

## **ISSUE**

Revision of POST Rules.

## **BACKGROUND**

This issue addresses several proposed rule changes. The last comprehensive revision to POST rules occurred in 2017. Since that time, minor revisions have been made. Each of the proposed rule changes is addressed in the following analysis section.

## **ANALYSIS**

### **464-3-.13 Officer Code of Conduct Agreement. REPEALED**

~~(1) Effective January 1, 2021, any officer actively employed as a peace officer, communications officer, or jail officer must submit an Officer Code of Conduct Agreement on forms approved by Council.~~

### **464-6-.05 Specialized Instructor Certification**

Any persons serving as an instructor in the following subjects must be certified in accordance with these Rules.

- (a) Firearms.
- (b) Defensive Tactics.
- (c) Driver Training.
- (d) Speed Detection.
- (e) Hazardous Materials
- (f) Emergency Medical.
- (g) **Master Resiliency Instructor.**
- (h) **Resiliency Instructor.**

#### **464-6-.08 Guest Instructor Recognition. Guest Instructor Recognition. Amended.**

Because of the inherent nature of certain professions or particular skill levels achieved, certain individuals may be requested to instruct. Such persons shall be designated as guest instructors and shall be recognized by Council as such. Guest Instructor recognition shall be granted only by the written request of the academy director or a professional criminal justice association recognized by the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. No Georgia certified officer shall be recognized as a guest instructor unless they have been awarded a “terminal degree” in the area of expertise that they are requesting to instruct.

A “terminal degree” is defined as the highest degree available in any given academic discipline. Common examples of terminal degrees are Juris Doctorate (JD), Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Doctor of Medicine (MD).

POST shall have the sole determination in deeming an individual’s terminal degree as sufficient to instruct in any given subject regardless of whether they hold a peace officer certification in the State of Georgia.

#### **464-13-.21 School Resource Officer (SRO) Certification Requirements.**

Each person applying for School Resource Officer Certification must:

- (1) possess a P.O.S.T. certification as a Peace Officer;
- (2) be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (3) be employed as a SRO or have a job offer pending as a SRO;
- (4) successfully complete the required core courses as prescribed by Council.

#### **464-13-.22 Peer Counselor Certification Requirements.**

Each person applying for Peer Counselor Certification must:

- (1) possess a P.O.S.T. certification as a Peace Officer, Corrections Officer, Juvenile Correctional Officer, Jailer, or Communications Officer;
- (2) complete the required core courses as prescribed by Council;
- (3) complete the refresher course as required by Council, prior to the recertification date.

#### **464-13-.23 Crime Analyst Certification Requirements.**

Each person applying for Crime Analyst Certification must:

- (1) Be at least 18 years of age;

- (2) Be a citizen of the United States;
- (3) Have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent;
- (4) Not have been convicted by any state or by the federal government of any crime the punishment for which could have been imprisonment in the federal or state prison or institution nor have been convicted of sufficient misdemeanors to establish a pattern of disregard for the law, provided that, for the purposes of this paragraph, violations of traffic laws and other offenses involving the operation of motor vehicles when the applicant has received a pardon shall not be considered;
- (5) Be fingerprinted for the purpose of conducting a fingerprint-based search at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to determine the existence of any criminal record.
- (6) Possess good moral character as determined by investigation under procedure established by the council and fully cooperate during the course of such investigation;
- (7) Be a full-time employee of a state or local law enforcement department within the State of Georgia.
- (8) Be in good standing with their departments, and with the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.) if applicable.
- (9) Be employed as a criminal intelligence analyst, performing both intelligence analysis and crime analysis; or as a crime analyst whose duties include intelligence analysis; or as a criminal investigator whose duties include performing intelligence analysis for their department on a routine basis.
- (10) Successfully complete the core courses as prescribed by Council.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the proposed revisions of POST Rules.