised
  - Juvenile post-arrest procedures
  - Trespassing in school

***Attendance at this training qualifies the member for 2% credit under the FY 18 MIA Rewards program under the public officials, school board or law enforcement category.***

**John Scheft, Law Enforcement Dimensions, LLC-**

The founder of Law Enforcement Dimensions, LLC, John has educated police officers for over 25 years. He is the author of the most widely used manuals on criminal law, procedure, motor vehicle, and juvenile law in Massachusetts.

He has taught throughout the Commonwealth on a variety of legal and human relations topics of concern to law enforcement. Notable clients include the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIA); Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA); State Police; Boston Police; Massachusetts Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (MACLEA); and Executive Officer of Public Safety & Security (EOPSS). From 2003 - 2012, Scheft designed the Municipal Police Training Committee's (MPTC) inservice program and served as its Principal