

# Western Massachusetts Council College of Commissioner Science

*Frequently Asked Questions* (Updated 8/04/20)

## What is the college of commissioner science?

It is an annual conference of council, district, unit, and roundtable commissioners. The college of commissioner science was developed to provide the structure for a full day of learning and fellowship. This highlight of the year is an informative, morale enhancing, and team-building event formatted after college courses and degrees. Throughout the day, participants may attend and/or teach a number of classes. The reason for offering a number of courses is to provide ongoing practical up-to-date training for all commissioners. A diploma is awarded to each participant who completes the requirements of these degrees. (Please refer to Degree Requirements.)

Certificate of Attendance

Bachelor of Commissioner Science

Masters of Commissioner Science

Doctoral Candidate Certificate

Continuing Education Certificate

Bachelor of Roundtable Commissioner Science

Masters of Roundtable Commissioner Science

Doctor of Commissioner Science

Doctorate of Commissioner Science Knot Award

## Why is it important for commissioners to attend?

Learning is a lifetime activity. "As commissioners, we must continually adjust our skills to provide more valuable services to our units." Therefore, learning is viewed as an important part of our Scouting lives.

## When is it held?

Fri. - December 4, 2020 - 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. (Presentation with Q & A's)

Keynote Rick Hillenbrand - Commissioner Tools & Technology

Sat. - December 5, 2020 - 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - Period 2, 3, & 4 Classes.

Sun. - December 6, 2020 - 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. - Period 5, 6, & 7 Classes.

## Do I have to pre-register?

YES, pre-registration is required.

Be sure to register early as attendance in some classes may be limited.

## Where is the college of commissioner science held?

The college of commissioner science will be held virtually via **ZOOM**.

Each course will have it's unique URL for convenient class sign in.

## Are there any fees?

YES – Training has value. Please see the registration form for the most updated cost.

NOTE: **Absolutely NO registrations will be accepted after the deadline.**

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## **What topics are addressed?**

Please see course offerings on this website.

## **Can I register for only part of the day?**

The college is established with certain parameters and degrees which require each participant to attend the full day conference. Therefore attendance is strongly encouraged for the entire day. However if, by necessity, it is impossible to be there for the first class or you have to leave early because of a previous commitment, then enroll. However it will cost you the whole fee and your classes will be held for your degree in the future.

## **What do I need to bring?**

It's best to have a pen and notepad or folder.

Of course, plenty of *Scout Spirit* will make the sessions come alive!

## **Can other Scouters attend?**

This training is specifically targeted to commissioners. Please note that attendance alone is not sufficient for a degree award. Contact the college dean for specifics concerning attendance.

## **I'm thinking of becoming a commissioner, may I attend to find out what I'm getting myself into?**

Yes, however you must be a registered commissioner to pursue a degree.

Commissioner basic training is a pre-requisite for all. Please contact college dean.

## *Other Questions?*

If you have other questions regarding the college of commissioner science feel free to contact the college dean or college registrar whose contact information is listed on the promotional flyer.