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## DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING

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### GENERAL NOTICE 25 - 06

**To:** Chief Law Enforcement Officers  
Training Officers

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**Date:** March 21, 2025

**Subject:** Section 1 of Public Act 23-53, An Act Addressing Gun Violence, Open Carry Reporting, codified at General Statutes § 29-35

At the January 9, 2025, regular scheduled meeting, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council (POSTC), in accordance with General Statutes §29-35(c), considered and adopted a standard Open Carry Stop Form, which had been proposed and updated, after input from Council members, by the Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy (IMRP) at the University of Connecticut (UConn): [Open Carry Stop Form](#).

General Statutes §29-35(c) requires that law enforcement units, not later than February 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, prepare and submit a report to IMRP concerning any stops conducted in the previous year on suspicion of a violation of General Statutes §29-35(a)(2), carrying a firearm with intent to display such firearm. The General Statutes requires that the initial report due February 1, 2025, be based on fifteen months preceding January 1, 2025 (i.e., October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2024). Both the initial and all subsequent reports must be submitted electronically to the IMRP at UConn, [ctpolicereport@uconn.edu](mailto:ctpolicereport@uconn.edu), using the POSTC's adopted form.

The POSTC has directed that the Open Carry Stop Form be submitted electronically to the IMRP after each stop, as opposed to at the end of the year, and that this reporting regiment satisfies the law enforcement's obligation under General Statutes § 29-35(c) to annually prepare and submit a report. To the extent that stops occurred between October 1, 2023, and the date of this notice, law enforcement units shall report such stops on the approved form as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Please be advised that General Statutes § 29-35(c) requires each law enforcement unit to redact any information from such report that may identify a minor, witness or victim.

Questions or comments may be directed to the Field Services Division by email at [POST.fieldservices@ct.gov](mailto:POST.fieldservices@ct.gov).