



**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: September 26, 2023

Subject: **Mandatory Training**  
**POST Use-of-Force “Train the Trainer” (T-t-T) Initial 4-hour Program**

Attendees: Instructors looking to add 209 (Use-of-Force) as an Endorsement

Tuition: None

**COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Police Officer Standards and Training Council’s Field Services Training Division is providing a series of (1) one day “**Train-the-Trainer**” sessions on the POSTC Use-of-Force Training Program. **This training is not meant for instructors who previously took the initial Use of Force Train-the-Trainer 4-hour program through POST.** The training will take place at the Connecticut Police Academy, 285 Preston Avenue, Meriden, CT on the dates and times below:

**This course is required for instructors teaching all subcategories within the following subject areas; 209, 301, 302, and 306, as well as 203, 309, and 312.**

**Training Date**

**Registration Closing Date**

Wednesday, November 8, 2023	1230 to 1630	Wednesday, October 18, 2023
Wednesday, December 20, 2023	0830 to 1230	Wednesday, November 29, 2023
Thursday, December 21, 2023	0830 to 1230	Thursday, November 30, 2023

**PLEASE REGISTER FOR ONLY ONE DATE, THE ABOVE DATES ARE MULTIPLE OFFERINGS OF THE SAME COURSE AND NEED BE ATTENDED ONLY ONCE.**

The course breaks down the Model Policy in its entirety covering all components of the Policy and all the related legal, moral, and ethical requirements/expectations as follows:

- Current Climate & Recent History
- The Legal Standard: Objective Reasonableness
- Moral & Ethical Obligations Regarding the Use of Force
  - Duty to Intervene
  - Duty to Render Aid
  - Duty to Report
  - Prohibition Against Retaliation
- Moral Courage
- “Words Matter”
- Illegal Use of Force & Legal Ramifications
- Key Terms & Definitions Related to the Use of Force
- De-escalation & Mitigation
  - Last Resort
  - Officer Created Jeopardy
- Physical, Less Lethal & Deadly Use of Force
- Necessary vs. Permissible: “I can, but do I have to?”
- Prohibited Uses of Force (Restrictions)
- Use of Firearms

The class is limited to forty-five (45) attendees. 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 on the closing dates listed above**. 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 209    Use-of-Force                      (4 hours)

POST Dress Code as outlined in General Notice 23-02 is in effect for this class.

**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.

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