


STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT 	Type of Directive: Policy and Procedure	Updated: 01/31/2024
	Title: Review Training	No. 6.3
	Issuing Authority: Chief Joseph McNeil	Issued: 10-10-2018
	Reference: AS - 1.13.2, 1.13.5, 2.9.1 History: 09-11-23	

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all sworn officers attend the required number and curriculum classes as set forth by POSTC.

POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Stratford Police Department to comply with all POSTC mandatory annual and triennial review training requirements. All officers are mandated to attend the required recertification courses in order to maintain their certification as Police Officers in the State of Connecticut.

PROCEDURE:

All sworn personnel are required to complete recertification in compliance with POSTC requirements (1.13.2). Officers of the Stratford Police Department will be required to attend annual In-Service training at the direction of the Training Supervisor. The Training Supervisor will ensure that mandatory review training includes a curriculum that fulfills the statutory requirements of Connecticut General Statute 7-294 (d) 9, as well as the rules and regulations of the State of Connecticut Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) (1.13.2).

This statute requires each police officer complete at least sixty-two (62) hours of certified review training every three years. The Training Supervisor will ensure that every sworn officer receives these mandated training hours, as well as document the required training on POSTC-50 form (Review Training Credit Form). (2.9.1)

The Training Supervisor will document and file all credits earned for each officer, as POSTC does not track review-training credits. The Training Supervisor will be responsible to monitor and implement all POSTC annual and triennial training requirements. Credits in excess of the mandated sixty-two (62) hours must also be documented and filed with the Training Supervisor (1.13.5).

All training requirements, as well as POSTC policies and procedures, can change without notice. The Training Supervisor shall monitor compliance with current and newly established POSTC requirements, legislation, and mandates and keep in regular contact with the Certification Division of the POSTC Field Services Division in order to remain knowledgeable of any changes (1.13.2).

Per General Notice 20-12, the renewal of a Police Officer's certification is required to be in accordance with Public Act, No. 20-01, (House Bill No. 6604). Each Officer will submit a urinalysis drug test that screens for controlled substances, including but not limited to, anabolic steroids which indicates no presence of any controlled substance not prescribed to the officer as part of their triennial recertification with POSTC **(1.13.2)**.

All Officers of the Stratford Police Department will be required to undergo a mental wellness test at least one time every five (5) years. The Training Supervisor shall notify Human Resources to schedule these tests required by State of Connecticut legislation **(1.13.2)**.

Format

A majority of the review training credits are earned through an annual in-service review course coordinated by the Training Supervisor. Subject areas for review training must be based on POSTC Basic Police Officer Recruit Curriculum. No review training credits will be rewarded by POSTC unless the courses are based upon this curriculum.

Officers shall notify the Training Supervisor when they are unable to attend a scheduled training class. When available, the Training Supervisor will make arrangements for make-up training when necessary. All Officers are responsible to attend mandated training to maintain their POSTC certification. Attendance for all training classes will be documented on a POSTC-50 form, dated and signed by the attendee and the training division supervisor. **(2.9.1)**

Any subject area may be covered, but only those in the basic curriculum will earn review credits. Credit distribution is per POSTC.