

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Amend Commission Regulations 1005, 1007, and 1008 Amend *Training and Testing Specifications for Peace Officer Basic Courses*

The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) proposes to amend Regulations 1005, 1007, and 1008, and sections of the document *Training and Testing Specifications for Peace Officer Basic Courses* (rev 10/1/20) to address the following changes:

- Make additional updates to curriculum as part of an ongoing review

All changes to basic academy curriculum begin with recommendations from law enforcement practitioners or, in some cases, via legislative mandates. POST then facilitates meetings with curriculum advisors and subject matter experts (SMEs) who recommend changes to existing academy curriculum.

Additional Curriculum Updates

As part of the ongoing curriculum review, the following domains have been revised to either reflect emerging training needs, improve student learning and evaluation, or to comply with legislative mandates:

LD 19, Vehicle Operations

Penal Code Section 13510.5 specifies the Commission will “adopt, and may, from time to time amend, rules establishing minimum standards for training of peace officers”.

Currently the Testing and Training Specification for Learning Domain 19 – Vehicle Operations, requires a Learning Activity (VI.A.) in which the student will participate in a learning activity to participate in the use of a Law Enforcement Driving Simulator (LEDS) and after acclimation in a least two (2) different emergency responses and two (2) different pursuits.

POST is requesting the removal of this required Learning Activity.

There are currently 120 LEDS distributed to presenters throughout the State. A total of 108 of the 120 LEDS have long reached end-of-life and out of warranty. POST does not anticipate replacement of the machines. Due to the aging equipment, numerous basic academy presenters have LEDS which are inoperable, thereby, preventing them from administering the required learning activity as outlined in the Training and Testing Specifications.

POST Basic Training personnel, academy instructors and subject matter experts, have seen an increase in students entering the Regular Basic Course with less driving experience. In 2019, POST Basic Training Bureau conducted a study that found Vehicle Operations has the third highest failure rate in the Regular Basic Course.

The removal of the LEDS, required learning activity from Learning Domain 19 (Vehicle Operations), will allow more time for behind the wheel training. This additional driving time will help students understand the concepts of vehicle dynamic, vehicle control techniques, braking, roadway position and driving in adverse conditions. The Vehicle Operations instructors will also have additional training time to provide techniques for improving operating efficiency, which will in turn reduce operations costs and conserve fleet resources to agencies. The ability for presenters to conduct more actual driving time in a real vehicle will enhance the safety of students while in the academy and throughout the remainder of their careers. POST anticipates the additional behind the wheel training will increase the success rates in Vehicle Operations Training.

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Justification – Regulation 1005, 1007 and 1008

New effective date updates the incorporation by reference statements for historical accuracy.

Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting California Businesses, Including Small Businesses

The Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training has made a 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 have no effect on California businesses, including small businesses, because the Commission sets selection and training standards for law enforcement and 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 this proposed action.

Assessment

The adoption of the proposed regulation amendments will neither create nor eliminate jobs in the State of California and will not result in the elimination of existing businesses or create or expand businesses in the State of California.

Considerations of Alternatives

The Commission determined that there were no reasonable alternatives to the proposed regulation.

Benefits Anticipated

The specific benefits anticipated by the proposed amendments to the regulations will be to increase the effectiveness of law enforcement standards for peace officers in preserving peace, protection of public health and safety, and welfare of California. There would be no effect in regard to the environment, the prevention of discrimination, and the increase in openness and transparency in business and government.

Economic Impact Analysis

Impact of Jobs/New Business:

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expand businesses in the State of California. These proposed regulations will set standards for consistency in testing processes across the State.

Benefits of Proposed Regulation:

The proposed amendments of regulations will increase the effectiveness of law enforcement standards for peace officers in preserving peace, protection of public health and safety, and welfare of California.