

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON POLICE OFFICER STANDARDS  
IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Alaska Police Standards Council proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 13 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with basic police standards and certification of police officers.

The Alaska Police Standards Council proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 13 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the basic standards, permanent employment, and certification of police officers, and APSC reciprocity and personnel reports and training records, including the following:

13 AAC 85.010 is proposed to be changed to update and clarify basic standards, establish a requirement for police officer applicants to pass a psychological exam prior to being hired.

13 AAC 85.020 is proposed to be changed to update and clarify requirements for permanent employment as a police officer.

13 AAC 85.040 is proposed to be changed to bring certification standards in-line and current with national model standards.

13 AAC 85.050 is proposed to be changed to increase the minimum required hours and identify specific required courses of instruction to be taught at the basic police officer academy.

13 AAC 85.060 is proposed to be changed to specify and standardize curriculum for APSC approved reciprocity police training academies.

13 AAC 85.090 is proposed to be changed to require departments to notify APSC of alleged misconduct by an officer if the alleged misconduct may be cause for revocation under 13 AAC 85.110.

13 AAC 85.100 is proposed to be changed for update and clarification.

13 AAC 85.110 is proposed to be changed to allow for exigent use of a prescription medication not prescribed to that person.

13 AAC 85.120 is proposed to be changed to require attendance at a

recertification (refresher academy) if a person has been separated from service as a police officer for between 2 and 4 years, and requires attendance at a full basic police officer training academy if a person has been separated from service as a police officer for five years or longer.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Alaska Police Standards Council at P.O. Box 111200, Juneau, AK 99811. Additionally, the Alaska Police Standards Council will accept comments by facsimile at 907-465-3263 and by electronic mail at [wendy.menze@alaska.gov](mailto:wendy.menze@alaska.gov). Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link. All comments must be received no later than 4:00 pm on April 1, 2016.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Sarah Hieb at [sarah.hieb@alaska.gov](mailto:sarah.hieb@alaska.gov) or P.O. Box 111200, Juneau, AK 99811. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Alaska Police Standards Council will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and response available the Alaska Police Standards Council website <http://www.dps.alaska.gov/apsc> and on the Alaska Online Public Notice System. The Alaska Police Standards Council may, but is not required to, answer written questions received after the 10-day cut-off date and before the end of the comment period.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Wendy Menze at 907-465-4378 no later than March 11, 2016 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System, posted on the Alaska Police Standards Council website <http://www.dps.alaska.gov/apsc> and by contacting Wendy Menze at 907-465-4378, [wendy.menze@alaska.gov](mailto:wendy.menze@alaska.gov) or P.O. Box 111200, Juneau, AK 99811.

After the public comment period ends, the Alaska Police Standards Council will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of

the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.**

**Statutory Authority:** AS 18.65.220

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 18.65.240; AS 18.65.230; AS 18.65.270

**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

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