



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
MUNICIPAL POLICE TRAINING COUNCIL
CONNECTICUT POLICE ACADEMY



GENERAL NOTICE 88-05

TO: Chief Executive Officers
Law Enforcement Units

FROM: Craig Appel *CA*
Executive Director

DATE: May 2, 1988

SUBJECT: Revocation of Police Officer Certification
Felony Convictions
Notice to the Council

Over the years, the Municipal Police Training Council's enabling legislation has been amended to incorporate additional powers or authority. One such amendment empowered the Council to cancel or revoke the certification of a police officer who has been convicted of a felony. Specifically, Section 7-294d(c)(2)(C) of the Connecticut General Statutes states that the "Council may cancel or revoke any [police officer] certification if: ... (C) the holder has been convicted of a felony." Under Subsection (D) of the above section, "Whenever the Council believes there is a reasonable basis for cancellation or revocation of the certification of a police officer ... it shall give an adequate opportunity for a hearing prior to such cancellation or revocation." The Council placed itself on record in 1985, and again in April, 1988 that it would actively pursue revocation proceedings against any certificate holder who has been convicted of a felony.

As the chief executive officer of your law enforcement unit, the Council needs your cooperation. If any former, or present member of your police force has been convicted of a felony, and that person is a holder of a police officer certificate, you must, effective immediately, bring to the attention of the Council the name of such officer. Such notification should be in the form of a letter addressed to the attention of the Executive Director, Municipal Police Training Council.

Upon receiving information that a holder of a certificate has been convicted of a felony, the Council or its staff, shall conduct a preliminary inquiry to determine if probable cause exists to

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warrant revocation of certification. If in the opinion of the Council, or its staff, sufficient probable cause exists to warrant the revocation of the holder's certificate, the holder shall be placed on notice that the Council is instituting proceedings to revoke the certificate. The Council will conduct a review of court records in addition to any notification supplied by a law enforcement unit. Such convictions are violations of state statutes pertaining to certification which require certificate holders to demonstrate compliance with all certification requirements.

The holder of the certificate shall be instructed to either surrender his certification or request; in writing; a hearing before the Council. Adequate due process will be afforded to each individual who is affected by this General Notice.

Your letter of notification should include the officer's full name, date of birth, date of appointment as a police officer and home address, if known. Details of the arrest or circumstances leading up to the arrest are not required at the initial notification stage. However, you should include, in addition to the material outlined above, the felony conviction charges and the date of the felony conviction.

Kindly send all of the above information to the:

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