



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
Police Officer Standards and Training Council
Connecticut Police Academy

TO: Chiefs, Chief Law Enforcement Officers, All Training Officers, All Certified Law Enforcement Instructors Endorsed in Area 705 (Field Training Responsibility), and POSTC-approved Training Academies

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Certification Division

RE: **POST Council Certification Division Advisory 2013-01**

Field Training Officer Candidate Requirements and Change in the Field Training Officer Course – Qualification Record Form (POSTC-58).

It has come to the attention of the Certification Division that Police Officers seeking to become POSTC-approved Field Training Officers are attending the required field training officer thirty-two (32) hour minimum course sponsored by our certified instructors, without meeting the three (3) years of **certified police service** as required by the Council. The Council has recently ruled on an appeal that the FTO candidate must first wait until three years of *certified police service* is satisfied before attending the FTO course or face a remedial repeat of the course once the three years of certified police service is finally met.

According to the FTO instructors, the officers have been submitting the Field Training Officer Course – Qualification Records to attend the various training course(s) which are signed by the department's Chief or the Chief's designee, so the FTO candidate is allowed to attend. The deficiency (ies) is usually detected by the Certification Division, when processing the FTO candidates in the Certification database.

To prevent this from recurring in future FTO courses, the Certification Division has published a revised Field Training Officer Course – Qualification Record form (POSTC-58) which now includes a space to include the date of police officer certification (which is found on the individual officer's POST ID Certification card). This form is located in our website www.ct.gov/post under Certification Forms and Documents and should be used effective immediately. If the date of certification is in doubt, we encourage the FTO instructor to verify this date by inspecting the officer's POST ID card.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (203) 427-2606 or William.Klein@ct.gov