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Subject: **POST Learning Portal and Web-Based Training**

Beginning this month, December 2005, the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) will deliver Web-based training (WBT) via its new learning portal. The POST Learning Portal is a secure, password-protected website that allows California law enforcement personnel to access training and share instructional resources. This bulletin describes the unique characteristics of WBT training and provides information for taking full advantage of the resources offered on the learning portal.

Web-based training is unique because:

- Training is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- It can be accessed from any location with a computer connected to the Internet.

The unique characteristics of Web-based training available from POST include the following:

- It is designed to facilitate learning and promote retention
- Learners interact with content in a manner that enables them to achieve learning goals.
- Included testing activities are designed to measure whether a learner meets the specified course requirements.
- Officers may, in some cases, "test out" by demonstrating subject matter competency in lieu of taking the entire course. Officers who "test out" will receive full CPT credit for the course. The *Communication: Keeping Your Edge* course includes this feature.
- POST training records are automatically updated each time an officer completes a web-based course. No course rosters are necessary.

Note: Because there is no cost to the agency or individual officer for this training, POST does not offer training reimbursement.

To fully utilize POST WBT, users will need the following:

- A computer connected to the Internet at 56Kbps or dial-up speed. Although a 56Kbps connection can be used, some courses will require a 300 Kbps or better connection speed.
- Speakers or headphones
- E-mail access and a personal e-mail account
- Internet Explorer, version 5.5 or Netscape, version 7.0 or newer
- Macromedia Flash Player - available free at www.macromedia.com
- Adobe Reader - available free at www.adobe.com

The following courses are available in 2005:

Learners First: Facilitation Skills for Learner-Centered Instruction
Can be accessed using a dial-up Internet connection
Audience: Academy instructors and any officer who teaches advanced officer training
CPT credit: 2 hours

Communication: Keeping Your Edge
Best experienced using a high-speed Internet connection
Audience: Any officer who needs to meet the perishable skills tactical or interpersonal communication requirement
CPT and Perishable Skills credit: 2 hours

To start your WBT registration, please go to www.lp.post.ca.gov. Your name and social security number (SSN) that you enter will be checked against the POST database. Therefore, you must be a peace officer with an active Notice of Appointment, have an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) account, or be an instructor with an academy in the Academy Instructor Certification Program.

If you have any questions or require more information about the POST Learning Portal or WBT, contact the POST Learning Technology Resource Center at 1.877.ask.ltrc or askltrc@post.ca.gov.

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