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Nevada Peace Officers' Standards and Training (POST)

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### **Next POST Academy Starts August 3, 2015 Residency Requirement has been Restored**

The next POST Academy for Category I and Category II officers is scheduled to begin on August 3, 2015. The training for Category I officers is 16 weeks in duration and the training for Category II officers is 10 weeks. The residency requirement for all individuals attending the academy has been restored. All cadets will be required to stay in the dorms throughout their weeks of training regardless of where they live. Registration forms for officers planning to attend this session can be found on the [POST Website](http://post.nv.gov). The forms must be completed and submitted to Rick Radecki ([rradecki@post.state.nv.us](mailto:rradecki@post.state.nv.us)) before July 23, 2015. Contact Rick for more information.

### **Highlights from the May 7, 2015, Commission Meeting**

At the Post Commission meeting held May 7, 2015, Executive Certificates were awarded to former Assistant Sheriff Darin Balaam from Washoe County Sheriff's Office and Captain Michael J. Johnston from Henderson Police Department. An extension of time was granted to Esmeralda County Sheriff's Office for an employee to complete the certification process in accordance with NRS 289.550. Five candidates were interviewed for the Executive Director position. Mr. Thomas W. Finn and Mr. Michael D. Sherlock have been selected for a second interview; which will be scheduled at a future Commission meeting.

### **SB147 Has Passed and is Now Enrolled**

As we reported in our March newsletter, the original wording of SB147 would have required peace officers to be trained in effective responses to incidents involving dogs as a condition of POST certification. POST introduced an amendment; which was accepted, and SB147 is on its way into law; which now reads:

#### **Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

Existing law requires a peace officer to receive certain training as a condition of his or her certification. (NRS 289.590, 289.600). This bill requires each law enforcement agency to adopt policies setting forth when a peace officer who is employed by the agency is required to be trained in effective responses to incidents involving dogs or where dogs are present. In adopting the policies, a law enforcement agency is required to consider the job descriptions, work environments and duties of the peace officers.

POST offers a certified course on this subject on the [nvelearn.gov](http://nvelearn.gov) website (under the Law Enforcement, POST, Miscellaneous categories) titled "Dog Related Incidents and Encounters". This course, as a component of an agency's policy, may be used to fulfill the requirement of training that addresses various tools, practices, and procedures that contribute to effective responses to dog-related incidents and encounters. The primary goal of this training includes ensuring public and officer safety and considering community needs and demands where dogs happen to be present.

### ***ATTENTION AGENCY SPOCS!!***

### **Training is NOW available for Snapshot and Formatta**

An animated PowerPoint training presentation titled [SPOC Training](#) is now available on the "Training Opportunities" webpage of the POST website. It shows how to use Snapshot to view your agency's officer information and how to use the various Formatta forms and enter the information. This training is primarily targeted for individuals that are a new agency single point of contact (SPOC) for POST or any SPOCs that have questions or would like a refresher in using these two software products.

This communication is intended for all of Nevada Law Enforcement. Please forward this document or make it available to anyone for which the material may be of interest. This document is also available from the Home page of <http://post.nv.gov>