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Subject: **Updates to Peace Officer and Public Safety Dispatcher Selection Standards - Regulations 1951, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1959 and 1960**

On February 27, 2018, the Office of Administrative Law approved changes to the Peace Officer and Public Safety Dispatcher Selection Requirements, specifically Commission Regulations 1951, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1959, and 1960. The changes will become **effective April 1, 2018**.

An underline/strikeout copy of the regulations can be found on the [POST website](#). Significant changes include:

- Updated background for interim chiefs – this provision provides departments the discretion to conduct updated background investigations of interim chiefs of police who are moving between departments. Specific provisions can be found in Commission Regulation [1953\(f\)\(1\)\(B\)](#).
- Change in name of medical/psychological “clearance letter” – this provision changes the current terminology from medical/psychological “evaluation report” to medical/psychological “suitability declaration.” This is to clarify the nature and intent of the document. There are no changes to the evaluation requirements. (Commission Regulations [1954](#), [1955](#) and [1960](#))
- 180 day exemption for public safety dispatchers – this provision provides departments with an exemption from POST requirements for public safety dispatchers returning to the same department within 180 days of a voluntary separation [Commission Regulation [1956\(c\)\(1\)\(B\)](#)]. This same provision was added to the peace officer selection requirements in January 2017.

The remaining changes provide clarification of current regulations. Associated manuals and documents will be updated to reflect the new regulations.

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