

**INDEMNITY RELEASE AND WAIVER**  
COUNTY OF LANCASTER  
PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER

I am about to engage in training exercise(s) using the **LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER FACILITIES**.

**RECOGNITION OF RISKS.** I hereby acknowledge that I am participating in training exercise(s) at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center (hereinafter, "PSTC"). I acknowledge and understand that training exercise(s) at the PSTC may include the use of any/all of the following facilities/equipment over the course of one or multiple days:

- **Burn/Tactical Building:** The Burn/Tactical Building is two and one half stories high with a roof area for ventilation practice. The building includes internal room mock-ups of residential, motel, warehouse/industrial and commercial office areas. The building is also equipped with a wet and dry sprinkler system mock-up and a sprinkler system training room. Live fire training is provided in the building by three natural gas fired burn simulators located in the loading dock, living room and bedroom mock-up areas.
- **Drill Tower:** The Drill Tower is three stories tall and contains an internal atrium with sheltered balconies. Attached to the drill tower is a water tower for evolutions of up to fifty-five feet. The water tank is supported by a silo simulator. There are enclosed and open stair towers accessing all floors of the Drill Tower.
- **Firing Range:** The indoor Firing Range consists of twelve lighted, fully ventilated firing lanes for discharging live ammunition.
- **Vehicle Fire Simulator:** The Vehicle Fire Simulator is a permanent vapor propane fired prop. The "car" contains four burners located in the engine, the passenger compartment, the trunk and the surface below the fuel tank area.
- **Flammable Liquid Pit:** The Flammable Liquids and Fuel Spill Simulator is vapor and liquid propane fired. All burners are located under a stone base and the entire simulator is at ground level. The vapor fueled burners can be used for fire extinguisher training and also can be used to simulate a running fuel fire. The liquid propane fired burners simulate a large burning spill.
- **Smoke Building:** The Smoke Building is a single story structure with a built-in maze that can be reconfigured. It is equipped with a portable smoke generator. The building also has ventilation fans to quickly clear the smoke in an emergency.
- **Propane Tank:** The Propane Tank Fire Simulator consists of two burners: one simulates leaking piping below the tank, while the second simulates a vented pressure relief valve.
- **Vehicle Rescue Pad:** The Vehicle Rescue Pad is a concrete pad used for vehicle and machinery extrication practices.
- **Confined Space Simulator:** The Confined Space Simulator consists of four concrete vaults interconnected with concrete pipe. The interconnecting pipes are various sizes and are at different elevations. The main vault is accessible from the exterior stair tower of the Drill Tower. All remaining vaults are accessible via manholes and interconnecting pipes.
- **Trench Simulator:** The Trench Simulator is a permanent concrete structure configured to accommodate straight, L, and T trench simulations. Two hoppers can release stone or sand into the trench to simulate a slough-in.
- **Drafting Pond:** The Drafting Pond consists of one draft pond and two stream return chutes. There is also a concrete ramp leading to a training pad at the bottom of the pond for water rescue scenarios. The Drafting Pond can be used for drafting training and pump tests.
- **Driving Training Pad:** The Driver Training Pad is a large paved area capable of numerous driver training scenarios.

I am participating in training exercise(s) at the PSTC using any/all of the above listed facilities/equipment with the full realization that said training exercise(s) may involve a significant risk of psychological and/or bodily injury, including death or damage to the property of myself and others. I further acknowledge that I may be engaging in activities that involve live fire training, and that said activities may result in the risk of serious injury, including, but not limited to, burns and other heat-related injuries, permanent disability, or death due to not only my own actions, inaction or negligence, but also to the action, inaction or negligence of others or conditions of the premises or of any equipment used. I further understand that additional risks of using the above-listed equipment/facilities include, but are not limited to, falls from significant heights, injuries sustained from the discharge of firearms, slips, trips, sprains, strains, broken bones, crushing injuries, cuts, drowning, lacerations, permanent disability and death. I realize that it is not possible to list specifically each and every risk presented by use of the PSTC Facilities. However, knowing the material risks and appreciating, knowing and reasonably anticipating that injuries and even death are possible, I hereby expressly assume all of the risks of injury or death that could occur by reason of my participation in the exercise(s) and all related activities.

**VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.** I certify that my attendance at and participation in the exercise(s) and related activities is voluntary.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND RELEASE.** I agree that, in exchange for and in consideration of my use of the PSTC Facilities, I hereby assume all of the risks associated with the exercise(s), including, but not limited to, use of the PSTC Facilities and equipment, and agree to release and hold harmless the County of Lancaster, its trustees, officers, agents, and employees, from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, negligence, debts, claims, or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever including, but not limited to, claims for negligence, recklessness or any other form of action for which a release may be legally given (including attorneys' fees and costs) which may arise by or in connection with my participation in the exercise(s) and/or any activities related to the exercise(s), including, but not limited to, travel.

**HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION.** In exchange for and in consideration of my use of the PSTC Facilities, I further agree to hold harmless and indemnify the County of Lancaster, its trustees, officers, agents, and employees from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, negligence, debts, claims or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever (including attorneys' fees and costs) by any person or entity which may arise by or in connection with my conduct or omissions while participating in the exercise(s), and/or any activities related to the exercise(s), including, but not limited to, travel.

**PROMISE TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.** I understand that while participating in this exercise(s) I must follow the instructions and directions provided by employees of the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center and/or other trainers and instructors and that I must abide by the rules and policies of the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center and the PSTC Facilities. My failure to follow instructions or directions may result in my immediate expulsion from the PSTC Facilities. I understand that I cannot consume, use or be under the influence of alcohol or consciousness-altering drugs, whether obtained legally or not, while I am using the PSTC Facilities and that my failure to abide by this rule will result in my immediate expulsion from the PSTC Facilities.

*In signing this document I acknowledge that I am 18 years or older, that I have had an opportunity to ask any questions that I have about this document, that I have read it, that I understand it, that I have signed it knowingly and voluntarily, and that I accept and intend to be legally bound by its terms.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization / Department \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_