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Subject: **Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action – Amend Tactical Medicine Courses**  
Regulations 1084(c) and (d).

At the February 25, 2016 meeting, the Commission approved proposed amendments to Regulation 1084(c) and (d) relating to minimum required topics for specific, non-mandated tactical medicine training courses with no change in minimum required hours.

The 80-hour Tactical Medicine Course, 1084(c) modifies the course from 46 topics to 34 topics to provide training on a combination of tactics and medical response developed in a collaborative effort by POST and the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA).

The 40-hour Tactical Medicine Course, 1084(d) modifies the course from 24 to 20 topics developed as an alternative course that consists solely of medically-related topics intended for medical support personnel who have successfully completed a POST-approved 80-hour SWAT Basic Course. A revision to the course title from *Tactical Medicine Course* to *Tactical Medicine for Special Operations Course* aligns with the content recommendations of Penal Code 13514.1 for tactical medicine training within the structure of SWAT operations.

The attached notice describes the proposed changes, 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 <http://www.post.ca.gov/regulatory-actions.aspx>.

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

Questions regarding this proposed regulatory action may be directed to Dan Toomey, Commission on POST, 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605-1630 or at [dan.toomey@post.ca.gov](mailto:dan.toomey@post.ca.gov). General questions regarding the regulatory process may be directed to Brian Clark at [brian.clark@post.ca.gov](mailto:brian.clark@post.ca.gov), (916) 227-4847 or FAX (916) 227-5271.

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Attachment: Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION  
**Amend POST Standardized Training Curriculum – Tactical Medicine Course  
Regulation 1084(c) and (d)**

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Notice is hereby given that the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) proposes to amend regulations in Division 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 Section 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 3, 2016 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) 227-5271, or by letter to:

Commission on POST  
Attention: Rulemaking  
860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100  
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**Authority and Reference**

This proposal is made pursuant to the authority vested by Penal Code Section 13503 (authority of the Commission on POST) and Penal Code Section 13506 (POST authority to adopt regulations). This proposal is intended to interpret, implement, and make specific Penal Code Section 13503(e), which authorizes POST 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 the February 25, 2016 meeting, the Commission approved proposed amendments to Regulation 1084 - Standardized POST Training Curriculum, subsections (c) and (d), relating to minimum required topics for specific, non-mandated tactical medicine training courses with no change in minimum required hours. Courses meet the content recommendations of Penal Code 13514.1 for Tactical Medicine training of peace officers. Training courses identified in Regulation 1084 may exceed the proposed topics and hours.

The current Regulation 1084(c) identifies the 80-hour Tactical Medicine Course that combines standardized tactical and medical topics developed in a collaborative effort by POST and the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA).

The current Regulation 1084(d) identifies the 40-hour Tactical Medicine Course that was developed as an alternative course and consists solely of medically-related topics intended for medical support personnel who have successfully completed a POST-approved 80-hour SWAT Basic Course.

Amendments approved by the Commission:

- Revised the course title from *Tactical Medicine Course* to *Tactical Medicine for Special Operations Course* to align with the content recommendations of Penal Code 13514.1 for tactical medicine training within the structure of SWAT operations.
- Modified the 80-hour course from 46 topics to 34 topics to provide training on a combination of tactics and medical response.

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- Modified the 40-hour course from 24 topics to 20 topics to focus solely on emergency medical services as attendees have successfully completed the required tactical topics.
- Incorporated principles of tactical casualty care.

The implementation of these proposed amendments to Regulation 1084 will meet regulatory updates to peace officer scope of practice, legislative enactments, and contemporary terminology for training in tactical medicine.

The specific benefits anticipated by the proposed changes to the regulations will be to ensure relevant training of tactical medicine for peace officers. There would be no effect to benefits in regard to public health and safety, worker safety, or the environment, the prevention of discrimination, and the increase in openness and transparency in business and government.

During the process of developing these regulations and amendments, the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training has conducted a search of any similar regulations on this topic and has concluded that these regulations are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations.

**Adoption of Proposed Regulations**

Following the public comment period, the Commission may adopt the proposal substantially as set forth without further notice, or the Commission may modify the proposal if such modifications remain sufficiently related to the text as described in the Informative Digest. If the Commission makes changes to the language before the date of adoption, the text of any modified language, clearly indicated, will be made available at least 15 days before adoption to all persons whose comments were received by POST during the public comment period and to all persons who request notification from POST of the availability of such changes. A request for the modified text should be addressed to the agency official designated in this notice. The Commission will accept written comments on the modified text for 15 days after the date that the revised text is made available.

**Estimate of Economic Impact**

Fiscal impact on Public Agencies including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Non-Discretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Costs to any Local Agency or School District for which Government Code Sections 17500 - 17630 requires reimbursement: None

Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting California Businesses, including Small Business: The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training has made an initial determination that the amended regulations will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting California businesses, including the ability to compete with businesses in other states. The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training has found that the proposed amendments will not affect California businesses, including small businesses, because

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the Commission sets selection and training standards for law enforcement which does not impact California businesses, including small businesses.

Cost Impacts on Representative Private Persons or Businesses: The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training 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: The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training has made an initial determination that the proposed regulation would have no effect on housing costs.

**Results of Economic Impact Assessment per Gov. Code sec. 11346.3(b)**

The adoption of the proposed amendments of regulations will neither create nor eliminate jobs in the State of California, nor result in the elimination of existing businesses or create or expand businesses in the State of California.

The benefits of the proposed amendments of regulations to the health and welfare of California residents would be to enhance the professionalism and expertise of peace officers to administer emergency tactical care to the injured at active violent incidents. There would be no impact that would affect worker safety or the State's environment.

**Consideration of Alternatives**

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the Commission must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Commission would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective, and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of the law.

**Contact Persons**

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**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 Brian Clark at [brian.clark@post.ca.gov](mailto:brian.clark@post.ca.gov), (916) 227-4847, or FAX (916) 227-5271.

To request a copy of the Final Statement of Reasons once it has been prepared, submit a written request to Brian Clark, Commission on POST, 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605-1630.

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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, 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605-1630. These documents are also located on the POST Website at: <http://www.post.ca.gov/regulatory-actions.aspx>.