



# CONNECTICUT POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING



## DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

### GENERAL NOTICE 25-12

To: Chief Law Enforcement Officers

From: Thomas J. Wydra *Thomas J. Wydra*  
Executive Director, POST – Connecticut Police Academy

Date: August 6, 2025

Subject: **Updates to the Connecticut Use-of-Force Data Collection Form**

At a regular meeting on May 8, 2025, pursuant to authority granted through General Statutes §§ 7-282e and 7-294cc, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC or Council), adopted changes to the Connecticut Use-of-Force Data Collection Form.

The changes are intended to address issues that have come to light since the roll out of the form's sixth version in 2022. The changes to the form were proposed by the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy (IMRP) and are as follows:

1. **Subject's Sex Section:** A non-binary option was added.
2. **Location Environment:** A highway or roadway option was added.
3. **Application for Force Narrative Section:** This section has been restructured to simplify reporting. The previous "call and response" format—where officers documented their actions followed by the subject's responses—has been removed due to reporting challenges. Instead, officers will now list their actions sequentially, followed by a separate, chronological account of the subject's actions.
4. **Subject's Compliance at Time of Detention:** Officers must report the subject's compliance at the time of detention.
5. **Use of CEW Details:** This section was simplified.
6. **Use of OC Spray Details:** This section was removed.

7. **Did the Event Result in a Police Action Against the Subject:** A new section was added to report whether a police action was taken against the subject, including issuing a summons, custodial arrest, or sending to a medical facility for mental health evaluation.
8. **Injuries Section:** Officers can now report whether the injury was caused by the use-of-force or not.

Each law enforcement unit must use the revised form to comply with the reporting requirements set forth in General Statutes §§ 7-282e and 54-1t(b)(1).

Forms may continue to be submitted using the “Submit Form” button on the PDF form. If you are unable to submit using the “Submit Form” button, you can email the form directly to the IMRP at [CTPoliceUOF@uconn.edu](mailto:CTPoliceUOF@uconn.edu).

The revised use Use-of-Force form will go into effect on October 1, 2025. The revised Use-of-Force Form is available here: [Use-of-Force Form](#)

The form is in the final stages of being coded by CT-CJIS, which will allow an RMS Vendor to include it in the Departments Case Management system and have the form submitted digitally to CT-CJIS. Agencies will be notified when the update through CT-CJIS is complete.

Questions or comments may be directed to Director of Field Services Division, Carrie Jo McGuffey, at [carriejo.mcguiffey@ct](mailto:carriejo.mcguiffey@ct).