



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES and PUBLIC PROTECTION**

**Police Officer Standards and Training**  
**Council Connecticut Police Academy**

To: Chiefs of Police  
Police Training Officers  
State Police Resident Troopers  
CSP Training Academy

From: William E. Tanner, III  
Field Services Training Division

Date: February 16, 2023

Subject: **Senior Firearms Instructor**

Tuition: **No Cost**

**Prerequisite: Must be certified as a POSTC Firearms Instructor, in Area 301, and have five years of experience as a firearms instructor.**

**COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Police Officer Standards and Training Council's Field Services Training Division, is offering a three-day (3) training seminar titled "**Senior Firearms Instructor Training.**" The training session is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 12, 2023, to Friday, July 14, 2023**, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Connecticut Police Academy Range, 285 Preston Avenue, Meriden, CT. The course will be presented by Lt. Stephen Estes (ret.) and a cadre of firearms instructors.

This program is designed to provide advanced training and tactical techniques and skills to firearms instructors who have had several years of instructional experience.

This program will focus on fine-tuning the teaching and shooting skills of the attendees while providing a significant body of current information critical to today's firearms instructors and trainers. Most of the time will be spent on the range and will be balanced by classroom presentations. The focus of the course will be on service handguns and patrol carbines for officers rather than for tactical teams.

**Requirements:**

- Five years minimum as a POSTC Certified Firearms Instructor (Area 301).
- Appropriate personal safety equipment, training tourniquet, knee pads, and range attire.
- Duty pistol and belt with at least 4 magazines, and 750 rounds of ammo.
- Patrol rifle with 3 magazines, quality sling, and 200 rounds of ammo.

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- .22 LR quality, target pistol or revolver, and 300 rounds of ammo.
  - Suitable pistols: Ruger Mark 3, Mark 4, Browning Buckmark, Smith and Wesson Victory, Model 41, High Standard, Colt Woodsman etc.
  - Suitable revolvers: Smith and Wesson Model 17, 617, K-22, Colt Trooper, Ruger GP, etc.
- .38 special, duty type, DA revolver, with holster, 200 rounds of ammo, speed loaders, speed strips, etc. **No snubbies**
- AK-47 type rifle or variant, sling, at least 3 magazines, 400 rounds of ammo.
  - Suitable models: Ak-47, AK-74, Galil, Valmet 76, MAK-90, and many others
- Off-duty carry gun, holster, magazines, concealment garment, and 150 rounds of ammo - bring whatever else you carry for off-duty/EDC
- Training Tourniquet

The program will be presented by Lt. Stephen Estes (ret.) and a cadre of firearms instructors. Lt. Estes was a member of the West Hartford Police Department for over twenty-six years. Lt. Estes served in many capacities, including Street Crimes Unit, SWAT Operator, SWAT Training Sergeant, Firearms Instructor, SWAT Tactics Instructor, Tactical Chemical Weapons Instructor, Distraction Device Instructor, and TASER Instructor.

The class is limited to fourteen (14) attendees. Applicants must be presently certified as a POSTC Firearms Instructor, in Area 301, with five years of experience as a firearms instructor. This training does not satisfy the mandatory firearms training obligation for police officer recertification.

Please complete a registration form from the web and email it to William Tanner at [William.tanner@ct.gov](mailto:William.tanner@ct.gov) **no later than close of business Tuesday, June 20, 2023**. If you have any questions, please contact the Field Services Division at 203-427-2625.

Students successfully completing the course will receive Review Training Credit in the following areas:

- Area 300      Practical Police Skills      (10 hours)
- Area 600      Patrol Procedures      (10 hours)

**Lunch must be brought to the training by the student daily. Because of time constraints, students will not be leaving the property for lunch.**

**Training Officers:** Please be sure to include your department email address and the **email AND POST ID of the student to be enrolled** (For all sworn personnel) on all applications to assure prompt communications of all in-service training matters regarding this training.

**DISCLAIMER:** The Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC) makes every effort, within its ability and resources, to provide the highest quality, most relevant in-service training programs available at minimum cost to all Connecticut police officers and agencies. However, POSTC does not provide legal advice, and does not endorse the accuracy or completeness of specific in-service training programs provided by each of its many contractors and training providers. The materials and opinions of individual providers offered during the course of in-service training are those of the instructor alone, and do not necessarily represent the position of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council or the State of Connecticut. Given the multitude of disparate factual scenarios with which law enforcement personnel are presented in the discharge of their official duties, students and sponsoring agencies are strongly advised and encouraged to seek the advice and counsel of their own legal advisors before implementing concepts or adopting specific measures discussed or recommended during in-service training sessions.

Training on the Web: [www.ct.gov/POST](http://www.ct.gov/POST)