Instructions for the Latent Print Examiner Certification:

Candidates seeking P.O.S.T. Certification as a Latent Print Examiner must:

1. be employed with a recognized law enforcement agency; and

2. complete an Application for Latent Print Examiner Certification. (see checklist of requirements sheet at the end of these instructions to be uploaded into the certification application.)

Application in the POST Data Gateway: Candidates must provide proof of completion of the 3rd party competency test to GPSTC to initiate this application in the POST Data Gateway. By providing this proof to GPSTC as required, the GPSTC will enter the course completion, and the completed course will be listed on the officer's POST training history. The certification application button will be next to this course in the training history in the POST Data Gateway.

NOTE: *This certification will expire in two years from date of issuance. Recertification will require proof of successful completion of the third-party competency testing process for latent print examiners & must be provided to GPSTC as required for the recertification application process.*

Courses required to be completed for this certification are:

Intermediate Friction Ridge Analysis I (40 hours): This 40-hour course is designed to be a continuation of the currently offered basic fingerprint courses conducted by the Georgia Police Academy. It will cover the history of friction ridge comparison and the analysis portion of the most predominantly accepted friction ridge identification methodology. Pre-requisite(s): This course requires the completion of the three basic fingerprint courses sponsored by the Georgia Police Academy, or their equivalents. Letter from agency head or designee which states (1) that the applicant will attend all five courses in the annual session and (2) the applicant actively performs latent print comparisons during the course of his or her duty and has performed this duty for at least one year.

Intermediate Friction Ridge Analysis II (40 hours): This 40-hour course will cover topics such as the comparison, evaluation, and verification portions of the most predominantly accepted friction ridge identification methodology. This course will serve as the second course in a series of more advanced latent print courses to be taught at the Georgia Police Academy. The target audience for this course will be those who are already involved in the forensic discipline of latent print identification. These students should not be beginners in the field, but seasoned practitioners who want to develop their skill to a level at which they can take and pass the International Association for Identification's Latent Print Examiner certification test. Pre-requisite(s): Completion of Intermediate Friction Ridge Analysis I

Palm Print Comparisons (40 hours): This 40-hour course is an advanced level course on palm print comparisons that is the third of the five-part series of latent print courses. Topics will include analysis, comparison, evaluation and verification of palm impressions. The target

audience for this course will be those who are already involved in the forensic discipline of latent print identification. Students should not be beginners in the field, but seasoned practitioners who want to develop their skill to a level at which they can take and pass the International Association for Identification's Latent Print Examiner certification test. Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of Intermediate Friction Ridge Analysis I and II

Advanced Friction Ridge Analysis (40 hours): This 40-hour course is an advanced level course on friction ridge analysis that is the third of the five-part series of latent print courses. Topics will include analysis, comparison, evaluation and verification of palm impressions for problematic latent impressions. The target audience for this course will be those who are already involved in the forensic discipline of latent print identification. Students should not be beginners in the field, but seasoned practitioners who want to develop their skill to a level at which they can take and pass the International Association for Identification's Latent Print Examiner certification test. Pre-requisite(s): Successful completion of Intermediate Friction Ridge Analysis I and II and Palm Print Comparisons

Latent Print Expert Testimony (40 hours): This 40-hour course is an advanced level course on friction ridge analysis that is fifth in a five part series of latent print courses. Topics will include current case law, Daubert and other challenges, how to prepare and present friction ridge evidence and the construction of demonstrative evidence for court. The target audience for this course will be those who are already involved in the forensic discipline of latent print identification. These students should not be beginners in the field, but seasoned practitioners who want to develop their skill to a level at which they can take and pass the International Association for Identification's Latent Print Examiner certification test. Pre-requisite(s): Completion of Intermediate Friction Ridge Analysis I and II, Palm Print Comparisons, and Advanced Friction Ridge

Completion of this series of courses results in a total of 200 hours of training for this certification.

GPSTC will generate a course for the candidates to provide proof of completion of the 3rd party competency test. By providing this proof to GPSTC as required, the course will be shown as completed and listed on the officer's POST training history. The application button will be next to this course in the training history.

Re-certification Testing: Certified latent print examiner certifications will expire every two years. Certified examiners are required to provide proof that they have successfully completed a third-party competency testing process for latent print examiners, such as those provided by Collaborative Testing Services (CTS), every two years as a recertification requirement. GPSTC will generate a course for the candidates to provide proof of completion of the 3rd party competency test for recertification. By providing this proof to GPSTC as required, the course will be shown as completed and listed on the officer's POST training history. The recertification application button will be next to this course in the training history.

Checklist for Latent Print Examiner Application:

Name of Officer (print): _____

Employing Agency: _____

Course Name: *Date of Completion:*

Intermediate Friction Ridge Analysis I (40 hours):   _____

Intermediate Friction Ridge Analysis II (40 hours):   _____

Palm Print Comparisons (40 hours):   _____

Advanced Friction Ridge Analysis (40 hours):   _____

Latent Print Expert Testimony (40 hours):   _____

3rd Party Competency Test: _____

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Officer Signature: _____ Date: _____

I verify that this officer is currently employed with this recognized law enforcement agency.

Agency Head Signature: _____Date: _____