



WASHINGTON STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION

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TO: Staff, Commissioners, Board Members, and Stakeholders
FROM: Sonja Hirsch, Rules Coordinator 
SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Possible Permanent Adoption
WAC 139-05-300: Requirement for in-service training

This rule change is being proposed to establish a requirement that all reserve peace officers receive a minimum of 24 hours of in-service training.

Public Hearing and Action by the Commission: The WSCJTC will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 10 AM, to discuss the proposed changes. The meeting will be held at the WSCJTC located at 19010 1st Avenue South, Burien, WA, in Room E-154. All are welcome to attend and provide oral comments. If you would like to submit a written comment, please send it to shirsch@cjtc.state.wa.us by September 2, 2015.

Staff will request that the Commission adopt the proposed changes. If adopted, the changes will be filed with the Code Reviser's Office and will become effective 31 days after filing.

Attachment: OTS-6440.3

WAC 139-05-300 Requirement for in-service training. The commission recognizes that continuing education and training is the cornerstone for a successful career as a peace officer in providing competent public safety services to the communities of Washington state.

(1) Effective January 1, 2006, every peace officer certified under RCW 43.101.095 or 43.101.157 will complete a minimum of twenty-four hours of in-service training annually.

(a) This requirement is effective January 1, 2006, for incumbent officers.

(b) The in-service training requirement for each newly hired officer must begin on January 1st of the calendar year following their certification as a result of successful completion of the basic law enforcement academy, equivalency academy, or approved waiver as provided by WAC 139-03-030.

(c) Training may be developed and provided by the employer or other training resources.

(d) The commission will publish guidelines for approved in-service training.

(2) Effective January 1, 2016, every reserve peace officer as defined by WAC 139-05-810 will complete a minimum of twenty-four hours of in-service training annually.

(a) The in-service training requirement for each newly appointed reserve peace officer/tribal peace officer must begin on January 1st of the calendar year following their appointment as a result of successful completion of the basic reserve law enforcement academy, basic reserve academy equivalency process, or approved waiver as provided by WAC 139-03-030.

(b) Training may be developed and provided by the employer or other training resources.

(c) The commission will publish guidelines for approved in-service training.

(3) All records for training required for this rule must be maintained by the employing agency and be available for review upon request by an authorized commission representative.

(a) The commission will maintain records of successfully completed commission-registered courses.

(b) Upon request, the commission will furnish a recordkeeping template for use by agencies to track training.

~~((3))~~ (4) The sheriff or chief of an agency may approve an extension of three months for ~~((certified))~~ peace officers in their employ by notification in writing to the commission, identifying those specific officers.

(a) A sheriff or chief may request a three-month personal extension of the requirement by doing so in writing to the commission.

(b) Written requests submitted under the provision of this subsection must be received by December 1st of the calendar year in question.