Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training
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Bulletin: No. 2009-09

Subject: **Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action – *Training and Testing Specifications for Peace Officer Basic Courses* Regulations 1005, 1007, and 1008**

At the July 2009 meeting, the Commission approved proposed amendments to Learning Domains throughout the *Training and Testing Specifications for Peace Officer Basic Courses* publication, incorporated by reference into POST Regulations 1005, 1007, and 1008.

The proposed changes include:

- Removed mid-term exam which was inadvertently included in the Regular Basic Course (RBC) and the Specialized Investigators' Basic Course (SIBC) on the Training and Testing Specifications for Learning Domain (LD) 11.

- Inserted X's to SIBC for the exercise tests which were inadvertently left out and should be added to the Training and Testing Specifications for LD 35.

- Added LD 39 to the test administration and exam review hours inadvertently left off the Minimum Content and Hourly Requirements for Module II.

- Added new language to provide clarity regarding the POST-Constructed Comprehensive Module II End-of-Course Proficiency Test on the Minimum Content and Hourly Requirements for Module II.

- Added LD's on the Minimum Content and Hourly Requirements for RBC, Module I, and SIBC to further clarify which LD's require scenario testing.

The attached notice describes the proposed changes and includes an invitation for written input on this proposal, the deadline for written comments, and information about requesting a public hearing. The following related information is available on the POST website at www.post.ca.gov/RegulationNotices/RegulationNotices.asp:

- POST Bulletin and Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action
- Text of Proposed Regulatory Action
- Initial Statement of Reasons

Please direct inquiries about this proposed regulatory action to Cheryl Smith, Commission on POST, 1601 Alhambra Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95816-7083, by email at Cheryl.Smith@post.ca.gov, by telephone at (916) 227-0544, or by FAX at (916) 227-6932.

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Attachment: Notice of Proposed Changes

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION
Amend and Update the Training and Testing Specifications for Peace Officer Basic Courses
Regulations 1005, 1007, and 1008

Notice is hereby given that the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) proposes to amend regulations in Chapter 2 of Title 11 of the California Code of Regulations as described below in the Informative Digest. A public hearing is not scheduled. Pursuant to Government Code §11346.8, any interested person, or his/her duly authorized representative, may request a public hearing. POST must receive the written request no later than 15 days prior to the close of the public comment period.

Public Comments Due by October 5, 2009, at 5:00 PM

Notice is also given that any interested person, or authorized representative, may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action by fax at (916) 227-6932 or by letter to the:

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Following the close of the public comment period, the Commission may adopt the proposal substantially as described below or may modify the original proposal with sufficiently related changes. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of a modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this notice as the contact person. The Commission will also mail the full text to persons who submit written comments related to the proposal or who have requested notification of any changes.

Authority and Reference

This proposal is made pursuant to the authority vested by Penal Code §13503 – POST powers and §13506 – POST authority to adopt regulations. This proposal is intended to interpret, implement, and make specific Penal Code §13503 (e) – POST authority to develop and implement programs to increase the effectiveness of law enforcement, including programs involving training and education courses.

Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview

At its July 23, 2009 meeting, the Commission approved proposed amendments to Learning Domains throughout the *Training and Testing Specifications for Peace Officer Basic Courses* publication. The proposed changes included:

- Update Training & Testing Specification curriculum as part of an ongoing review

All changes to academy curriculum begin with recommendations from law enforcement practitioners or in some cases via legislative mandates. POST then facilitates meetings attended by curriculum advisors and subject matter experts who provide recommended changes to existing academy curriculum. The recommendations are forwarded to a Test Review Panel, comprised of academy administrators who identify testing questions and pass point thresholds for the new curriculum. Once the Test Review Panel has reviewed the recommendations, they are submitted for review by all academies at the Basic Course Consortium quarterly meetings facilitated by POST. The completed work of all committees is presented to the POST Commission at large for final review and adoption. Upon adoption of the proposed amendments, academies and course presenters will be required to teach and test to the updated curriculum. The proposed effective date is January 1, 2010.

Local Mandate

This proposal does not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

Fiscal Impact Estimates

This proposal does not impose costs on any local agency or school district for which reimbursement would be required pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with §17500) of the Government Code, Division 4. This proposal does not impose other nondiscretionary cost or savings on local agencies. This proposal does not result in any cost or savings in federal funding to the state.

Costs or Savings to State Agencies

POST anticipates no additional costs or savings to state agencies.

Business Impact/Small Businesses

The Commission has made an initial determination that this regulatory proposal would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting California businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The proposal does not affect small businesses, as defined by Government Code §11342.610, because the Commission sets selection and training standards for law enforcement and does not have an impact on California businesses, including small businesses.

Assessment Regarding Effect on Jobs/Businesses

The Commission has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the creation or elimination of jobs and will not result in the creation of new businesses, the elimination of existing businesses, or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Persons or Businesses

The Commission is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs

None

Alternatives

The Commission must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the agency, or otherwise identified and brought to the agency's attention, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, or would be as effective as, and less burdensome to, affected private persons than the proposed action.

Contact Person

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Text of Proposal

Individuals may request copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the initial statement of reasons, and the information the proposal is based upon, from the Commission on POST at 1601 Alhambra Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95816. These documents are also located on the POST website at: http://www.post.ca.gov/RegulationNotices/RegulationNotices.asp.

Availability and Location of the Rulemaking File and the Final Statement of Reasons

The rulemaking file contains all information upon which POST is basing this proposal and is available for public inspection by contacting the person named above.

To request a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons once it has been prepared, submit a written request to the contact person named above.