



Georgia POST Update September 24, 2025

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Georgia POST has as part its mission statement, "To provide the citizens of Georgia with qualified, professionally trained, ethical, and competent peace officers and criminal justice professionals." Our staff works every day to further that goal. We are providing updates on some of the items that the POST Council voted on September 23, 2025.

1. Approved updates to the Georgia POST Career Development Certifications:

The Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council Career Development Certifications have not been updated since 2008. The following changes were approved to the Career Development Certifications:

- Replace required specific courses with 150 hours Specialized or Advanced training for each Intermediate and Advanced Certifications. This will allow officers to obtain these certifications while taking specialized and advanced training along their desired career pathways, such as Traffic Enforcement, Investigations, or Narcotics.
 - Specialized and Advanced Training are defined as "Training delivered by a POST certified/approved instructor with a performance or written exam requiring a minimum passing score of 80% and a minimum duration of 8 hours.
- Remove the college credit requirement from the career certifications. While post-secondary education is important, these changes recognize the individual's professional public safety training and allows a pathway to the certifications for more Georgia officers.
- Executive Certification is now extended to Command Staff members.

Information on the specific requirements for each of these certifications can be located on the Georgia POST website (gapost.org) under "POST Certifications," then click on "Career Development."

2. Standard Operating Procedure Governing POST Probation Cases

The POST Council approved the Standard Operating Procedure Governing POST Probation Cases. Specifically, the Executive Director of POST now has the authority to Suspend the Certification of an Officer who is not in compliance with the conditions of their POST sanctioned probation. This suspension will remain active until the Officer is back in compliance with the conditions of their probation.

3. Approval of the Departmental Police Academy for the Cobb County Sheriff's Department

The POST Council approved the establishment of the Departmental Academy for the Cobb County Sheriff's Department. The North Central Georgia Law Enforcement Academy has officially been closed. The Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC) will be opening a regional Police Academy in the Treadmill Mall complex in Austell, Georgia in the near future.

4. Updated Curriculum for the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course

On June of 2024, the Georgia POST Council approved the curriculum update for the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course, increasing the training hours to 809 hours from the 408 hours that had not seen a major curriculum update in 15 years. Academies across Georgia ran multiple Basic Mandate classes with the new curriculum.

On July 30, 2025, a meeting was held with Academy Directors and POST staff, where curriculum and procedure recommendations were made for the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course (BLETC). These recommendations were presented to the Council-approved committee consisting of five Sheriffs and five Chiefs to review the proposed changes to lesson plans.

The POST Council voted on recommended updates and resulted in the following BLETC curriculum:

Topic	Hours
Introduction to Law Enforcement: Criminal Justice System (3hrs) POST Block (1hr) Election Laws (1hr) GCIC Security and Integrity (2hrs) Ethics and Professionalism (Sexual Harassment) (2hrs) Resiliency (16)	25
Basic Law: Georgia Criminal Law (24hrs) Criminal Procedures (34hrs) Peace Officer Liability (2hrs)	60
Community Relations: Interpersonal Communications (3hrs) Media (1hrs) Officer and Public (2hrs) 1 st Amendment Audits (2hrs) Crisis Response Training (24hrs) Cultural Diversity (2hrs) Implicit Bias (1hr) Consular Notification (1hr) Civil Unrest (2hrs) Victims Bill of Rights (1hrs)	39
Law Enforcement Procedures: Patrol and Observation (8) Crimes in Progress (4)	39

Arrest Booking Procedures (2) Civil Process (1) Report Writing (8) Courtroom Demeanor and Testimony (8) NIMS: Incident Command System (4hrs) Introduction to Hazmat (4hrs)	
Investigative Services: Interviews and Interrogations (6) Crime Scene Processing and Fingerprints (16hrs) Sex Crime Investigations (4hrs) General Patrol Investigations Burglary, Robbery, Theft, Missing Persons, Cyber Crimes (7hrs) Motor Vehicle Theft Investigations (1hrs) Arrest and Search Warrants (8hrs) Crimes Against Children (8hrs) Juvenile Law (4hrs) At Risk Adults (2hrs) Family Violence, Domestic Disputes, and Disturbances (8hrs) Bombs, Explosives, and Arson Investigations (3hrs) Organized Crime, Gang, Terrorism, Human Trafficking Extremist Groups Investigations (8hrs) Controlled Substances/Surveillance Investigations (4hrs) Death Investigations (2hrs)	81
Traffic Services: Motor Vehicle Law (12hrs) Traffic Enforcement, Vehicle Pullovers, Traffic Direction and Control, Vehicle Occupant Protection (20hrs) Speed Detection (Radar/Lidar) (16hrs) Accident Investigation/Reporting (24hrs) Impaired Driving (SFST) (24hrs) Emergency Vehicle Operations (PIT) Below 100 (58hrs)	154
Law Enforcement Skills: Firearms, Advance Shooting Skills, Patrol Rifle, Low Light (110hrs) Use of Force and De-escalation (8hrs) Officer Survival (40hrs) Control Tactics DT/BJJ (64hrs) TECC (CPR and Narcan) (28hrs) Active Shooter Training (16hrs) Judgmental Simulator/Scenarios and Practical Exercises (40hrs) Physical Training (Tactical Athlete) (60hrs)	366
Administrative Functions	20
Total Hours	784

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