

74-5607a. Certification for full-time and part-time law enforcement officers; annual training; provisional certificate. (a) The commission shall not issue a certification as a full-time police officer or law enforcement officer unless such officer has been awarded a certificate attesting to satisfactory completion of a full-time officer basic course of accredited instruction at the training center or at a certified state or local law enforcement training school or has been awarded such a certificate for not less than the number of hours of instruction required by the Kansas law enforcement training act at the time such certificate was issued or received a permanent appointment as a full-time police officer or law enforcement officer prior to July 1, 1969, or was appointed a railroad policeman pursuant to K.S.A. 66-524, and amendments thereto, on or before January 1, 1982. No person shall receive certification as a part-time police officer or law enforcement officer unless such officer has been awarded a certificate attesting to the satisfactory completion of a part-time officer basic course of instruction in law enforcement at the training center or at a certified state or local law enforcement training school.

(b) Beginning the second year after certification, every full-time police officer or law enforcement officer shall complete annually 40 hours of continuing law enforcement education or training in subjects relating directly to law enforcement. Failure to complete such training shall be grounds for suspension of a certificate issued under the Kansas law enforcement training act until such training is completed, except that the commission may stay any such suspension upon a showing of hardship upon the employing law enforcement agency. The commission, in consultation with the director of police training, shall adopt rules and regulations regarding such education or training. Such education or training may include procedures for law enforcement to follow when responding to an allegation of stalking. Every city, county and state agency shall send to the director certified reports of the completion of such education or training. The commission shall maintain a record of the reports in the central registry.

(c) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d):

(1) Any person who is appointed or elected as a police officer or law enforcement officer and who does not hold a certificate as required by subsection (a) may be issued a provisional certificate for a period of one year. The commission may extend the one-year period for the provisional certificate if in the commission's determination the extension would not constitute an intentional avoidance of the requirements of subsection (a). If a person's provisional certificate expires or is revoked, the person shall not be issued another provisional certificate within one year of the expiration or revocation. A provisional certificate shall be revoked upon dismissal from any basic training program authorized by K.S.A. 74-5604a, and amendments thereto. A provisional certificate may be revoked upon voluntary withdrawal from any basic training program authorized by K.S.A. 74-5604a, and amendments thereto.

(2) Any police officer or law enforcement officer who does not complete the education or training required by subsection (b) by the date such education or training is required to have been completed shall be subject to revocation or suspension of certification and loss of the officer's office or position.

(d) The commission may extend, waive or modify the annual continuing education requirement, when it is shown that the failure to comply with the requirements of subsection (a) or (b) was not due to the intentional avoidance of the law.

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