

**RULES
OF
THE TENNESSEE PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS
AND TRAINING COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 1110-01
DEFINITIONS**

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- (1) Law Enforcement Officer is defined as either;
 - (a) Full-time Law Enforcement Officer is defined as any person commissioned, sworn, appointed, and/or otherwise lawfully enjoined to uphold the laws of the State of Tennessee, and/or laws or ordinances of any municipality or political subdivision of the State of Tennessee; and who is employed by any municipality or political subdivision of the State of Tennessee or as a railroad police officer pursuant to § 65-6-133 and whose primary responsibility is (whether directly or as an experienced, certified, supervisor/administrator of such persons), the prevention and detection of crime, and the apprehension of offenders, and specifically assigned duties and/or job description reflect said primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of crime; or
 - (b) Part-time/Temporary/Reserve/Auxiliary Law Enforcement Officer is defined as any person employed by any municipality or any political subdivision of the State of Tennessee whose primary responsibility is to support the full-time police officer in the prevention and detection of crime, apprehension of offenders, assisting in the prosecution of the offenders for appropriate remuneration in measure with specifically assigned duties and/or job description. Part-time officers will work no more than twenty (20) hours per week or a total of no more than one week or a total of no more than one hundred (100) hours per month for any agency or combination of agency. Any law enforcement officer who works in excess of the maximum hours as specified herein will be reclassified to a full-time status and must meet all requirements for standards/training as mandated under the law and Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission rules.

Provided however, in any situation where an officer is temporarily assigned for a period of one (1) month or less, to work more than twenty (20) hours per week or a total of more than one hundred (100) hours per month, such officer shall not be reclassified to a full-time status.
- (2) Commission. The Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, or employees acting on its behalf.
- (3) Sub-committee. A committee appointed by the Chairman of the Commission given the authority to act on matters pertaining to substitutions of basic and in-service training, in-service and basic curriculums, training officers, police pay supplement, and any other matters directed by the Commission.
- (4) Certification. A written statement issued by the Commission testifying to the accreditation of an approved school, instructor, or trainee.

(Rule 1110-01-.01, continued)

- (5) Curriculum. A program of study that will achieve the minimum standards requirements promulgated by the Commission.
- (6) Basic Law Enforcement Course is the minimum course of study and instruction required for certification of a law enforcement officer.
- (7) Advanced Course is a course of study of instruction resulting in the development of a high degree of proficiency and expertise in a particular area of professional endeavor recognized by the Commission.
- (8) Specialized Course is a course of study or instruction related to a specific law enforcement task.
- (9) In-service Course is a course of study or instruction designed to review and update an officer in law enforcement tasks commensurate with his present rank and responsibility.
- (10) An instructor is any person employed or selected to present a course of study or instruction.
- (11) A certified instructor is any instructor certified in accordance with these rules.
- (12) Approved School is any law enforcement training unit, academy, university or college, technical or trade school, or similar school recognized by the Commission.
- (13) Training Officer. Any certified law enforcement officer who meets the requirements of the Commission and who may develop, organize, implement, or supervise any course of study or instruction.
- (14) General Departmental Instructor. The training officer who is certified and designated as a General Departmental Instructor pursuant to POST Rule 1110-03-.04(3) and 1110-04-.03.
- (15) Special Deputy is defined within this section as any person who is assigned specific law enforcement functions as to the prevention and detection of crime and general laws of the state on a volunteer basis. Full-time certified law enforcement officers may serve as special deputies. Any law enforcement officer working on a volunteer basis shall receive no pay or benefits except for honorariums and may be utilized for an unlimited number of hours. Nothing in the rule will prevent a sheriff from providing a special deputy commission to someone who is a full time certified law enforcement officer.
- (16) Department (Law Enforcement Agency) is defined as any municipal, county, airport, or public safety agency employing law enforcement officers required to be certified under the minimum standards as outlined by the Tennessee Peace Officers Standards and Training.
- (17) Grandfather/Grandfathered is defined as any officer who was hired prior to July 1, 1970, and was certified as grandfathered. Such officers are eligible for salary supplement. Upon separation as a law enforcement officer, grandfather status is lost, except as provided by POST Rule 1110-02-.03(6)(c).
- (18) Exempt/Exempted is defined as any officer who was employed after July 1, 1970, but prior to July 1, 1982. These officers are not required to be certified and not entitled to salary supplement unless they meet preemployment requirements and either attend basic police training or substitute ten (10) years of experience and successfully attend the POST's three week transition school. See POST rule 1110-02-.03(6)(d).
- (19) Waiver of Rule is defined as "an exception" to rule granted by the POST Commission which meets the established criteria as set forth in Chapter 9 of POST rules.

(Rule 1110-01-.01, continued)

- (20) Break in Service is defined as, (1) any break in “full-time law enforcement employment”, including the mere changing of employers for uncertified officers. (Uncertified officers must obtain certification in order to be reemployed), and (2) any break in “full-time law enforcement service” for certified officers.
- (21) Paired with is defined as in the presence of a field training officer of other full time certified supervisory officer.
- (22) High School Diploma is a diploma issued to one meeting the curriculum, testing and attendance requirements at the time of graduation from high school. This does not include a transition certificate or individualized education program certificate.
- (23) “Equivalent of a High School Diploma” is a General Education Development (GED) diploma.

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