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DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

GENERAL NOTICE 25-10

To: Chief Law Enforcement Officers

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Subject: **Satellite Academy Guidelines and Requirements**

At a regular meeting on May 8, 2025, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC or Council) adopted a document, entitled *Satellite Academy Guidelines and Requirements*, which contains standards applicable to any agency or region that conducts or seeks to conduct a basic recruit training academy (Satellite Academy).¹

In part, the document organizes, clarifies, and improves upon standards that Satellite Academies are already expected to adhere to. The document also contains new standards that further the Council's aim to support police officer development and performance by ensuring that recruits receive training by certified instructors that is consistent with 21st-century police-training techniques in a safe and professional environment conducive for modern adult learning. For example, the document contains a new requirement that the facility have a designated, private lactation room accessible to recruits upon request.

It is worth highlighting that the document also contains new standards around application timeframes.² Agencies are required to submit their requests for Satellite Academies to the POSTC for approval at least 90 calendar days prior to the intended start date of the academy session.

¹ The POSTC is empowered to establish comprehensive standards for Satellite Academies pursuant to authority granted through General Statutes §§ 7-294d(a)(2), 7-294d(a)(3), 7-294d(a)(5) and 7-294d(c)(2).

² The POSTC is empowered to set rules around application timeframes pursuant to the expansive authority granted through General Statutes § 7-294d(a)(2) to either approve or reject requests to run Satellite Academies.



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Upon receipt of a timely application, POSTC will consider scheduled start dates of other Satellite Academies and will attempt to avoid allowing academies to begin within 30 days of each other. Please refer to the section called *Timeframe for Application* in the document for additional details.

It is also worth noting that there is a new requirement that each academy class have a minimum of 10 students, and that at least one student be from that municipality/region. Please refer to the *Minimum Enrollment* portion of the *Operational Oversight* section in the document for additional details.

POSTC may either reject an application for approval or revoke approval to conduct a Satellite Academy for failure to adhere to the standards contained in the document. See General Statutes §§ 7-294d(a)(2) and 7-294d(c)(2).

The "Satellite Academy Guidelines and Requirements" document is available here: [Satellite Academy Guidelines and Requirements](#).

Questions or comments may be directed to the Certification Division by email at POST.certification@ct.gov.