

In-Service Reporting Requirement Changes

As a result of the 2021 legislative session, starting July 1, 2021, (the beginning of the 2022 Inservice reporting year) there will be new requirements regarding the required annual training to maintain a peace officer certification.

Training Requirement

To maintain certification, each officer must satisfy the three criteria of annual training:

1. A minimum 40 hours of overall training.
2. Within the 40 hours of training, a minimum of 16 hours in the topics of: De-Escalation; Arrest Control; and Crisis Intervention/Mental Health.
 - All three topics must be covered.
3. Completion of Autism training (the Autism training may satisfy the Crisis Intervention/Mental Health category)

As a result of House Bill 162, Utah Code Ann. § 53-6-202 now provides that, “Standards for the training shall be determined by each law enforcement agency or department and approved by the director or designee.” To satisfy the director approval requirement, Utah POST will provide course descriptions for the specific topics listed above (similar to a college course catalog) to assist agencies in locating qualified courses. These course descriptions will provide guidance as agencies create an annual in-service training schedule.

Reporting Requirement

The agency will report to POST electronically through the POST portal all training divided into the following categories:

1. De-Escalation
2. Arrest Control
3. Crisis Intervention/Mental Health
4. Autism
5. Agency directed (any topic not specified in above categories)

As directed by Section 53-6-202, training will be reported using the above summary categories and are to be reported in an hourly breakdown for the 16-hour annual requirement.

It is recommended that each agency report training year-round when it is completed to reduce the workload of year-end reporting in July.