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NEWSLETTER No 78 OF 2017 FEEDBACK FROM THE PRESIDENT AUGUST 2017

Good day Training Providers and Members,

I would like to begin by extending a heartfelt thank you for all of those that took the time to attend the road shows, it was great to be out there amongst our members and providers and to get direct feedback and opinions from everyone.

I would like to thank all those that were involved in the preparation and presentation of these road shows especially to Andre Pretorius, Dean Clark and Louis van Zyl that prepared and presented the presentation on behalf of the PFTC Board.

I was awaiting the feedback and “stats” from these road shows prior to posting this newsletter. For those of you that did not or could not attend the road shows, it is of vital importance that you stay up to date and visit the PFTC website and view the new curriculum as discussed at the road shows.

Other areas that were discussed and encouraged amongst our members and providers, are for those of you that are not currently involved in the stakeholder participation meetings and various platforms provided for this, to do so as soon as possible, as this is where the PFTC Board obtains valued feedback and suggestions that can be incorporated into our strategies and activities. The members that have not applied for a professional designation were strongly encouraged to do so as soon as possible and to continue in time with the process so that they may be awarded with the correct Designation for their specific level of skill and ability. As shown in the roadshow presentation a designation will benefit you as a trainer with RPL / exemption for the new qualification coming in next year.

To state that the road shows and feedback from them was overwhelmingly positive, would be an understatement and it was reassuring for all those involved at PFTC offices to hear that we are doing the right things and continue to have the support of the majority of our members and providers and for this, we thank you!

Some feedback of the “statistics” that we have received post road shows, which I feel it necessary to share with you, is as follows:

Road show	Attendance
Johannesburg	124
Pretoria	102
Durban	55
Cape Town	49
Port Elizabeth	26
East London	13
Total Attendance	369

Out of the above attendance the following feedback has been received:

Those that are in favour to proceed with the new QCTO Realignment Model as per PFTC's recommendations was an overwhelming – 99.36%

Stakeholder feedback received on the performance of the PFTC ETQA responsibilities. Scores achieved on the above average performance was – 93.4% (This is based on 4's and 5's for good or excellent scores only. Unacceptable, poor or average scores made up 6.6%)

The positive feedback was above and beyond our expectations, as was the increased applications for designations, (for which we are very pleased). The normal day to day functioning of the PFTC and continuation of work was not affected. Below are some of the figures on the PFTC efforts carried out thus far for 2017.

1. Verification Visits

92- Full Verification Visits Conducted
36- Site Visits Conducted for new applicants
2- Unscheduled Verification Visits
Total Verification visits conducted was 130

Verification Findings

22- Training Providers – Fully Compliant

26- Training Providers – Mostly compliant - given 30 days to implement corrective action for areas of minor non-compliance.

28- Training Providers – Non-compliance – attended an Irregularities Hearing and given assistance to rectify shortcomings (Developmental Process, no suspensions).

Total of 76 positive verifications of providers

12- Training Providers – Major non-compliance – Attended Irregularities hearing and were suspended. Lifting Suspensions dependant on compliance required.

4- Training Providers - Major non-compliance, very serious irregularities found – Attended Irregularities hearing were suspended – Disciplinary Action taken

2. QCTO Monitoring

Monthly QCTO visits by our Monitor are on-going almost every month and sometimes twice a week. Two PFTC quarterly reports were submitted for the year. No problems, issues or complaints from our monitor relating to the PFTC's on-going function as delegated quality assurer for firearm training.

3. Stakeholder Participation Meetings

07 December 2016 – Durban – Stuart Affleck – 082-335-7464
08 December 2016 – Knysna – Andy Fuller – 082-808-1360
24 March 2017 – Port Elizabeth – Chris Evans – 072-345-4282
12 April 2017 – Bloemfontein – Theuns Venter – 072-141-3123
22 June 2017 – Krugersdorp – Mark Groome – 082-444-8696

4. PFTC Compulsory CPD Ethics Workshops

Workshops are being scheduled and held nationally. So far 289 persons have already completed the workshops. Please make sure you do this before the end of the year because it will affect your accreditation when applying for the new qualification.

5. Free Moderator Workshops

Workshops are being scheduled nationally. 85 persons have already successfully completed the Moderator workshop.

6. Grading Shoots

Kwa-Zulu Natal	- Durban – 13 Apr 2017
	- Durban – 17 May 2017
	- Durban – 12 Jul 2017
Western Cape	- Cape Town – 09 Mar 2017
	- Knysna – 24 Mar 2017
	- Cape Town – 24 May 2017
	- Knysna – 22 Jun 2017
	- Cape Town – 12 Jul 2017
	- Cape Town – 26 Jul 2017
Limpopo	- Tzaneen – 11 Mar 2017
	- Tzaneen – 29 Apr 2017
Free State	- Hopetown – 11 Mar 2017
	- Bloemfontein – 12 Apr 2017
Mpumalanga	- Balmoral – 02 Mar 2017
Eastern Cape	- Port Elizabeth – 14 Jun 2017
	- Port Elizabeth – 28 Jul 2017
Gauteng	- Pretoria – 01 Mar 2017
	- Centurion – 10 Apr 2017
	- Pretoria – 10 Apr 2017
	- Vereeniging – 10 May 2017
	- Heidelberg – 13 May 2017
	- Roodepoort – 14 Jun 2017
	- Meyerton – 24 Jun 2017
	- Pretoria – 29 Jun 2017

7. Accreditations Applications (172 applications)

Jan – July 2017

28 New Accreditations

38 New Provisional Accreditations – granted.

106 Renewals

8. Professional Designations Awarded

- 9 – Professional Range Officer
- 1 – Professional Firearms Instructor
- 4 - Professional Tactical Firearms Instructor

Total Designations Awarded: 14

As from the above information you can clearly see that the PFTC is continuing to do its utmost as an organisation to best serve our industry and stakeholders, I thank you for the continued support and for the privilege to be part of an industry that can bond together to improve service delivery to our industry, our clients and most importantly your learners.

Kind regards,



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