



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

GENERAL NOTICE 12-08

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

From: Thomas E. Flaherty
Police Academy Administrator

Date: December 12, 2012

Subject: **Council Action – Adoption of a Mandatory Uniform Policy and Guidelines For Eyewitness Identification Procedures Pursuant to Public Act 11-252 and Public Act 12-111**

At the regular November meeting of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council on November 8, 2012, the Council adopted the attached documents entitled “Mandatory Uniform Policy – Eyewitness Identification Procedures, Instructions –Witness Instructions – Identification Procedures and Model Standard Identification Procedure Record and Form.”

Public Act 12-111 requires among other things that “Not later than February 1, 2013, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall jointly develop and promulgate uniform mandatory policies and appropriate guidelines for the conducting of eyewitness identification procedures that shall be based on best practices and be followed by all municipal and state law enforcement agencies. Said Council and Division shall also develop and promulgate a standardized form to be used by municipal and state law enforcement agencies when conducting an identification procedure and making a written record thereof.” (A copy of both Public Act 11-252 and Public Act 12-111 is attached.)

Public Act 12-111 additionally mandates that, “Not later than May 1, 2013, each municipal police department and the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection shall adopt procedures for the conducting of photo lineups and live lineups that are in accordance with the policies and guidelines developed and promulgated by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and the Division of State Police.”

Public Act 12-111 further provides that the Eyewitness Identification Task Force continue in existence to assist the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection in the future development of policies and

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procedures, researching and evaluating best practices in the conducting of eyewitness identification, recommending such revised best practices to the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and the Division of State Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and monitoring the implementation of Sec. 54-1p of the general statutes as amended by this Public Act.

A training program in Eyewitness Identification procedures is currently being developed for both Recruit Officers and In-Service Officers consistent with Public Act 12-111.

Agencies are encouraged to establish and maintain an Agency file of completed Identification Procedure Record and Forms to assist the Eyewitness Identification Task Force, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council and the Division of State Police in gathering data to evaluate possible future modifications to this policy and/or instructions.

The policy can be found at the POST Website (www.ct.gov/post) in pdf format. If an agency requires an electronic version, please forward an e-mail to my Administrative Assistant Nancy Deegan at nancy.deegan@ct.gov from you official law enforcement agency e-mail address.

Comments or questions may be directed to my attention in writing either by e-mail or letter.