



Georgia POST Update December 9, 2025

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Georgia POST has as part of 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 December 9, 2025.

1. Approved the creation of Five Limited Purpose Academies:

The Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council approved the following Limited Purpose Academies to conduct the 80-hour Basic Jailer Certification course:

- Clarke County Sheriff's Office
- Coweta County Sheriff's Office
- Dougherty County Sheriff's Office
- Laurens County Sheriff's Office
- Newton County Sheriff's Office

2. Approved a University of North Georgia Public Safety Academy (UNGPSA) Satellite Police Academy

The POST Council approved the establishment of a UNGPSA Satellite Police academy at the Jackson County Sheriff's Office training facility.

3. Approved two new locations to instruct the High School Jailer Program

The Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council approved the following Sheriff Department, in conjunction with the County High schools, to conduct the 80-hour Basic Jailer Certification course to High School Seniors:

- Murray County Sheriff's Office
- Whitfield County Sheriff's Office

4. Approved Updates for POST Rules:

The Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council approved the first of two votes to update the following POST Rules:

- POST Rule 464-13-.19 Latent Print Examiner- setting a 12-month time limit for taking the certification exam after completing the last required class.
- POST Rule 464-1-.02 Membership Terms- Adding verbiage “Voting members and advisory members shall serve as dictated by O.C.G.A. § 35-8-3.”
- POST Rule 464-1-.06 Scheduling of Council Meetings-
 - a. The Council shall meet quarterly in the months of March, June, September, and December of each year.
 - b. Council Committee Meetings shall occur quarterly in the months of January, April, July, and October of each year.
 - c. The Council and its Committees may hold emergency meetings as necessary.
- POST Rule 464-1-.07 Data Gateway User Limitations- Users at all levels granted access to the Data Gateway must use the information contained for official public safety business. Users found to be violation of this rule would be subject to investigation and possible POST sanctions.

The Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council will hold a public hearing to discuss changes to POST Rules. The hearing will be at 9:00 am, January 14, 2026, at 5000 Austell Powder Springs Road, Suite 280, Austell, Georgia 30106, in the POST Council conference room.

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