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THE GEORGIA POST UPDATE

OUR MISSION

To provide the citizens of Georgia with qualified, professionally trained, ethical, and competent peace officers and criminal justice professionals.

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IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION

Our staff works every day to further our goal of providing our state with qualified, professionally trained, ethical, and competent law enforcement professionals.

Below are summaries of the new rules and projects the Certification and Training Standards Division has been working on.

For any questions on these updates, please contact:
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1) GOVERNOR'S INITIATIVE COURSES

The two newest Governor's Initiative courses, Human Trafficking (POST Rule 464-5-03.3) and Gang Awareness (POST Rule 464-5-03.4) were approved at the December POST Council meeting.

These courses are now yearly requirements for all POST certified officers; they are each an hour long.

The two courses are available to take on the new training platform on the POST website (Officers w/OKEY and in good standing) or they can be downloaded and taught at your agency.

All previous required Governor's Initiative training is still mandatory, and although it is not online yet, we plan to have it online this year.

Scan for more
POST Online Training Information:



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2) FIELD TRAINING OFFICER CERTIFICATION

POST Rule 464-13-03 Field Training Officer Certification has been amended by dropping the two years at an agency requirement. You must still have three years of Law Enforcement experience and complete a 40-hour course for Field Training Officers.

3) COMMUNICATION OFFICERS ANNUAL TRAINING & E911 DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION

HB505 requires that Communication Officers now must obtain 10-hours of in-service training annually to maintain their POST Certification. HB505 also requires E911 Director to complete a 40-hour course on the management of a E911 Center. POST Rule 464-13-26 creates the E911 Director Certification.

4) INSTRUCTORS RECEIVING POST TRAINING CREDIT

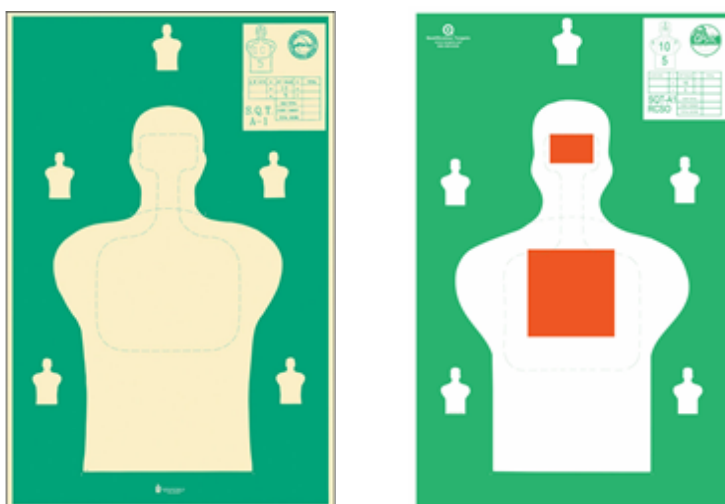
POST Council voted to allow instructors to add their name to an in-service class roster of which they are teaching one time per class per calendar year. The practice of an instructor observing or supervising a class being provided by a guest lecturer, the instructor should also be allowed to add their name to the roster. Instructors will not be allowed to receive training credit for Advance classes or classes leading to a certification.

5) AUTHORIZED FIREARMS QUALIFICATION TARGETS

The Georgia Semi-Auto Pistol Qualification (GSAC) 2021 and Alternate GSAC 2005 both call for the use of SQT-A1 target, which is a white silhouette containing a dashed inner area referred to as the "10 Ring". This was intended to establish a set standard for use and scoring.

Recently it was discovered target manufacturers have been placing "SQT-A1" on targets with the likeness of actual persons and they have been used for weapons training and qualifications.

Setting strict guidelines of the acceptable SGT-A1 target will ensure uniformity across the state that is beyond question or criticism. POST Council voted and the below targets are the only authorized targets for qualification:



6) LIMITED PURPOSE ACADEMIES

POST Council approved the creation of limited purpose academies in the areas of Jailer certification, Communication certification, and Crime Scene certification. This allows Sheriff departments to establish an in house Jailer certification academy. This allows GECA to establish a Communications certification academy with pop-up classes around the state. Piedmont University is establishing a Forensic Academy.