




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

GENERAL NOTICE 21-05

To: Chief Law Enforcement Officers
Training Officers
Protective Services
Resident Troopers

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Date: August 13, 2021

Subject: - Adoption and Implementation of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council Use of Force Model Policy - in compliance with Public Act- 20-1 (HB6004) and Public Act No. 21 - 4
- Adoption of Use of Force model policy into the CLESP - Program
- Adoption and implementation of Use of Force Training Program
- Approval of the Use of Force (209) New Instructor Criteria
- Approval of the New Instructor Criteria for areas 203, 301, 301A, 301B, 301C, 302A, 302B, 302C, 302D, 306, 306A, 306B, 309, 312
-Mandatory Training on the use of force model policy for all certified officer's

At the November 12, 2020, regular meeting, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council adopted a "Use of Force" model policy consistent with the statutory changes outlined in Public Act 20 – 1 (Section 29), and subsequent Public Act No. 21 – 4. All Law Enforcement Units are required to adopt and maintain a written policy that meets or exceeds the use of force model policy developed by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council. In addition, the use of force model policy will become part of the Connecticut Law Enforcement Standards and Practices (CLESP) Program and subject to compliance audits. Both (model policy and CLESP standard) will be effective January 1, 2022.

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At the August 12, 2021, Special Meeting, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council adopted a Use of Force Training Program consistent with the approved policy and statutory requirements found in Public Act 20 -1, Section 29, and subsequent Public Act No. 21 – 4.

The completed work (policy and training program) has resulted in changes to the use of force instructor criteria and other curriculum areas related to the use of force.

All current use of force instructors endorsed in subject area 209 will be required to reapply and attend the Use of Force Train-the-Trainer (TTT) Program sponsored by the Police Officer Standards and Training Field Services Division in order to keep their use of force (209) endorsement. Both the reapplication process and attending the Train-the-Trainer (TTT) Program must be completed before December 31, 2021. Failure to meet the new Use of Force (209) instructor criteria requirements will result in the loss of the 209 endorsement. Letters with detailed instructions on how to reapply and register for the Use of Force TTT program will be mailed out to all current use of force (209) instructors on or before August 17th, 2021.

All certified Instructors who are credentialed to teach in one, all or a combination of the following curriculum areas listed below will be required to attend the use of force Train-the-Trainer (TTT) Program sponsored by the Police Officer Standards and Training Field Services Division in order to keep their respective certification endorsement(s). Training must be completed before 12/31/22. Failure to complete the required training will result in the loss of the instructor endorsement. Letters with detailed information on the new instructor criteria for following endorsements will be mailed to each instructor on or before December 1, 2021.

- a) 203 Civil Liability
- b) 301 Firearms
- c) 301A Simunitions/Shooting Decisions
- d) 301B Rifle
- e) 301C Low Light/No Light
- f) 302A Police Baton Training
- g) 302B OC Spray
- h) 302C EDW (Taser)
- i) 302D Less Lethal/Chemical/Spec
- j) 306 Officer Safety/Mechanics of Restraint and Control
- k) 306A Handcuffing
- l) 306B Defensive Tactics
- m) 309 Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC)
- n) 312 De- Escalation Training

All certified police officer: POSTC is requiring all officers to attend training on the POSTC “Use of Force” model policy prior to 12/31/2022. This training must be taught by a certified use of force (209) instructor who met the new criteria established by POST-Council and the training must be consistent with the approved POSTC model policy statute and the POSTC approved use of force training program.

Attached to this General Notice is the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, Use of Force Policy adopted on November 12, 2020. A word version of this policy can be found on our website, home page under latest news.

Questions or comments may be directed to my attention either by e-mail Karen.boisvert@ct.gov or phone 203-427-2601.

Note: The Police Officer Standards and Training Council has been working on the development of this policy and training program since June of 2020. The use of force policy and training program subcommittees were made up of POST-Council members, individuals from law enforcement, academia, and subject matter experts throughout the state.