

I. INTRODUCTION

This written directive establishes guidelines and procedures with regard to training requirements and training records for all department members.

II. TERMINOLOGY

- A. Continuing Law Enforcement Education (CLEE) Includes both Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) and Non-POST courses, college courses, and military training. Sworn members are eligible to receive POST credit, as long as the course meets Missouri POST requirements. Sworn members within the state of Missouri can receive credit for an out-of-state course as long as that particular state is Missouri POST approved.
- B. **Course ID** A number assigned by the Training Unit for identification of training courses or programs.
- C. **Department Training** Denotes any training instructed or coordinated by the Department (e.g., in-service training, roll call training, automated timekeeping).
- D. Interpersonal Perspectives One of the four core curricula areas required by POST. This area of training focuses on interpersonal or communication skills (e.g., implicit bias, racial profiling, cultural diversity, ethics, fair and impartial policing practices, conflict management, victim sensitivity, critical thinking, social intelligence, mental health awareness, officer well-being, and stress management).
- E. **Legal Studies –** One of the four core curricula areas required by POST. This area of training focuses on updates or familiarization of federal or state criminal law (e.g., case law updates or any type of legal issues).
- F. **Outside Training** Denotes training provided to members away from the Department (e.g., college courses, seminars in another city, FBI National Academy).
- G. **Roll Call/Element Specific Training** Denotes training instructed by and presented at elements to address their specific needs.

- H. **Skill Development –** One of the four core curricula areas required by POST. This area of training focuses on activities that develop physical skill proficiency and demonstrative tasks (e.g., de-escalation techniques, defensive tactics, firearm training, driver training, first aid, and CPR training).
- I. **Technical Studies –** One of the four core curricula areas required by POST. This area of training focuses on specialized studies or activities which directly relate to the job description and performance (e.g., crash investigation, traffic stops and agency policy updates).
- J. **Training Coordinator** The instructor or any member responsible for scheduling and organizing department training with instructors from inside and/or outside the Department.
- K. Training Records Documented job-related training received throughout a member's career including, but not limited to, in-service training, firearms training, roll call/element specific training, seminars/workshops, courses which are law enforcement related or for development of administrative skills taken at accredited colleges/universities. Not included in a training record are training seminars attended prior to employment.

III. POLICY

- A. All members are encouraged to seek out training and educational opportunities within and outside the department to enhance personal and professional growth and development.
- B. Training opportunities beyond POST mandated requirements are available to all members.
- C. The minimum requirement for continuing education for sworn and reserve members is mandated by Missouri Code of Regulations (Title 11 CSR 75-15.010 15.080) and facilitated through the Department of Public Safety.
 - 1. Sworn members are required to successfully complete and report the minimum mandated hours of POST continuing law enforcement education and training each annual CLEE period in the four (4) core areas to maintain their POST certification.
 - 2. The four core areas are:
 - a. Legal Studies
 - b. Interpersonal Perspectives
 - c. Technical Studies
 - d. Skill Development (Firearms)

- 3. POST requires each sworn member to obtain one (1) hour of racial profiling each annual CLEE period. Racial profiling is part of the required twenty-four (24) hours, not in addition to it.
- D. Training records will be retained in accordance with the Missouri Secretary of State retention schedule as authorized by state statute. (RSMo. 109.255)
- E. Training records are individually identifiable personnel records (RSMo. 610.021). The Office of the General Counsel (OGC) or Human Resources Division (HRD) Commander should be consulted before release of any member's training records.
- F. The Training Unit is responsible for maintaining training records for all Department members.
- G. Department training conducted or sponsored by the Department that is related to legal or liability issues and human resource/personnel issues, must be reviewed by OGC and HRD.

IV. PROCEDURES

- A. Members who are unable to attend any scheduled department training will notify their immediate supervisor as soon as possible.
 - 1. Members will contact the Training Unit to request a new training date(s).
 - 2. Upon receipt, the Training Unit will coordinate with the member(s) to reschedule their new training date(s).

B. The Training Unit will:

- 1. Assign a Course ID for all documented training.
- 2. Develop and present annual in-service training, seminars, special courses and programs.
- 3. Designate Training Unit member(s) to have entry and inquiry capabilities on all members.

C. Roll-Call/Element Specific Training

- 1. The element supervisor/commander will have all roll-call/element specific training documented and forwarded to the Training Unit Administrative Assistant for entry.
- 2. All training must be documented with the Training Division to include but not limited to the following:
 - a. Police vehicle operation
 - b. Firearms or the use of firearms

- c. Response to Resistance options (e.g., capsicum, side handle baton, straight baton, crowd control)
- d. Medical treatment or first-aid
- e. Civil liability and risk management
- f. Court proceedings and testimonies
- g. Civil rights laws

D. Department Training

- 1. All training (POST and non-POST certified) conducted by the Training Unit will require each member to sign or initial the sign-in sheet.
- 2. Members **will not** sign or initial for other members.

E. Outside Training

- 1. Outside training qualifying for POST certification credit
 - a. It is the member's responsibility to ensure the job-related seminar or training session meets POST requirements. The member may contact the Training Unit to ensure POST eligibility requirements are met.
 - b. If training has already received POST certification by the presenting entity, the member will forward a copy of the completion certificate to the Training Unit.
 - c. If training is not POST certified, the member can request POST certification by providing the following to the Training Unit:
 - (1) Name, serial number, assignment, and rank/title of member.
 - (2) Title of course or training (subject matter).
 - (3) Dates, times, and location.
 - (4) Total instructional hours.
 - (5) Instructor's name.
 - (6) Course synopsis/description.
 - d. The Training Unit will assign a Course ID and enter it into the participant's record.

- 2. Outside training Non-POST certification credit
 - a. Upon completion, the member will forward a copy of the certificate for the seminar/program/training to the Training Unit.
 - b. The Training Unit will assign a Course ID and enter it into the participant's record.
- F. Training hour credit may be obtained by various methods:
 - 1. An hour of credit is granted for each fifty minutes of POST certified training attended. Training seminars conducted outside the department may also qualify as POST training, if formatting and the presenter meets certification requirements.
 - 2. One hour of credit is granted to an instructor for each hour of CLEE or basic training instruction delivered to an in-person audience.
 - 3. Two hours of CLEE credit for each semester hour of credit earned at an accredited college or university and related to law enforcement or applicable to law enforcement administration.
- G. POST course certification protocol
 - Obtaining approval of Missouri POST credit for an individual CLEE course.
 - a. It is required that any applicant submitting an approved complete individual CLEE course must do so a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the delivery date of the course to the PTS.
 - b. The Training Center Director/Designee may give approval less than thirty (30) days prior to the delivery date of the course.
 - 2. For the purposes of granting Missouri POST credit to a class/seminar, the Training Unit will immediately be notified upon development of a new class/seminar or upon the determination that a re-occurring class/seminar will be taught in the future.
 - a. The notification will include:
 - (1) The class name.
 - (2) The number of hours.
 - (3) Date(s) and location of class/seminar.
 - b. Any class/seminar suggested or introduced by any Department member will initially fall on that member to act as a liaison and remain the liaison for the entity producing the class/seminar unless otherwise determined by the Training Unit.

- 3. The class/seminar liaison will be responsible for co-coordinating the transfer of materials.
 - a. The POST documents will include the following:
 - (1) Instructor records
 - (2) Learning objectives
 - (3) Lesson plan
 - (4) Source Documentation
 - (5) Support documents
 - (6) All training materials
 - b. All POST documents will be received by the Training Unit no later than 30 (thirty) days prior to the date of the first class/seminar.

H. Verification

- Members may access their own training record and training history in the current training record management system and/or the POST CLEE tracking system. Members should refer to the User Guides located on the Department intranet.
- 2. The Training Unit will be responsible for the efficient and accurate entry and maintenance of training records for all members, POST or Non-POST.

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