



Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training

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

The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training is proposing amendments to Learning Domain 20 (Use of Force/Deescalation) in the document *Training and Testing Specifications for Peace Officer Basic Courses*, incorporated by reference into Commission Regulations 1005, 1007, and 1008. The Commission will be presented the proposed changes at the June 4, 2020, Commission meeting, following publication of the Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action and completion of the 45-day comment period.

The proposed changes involve making updates to required tests as part of an ongoing review with Subject Matter Expert (SME) input and updates to the incorporation by reference statements in Regulations 1005, 1007, and 1008.

The attached notice includes the proposed changes, 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](#).

- 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 [Anita Finner](#), Commission on POST, 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605-1630, by telephone at (916) 227-3901. General questions regarding the regulatory process may be directed to [Katie Strickland](#) at (916) 227-2802.

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Attachment: Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action

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

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 May 18, 2020

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) 227-4547, by email to [Anita Finner](mailto:Anita.Finner@post.ca.gov), or by letter to:

Commission on POST
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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

Penal Code § 13510 requires that POST develop guidelines and a course of instruction and training for law enforcement officers who are employed as peace officers, or who are not yet employed as a peace officer but are enrolled in a training academy for law enforcement officers. This proposed action will update the incorporated by reference document, Training and Testing Specifications for Peace Officer Basic Courses (revised 4/1/2020) document.

As part of an ongoing review of the Regular Basic Course content, POST staff and curriculum consultants review Learning Domain content to determine currency and job task relevancy. This process is facilitated by POST and attended by subject matter experts, academy directors, and coordinators. Some of the more significant outcomes of these workshops are recommendations for updating and enhancing the basic courses.

There are a range of non-deadly force options available to peace officers, such as de-escalation, baton, control hold, chemical agents, taser, etc. Currently, POST requires students to be tested on two of those options, baton and control hold.

Proposed changes were made to allow students to utilize any presenter approved non-deadly force option or options during scenario testing. The existing baton and control hold scenario test specifications were merged into one non-deadly force option test

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specification. Additionally, the “*or presenter-developed forms approved by POST*” verbiage was removed for statewide consistency in the evaluation process.

The benefit anticipated by the proposed amendments to the regulations will be to update the Training and Testing Specifications for Peace Officer Basic Courses, which will increase the effectiveness of law enforcement standards for peace officers in preserving peace, protection of public health and safety, and welfare of California.

During the process of developing these regulations and amendments, POST 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.

All changes to 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 curriculum. The completed work of all committees is presented to the POST Commission for final review and adoption. Upon adoption of the proposed amendments, academies and course presenters will be required to teach and test the updated curriculum. The proposed effective date is October 1, 2020.

Document Incorporated by Reference

Training and Testing Specifications for Peace Officer Basic Courses revised 04/01/2020.

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

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

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 section 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 regulations will increase the efficiency of the state of California in delivering services to stakeholders. Thus, the law enforcement standards are maintained and effective in preserving peace, protection of public health, safety, and welfare in California. There would be no impact that would affect worker safety or the State's environment.

Consideration of Alternatives

To take this action, the Commission must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Commission, or otherwise identified and brought to the attention of the Commission, 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, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law than the proposed action.

Contact Persons

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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 860 Stillwater Road, Suite 100, West Sacramento, CA 95605-1630. These documents are also located on the POST website at:
<https://post.ca.gov/Regulatory-Actions>.

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(s) named above.

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