



## P.O.S.T. Update – July 2008

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### Old Application Format for Basic Certification ends June 30, 2008

The revised formats for MSWord and ADOBE have been placed on the POST web site, and POST will no longer accept the old formats after June 30, 2008.

The purchase of a new software program for POST processes to address our needs regarding applications for certifications, training records, and many other upgrades has been made. POST staff will be working with the vendor over the next few months to implement upgrades to our system. Please watch our web site and future POST updates for information on training and other topics.

### Electronic Fingerprint Results Required effective January 1, 2009

Effective January 1, 2009, all POST applications for certification for basic training (law enforcement, jailor, communications, etc.) will require fingerprint results from a GCIC authorized electronic fingerprint system (i.e. LIVESCAN, Georgia Applicant Processing Service (GAPS), etc.) when submitting the application. Agencies interested in utilizing the Georgia Applicant Processing service should go to their web site, <http://www.ga.cogentid.com/index.htm>, to learn about enrolling to access fingerprint results via the internet for their applicants.

### Officers Lacking Certifications Due to Fingerprint Results

Agencies have been receiving e-mail notices over the past couple of months regarding any officers (peace ofc, jail ofc, communications ofc, juvenile corrections ofc, etc.) that have not received their certifications due to fingerprints. Please make certain that you are reviewing your rosters for any officers lacking certification due to this result.

### Career Development/Advanced Courses To Be Available At Agency Level

A recommendation from the Career Development Committee was made to Council at the June meeting to allow agencies to begin teaching the career development and advanced courses at the agency level.

A summary of the proposed solutions involves the following:

- testing updates and procedures,
- establishing minimum requirements,
- creating an agency request form for hosting a course,

- bifurcating career development to eliminate requirement of the intermediate and advanced certificates to obtain the Supervision and Management certifications,
- form revisions and updates pertaining to position identification and educational requirements,
- establish equivalencies and begin a “course catalog” for each certification,
- update all lesson plans,
- change POST Rules to reflect changes necessary with these proposed solutions.

The necessary POST rule changes are expected to be completed after October 2008. The public hearing on these rule changes will be held on August 4, 2008 at 9 a.m. in the conference room of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards & Training Council.

### Course Completion Reports (C12s)

These forms are now available for purchase from the Georgia Peace Officer Standards & Training Council. Please see the POST web site at [www.gapost.org](http://www.gapost.org) for pricing and ordering information.

### Office Hours

Effective July 7, 2008, our office at the POST headquarters at 5000 Austell Powder Springs Road, Suite 261, Austell, Georgia will be closed between the hours of noon and 1 pm.

### Updated Areas of Responsibility

Please see the attached updated list. Agencies are asked to use e-mail to contact the appropriate POST staff member regarding any of these topics in an effort to assist us in managing our call volume.