P.O.S.T. Update
December 2008

Ken Vance – Executive Director

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. IMPORTANT NOTE: POST will not process any applications without the required fingerprint results after this effective date.

Officers Lacking Certifications Due to Fingerprint Results

Agencies have been receiving e-mail notices 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.

Annual Training Requirements

December is the appropriate time for agencies to check to see that all officers have completed the necessary training required for 2008. Please make sure that each officer has twenty hours of training including a minimum of one hour for Firearms Requalification and one hour for Use of Deadly Force. Proper Course coding for these courses can be found on the POST web site at web link: http://www.gapost.org/requal_faq.htm . Officers with identified deficiencies for 2008 may begin submitting waivers now. Officers that have not met their annual training requirements as of December 31, 2008 will lose their arrest authority effective January 1, 2009. The waiver form may be accessed at the POST web site at web link: http://www.gapost.org/pdf_file/20HRWAIV.PDF .

Agency Rosters

December is also a good time to verify that your POST agency rosters are accurate and up-to-date. Change of status forms (C11 forms) should be submitted for any necessary changes to your agency roster. Agencies using their agency access code can check their rosters using the POST web site at web link: http://www.gapost.org/ag_rpts.htm . The C11 form can be accessed at the POST web site at web link: http://www.gapost.org/C11Form.doc .

Emergency Vehicle Operations Course – Precision Driving Test Time Increased

Effective January 1, 2009, the Georgia Public Safety Training Center will be increasing the time for this EVOC test. It will increase from 3 minutes & 30 seconds to 3 minutes and 45 seconds.

Academy Entrance Exams

Effective January 1, 2009, the official entrance exam will be the COMPASS or ASSET test required for admission to the Technical College System of Georgia colleges. Regional academies will no longer be administering this exam after December 31, 2008. When an individual passes the required POST entrance exam (old version or new version), the individual has met the state requirement for the POST certification application process. Individuals may test at any Technical College System of Georgia location, and details on how to schedule an appointment to take one of these tests are available from these locations. The POST entrance exam access form will be required to take this exam for the purpose of attending any basic law enforcement course, and this form can be obtained from the POST web site after January 1, 2009. The access form can be found on the POST web site at web link: http://www.gapost.org/pdf_file/EEFORM.PDF . POST will publish further details on accessing these tests via POST updates and the POST web site at www.gapost.org .

Technical College System of Georgia Pilot Programs Approved

At the December 2008 POST Council meeting, the following Technical College System of Georgia Pilot programs and their academy directors were approved to offer the basic law enforcement training course: Augusta Technical College (Academy Director **Ken Jones**), Coosa Valley Technical College (Academy Director **Tom Bojo**), DeKalb Technical College (Academy Director **Beverly Thomas**), Ogeechee Technical College (Academy Director **Greg Rabeler**), Savannah Technical College (Academy Director **Larry Stubbs**), and South Georgia Technical College (Academy Director **Vanessa Wall**). Classes are scheduled to begin at these locations in January 2009. Agencies and individuals interested in the basic law enforcement course should contact any of these colleges to find out more details.

Academy Directors Approved

Derick Durden was approved as academy director for the Georgia State Patrol Training Academy, and Hansell Walraven, Jr. was approved for the North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy at the December 2008 Council meeting.

Eyewitness ID training

The Georgia Public Safety Training Center has developed an eight (8) hour course on eyewitness identification that is now taught as part of the supervision and management course. This program can be taught as an in-service in your local agency. You may offer the course as a 2, 4, 6 or 8 hour program. The course code for this training is: "IBM42G". This program must be provided by a POST certified instructor if training credit is sought. Simply record the actual number of hours trained on any course completion report. POST certified instructors may download this training program from the POST web site at web link: **http://www.gapost.org/eyewit_id.htm** .

Certification Exam for Basic Law Enforcement Courses

Approval was granted to begin development of the necessary POST rules and logistics related to the issuance of a certification exam requirement for individuals graduating from the basic law enforcement course at the December 2008 POST Council meeting, Implementation of these certification tests are expected to begin with any courses ending in March 2009.

Officer Re-Certifications

Approval was also granted to begin development of the necessary POST rules and logistics related to officer re-certifications. A projected implementation timetable for officer re-certifications has not been established at this time.