



## P.O.S.T. Update

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### Certification Requirements for Officers Graduating any Basic Law Enforcement, Basic Corrections, Basic GBI Agent, Basic Juvenile Corrections, Basic Parole, Basic Probation, & Basic Municipal Probation course after January 1, 2012

*Effective January 1, 2012*, officers graduating from these courses are issued a certification that will expire in four years from the date of issuance of that certification. In order to meet the re-certification requirements in four years, officers:

- Must complete required annual training each year (20 Hours + Firearms Requalification & Use of Deadly Force)
  - NOTE: These officers graduating after January 1, 2012 must complete the required annual training **even if they are not actively employed.**
- Must complete required GA POST Council Block of Training (1 class) during the four years (will be available online at GPSTC in the near future and will be taught at various locations throughout the state each year)
- Must complete two other classes during the four years (choose two (2) of the following three (3))
  - Elder Abuse
  - Eyewitness ID
  - Domestic Violence
- Must complete a new POST application in the POST Data Gateway system to “re-certify” in 2016.
  - Can submit application 90 days before certification expires.
  - Must have a current Physician’s Affidavit
  - Must have current Fingerprint Results
  - Must have current Driver’s History
  - Must pay \$25 recertification fee

Failure to complete these requirements will result in expiration of the basic certification that was issued. Officers graduating in 2012 will have to recertify beginning in 2016.

### Privacy, Civil Rights, and Suspicious Activity Reporting “Online Training” Availability

The Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council Training is pleased to introduce the Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) Line Officer training and the Privacy, Civil Rights, and

Civil Liberties training. This training is part of a U.S. Department of Justice's nationwide initiative to help further develop officer awareness and response to terrorism.

The SAR Line Officer Training is designed to assist law enforcement officers in understanding what kinds of suspicious behaviors are associated with pre-incident terrorism activities, documenting and reporting suspicious activity, protecting privacy, civil rights and civil liberties when documenting information. The Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties training provides an introductory overview of what privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties protections are and the important functions for law enforcement officers and other public safety professionals have in upholding these protections.

Please help complete this initiative by having all officers in your agency complete this training. The Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council Training approved this training for one hour of POST training credit for each officer, and it can be found in the online courses at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center web link <http://www.gpstc.org/calendar/calendar-online.jsp>.

Recording of GA Public Safety Training Center Online Training  
*Effective May 1, 2012*, any GPSTC completed online courses will be placed directly on an officer's POST profile electronically by GPSTC. This measure will eliminate the need for instructors or academies to take any actions to add these online courses to an officer's POST training record.

Reminder: Basic Application Fees starting July 1, 2012

Please remember that all basic applications will require a \$10 fee per application beginning July 1, 2012. These fees can be paid by certified check, money order, or be paid online at web link <https://www.gpostc.org/rtt/order.php>.