

Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Possible Amendment to Rules Governing Peace Officers, *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 6700; Revisor's ID Number 4641

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST Board) requests comments on its plans to amend *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 6700.

The purpose of this major rules overhaul is to simplify language, reorganize rules to make it easier to find information, remove unnecessary requirements, provide for better administration of the rules, clarify unclear passages and to update the rules in the entire chapter. The POST Board anticipates focusing on rules regarding initial licensing and renewal requirements; continuing education; peace officer misconduct reporting requirements and complaints; authority and scope to impose licensing sanctions; certification and procedural requirements for schools; and curriculum and training.

The POST Board is seeking comments and suggestions for any changes in the rules administered by the Board (*Minnesota Rules*, chapter 6700).

Persons Affected. The amendments to the rules would likely affect:

- Licensed peace officers and applicants for licensure
- Law enforcement agencies
- Chief law enforcement officers
- Schools offering or intending to offer professional peace officer education
- Providers and sponsors of continuing education classes for peace officers
- Prospective and current students interested in qualifying for licensure
- Members of the public served by licensed peace officers

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 626.843 authorizes the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training to adopt rules with respect to matters consistent with the Board's regulatory authority identified in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 626.84 to 626.863.

Advisory Committee. The POST Board plans to appoint an advisory committee to assist in the review of current rules and in development of new or amended rules. The advisory committee will include representatives from the community, law enforcement professionals, schools, and other parties affected by or interested in rules administered by the POST Board. To learn more about the advisory committee or to apply for the advisory committee, contact Rebecca Gaspard at 651-201-7781 or rebecca.w.gaspard@state.mn.us. Applications to serve on the advisory committee are due by 4:30 p.m. on September 4, 2020.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or suggestions for changes in the current rules in writing until 4:30 p.m. on September 4, 2020. The POST Board will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments.

Rules Drafts. The POST Board has not yet drafted the possible rules amendments, and does not anticipate that a draft of the rules will be available before the completion of the Advisory Committee's work and the publication of the proposed rules.

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Rebecca Gaspard, Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST Board), 1600 University Avenue, Suite 200, St. Paul, MN 55104, 651-201-7781, or rebecca.w.gaspard@state.mn.us.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: July 24, 2020

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Peace Officer Standards and Training Board

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