

The following rule was approved by POST Council on September 20, 2005. It will be submitted to the Secretary of States Office in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13 for final adoption. This rule will take effect January 1, 2006.

464-5-.03.1 Annual Firearms Training

- a. Each person employed or appointed as a peace officer shall, as part of the annual training required by O.C.G.A. § 35-8-21, satisfactorily complete during each calendar year the annual firearms training mandated by this rule. The failure by any peace officer to attend and successfully complete the training required by this rule shall result in the loss of that officer's power of arrest, as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 35-8-21(d).
- b. Annual firearms training shall, at a minimum, consist of two hours of training provided by a POST-certified firearms instructor, which training shall include, but not be limited to:
 1. training on the Constitutional and legal limitations on the use of deadly force;
 2. training on the agency's policies regarding the use of deadly force;
 3. a demonstration of proficiency in the safe and effective use of the primary handgun carried and/or used by the particular officer, to include a course of fire that meets or exceeds the minimum standard set forth in the basic training course for which the officer was initially trained and is currently employed. In any instance where an officer has more than one peace officer certification, the higher standard shall apply. Any officer failing to achieve the required score in the above training may undergo additional courses of fire under the direction of a POST-certified firearms instructor in order to achieve a passing score.