



## P.O.S.T. Update

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### Online Training Issues Update

As agencies review any online training issues with their officers, some additional guidance on these issues is now being provided. Nine of the GPSTC online courses have been given a "blanket" waiver by the POST Council (June 2014 meeting). This waiver means that if the officer completed one of these classes and it is showing on their POST training history, Council is granting the POST credit for the class under this waiver. The list of the 9 classes are as follows:

- Say It Loud and Clear
- Manage to Survive: Traffic Incident Management
- Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Safety
- Excited Delirium and In Custody Deaths
- Gang Awareness
- Momentum Basics
- Emergency Vehicle Safety
- Domestic Violence
- Criminal Procedure, Officer Authority and the 234 Rule

Because of the nature of the computer access for the GPSTC online training courses, it is not definitive of an officer's actions in the system based solely on the report from GPSTC, but the officer's actions may be questioned by what is evidenced in the report (i.e. completing a course in 5 minutes or less). Therefore, the review of this training is an agency process that may have to involve reviewing how the online training was completed specifically with each officer. If any disciplinary action is taken by the agency that rises to the level of a POST investigation per OCGA 35-8-7.1, POST must be notified of this disciplinary action under this law.

If you determine that an officer has not properly completed the training course, your agency head may do the following:

1. Submit a written request (email or letter) for removal (must come from the agency head).

2. The request must include:

- Officer's name
- O-key number
- GPSTC Student ID number
- Date of training
- Topic
- Course code
- Reason for removal request
- Agency head email address

3. The request must be submitted to both GPSTC (registrar@gpstc.org) and GaPOST (mjones@gapost.org).

Once the credits have been modified by POST and GPSTC, POST & GPSTC will provide confirmation via email to the agency head. If removal of the training credits puts the officer where the officer has not met the required annual training requirement, the officer will need to apply for a training waiver.

POST Council is also putting together an online training committee to review standards for online training and make any recommendations on new standards to the Council.

#### Costs for Application Processing Increasing

At the June 2014 Council meeting, Council approved increasing application fee processing costs. The cost of processing for ***Basic Certification and Voluntary Certification applications*** is increasing to \$30 per application effective on September 1, 2014. The fee for ***Retired Firearms Qualification Certificate application*** processing is increasing to \$25.00 per firearm also effective on September 1, 2014.

#### Department of Juvenile Justice Probation Officer Certification Approved

At the June 2014 Council meeting, Council approved the creation of a Department of Juvenile Justice Probation Officer Certification. These officers will be required to complete a 274 Hour Juvenile Probation Officer course to receive this specific peace officer certification.

#### Emergency Vehicle Operations Course Objectives Revised

At the June 2014 Council meeting, Council approved the revision of the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course objectives proposed by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center.

#### The Help Desk is Open

Georgia POST Council has launched a new service to assist officers and others in getting faster responses. The new HELP DESK phone number to contact POST is 770-732-5604 and the new HELP DESK email is [helpdesk@gapost.org](mailto:helpdesk@gapost.org). POST Council has staff members handling these phone calls and emails daily, and a voice mail service has also been implemented specifically for the help desk. Staff members endeavor to promptly respond to phone calls, emails, and voice mails during their assigned time to the HELP DESK. A new auto attendant phone system is being used to help callers route their calls more efficiently.