



July 2015 Newsletter

**Director's Message**

Here it is the middle of July and time for a second POST Newsletter. I hope that you found the information in the last newsletter to be pertinent to the jobs you do every day.

The POST staff continues to work on our new website and we are still on track to be up and running in early August. Part of the new website will be our new POST logo. Hopefully this will be the last newsletter with the current logo.

All of the POST Subject Matter Expert committees and the POST Board met on June 12<sup>th</sup> for the second quarter meeting of 2015. Four board members left their board positions as of July 1, 2015. Those members were Mr. Ronald Beckham - Public Member, Sheriff Shayne Heap - Elbert County, Sheriff Kirk Taylor - Pueblo County, and Investigator Gilbert Perales - Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Attorney General Coffman thanked each of these members publicly for their commitment to the POST Board. Three SME Committee members departed their committees and were also recognized for their service. They were Sergeant David Blatner - Curriculum & Firearms (Colorado State Patrol), Investigator John Tucker - Arrest Control, (Weld County Sheriff's Office), and Deputy John Foechterle - Firearms (Montrose County Sheriff's Office). I'll go into more Board Meeting information later.

Again, please let me know how we are doing. We appreciate your emails and telephone calls.

Cory Amend  
POST Director



## **June POST Board Meeting Recap**

A good portion of the meeting was spent discussing new legislation that pertains to POST. Our staff is working to meet the mandate of adding four more lay members to the Board. A large email group of non-profit, charitable and community groups was created and sent the POST Board online application. By using this method we received over twenty diverse applications for the lay member positions. A small subcommittee has been created and will review all of the applications the last week in July, with a final decision expected by early August.

## **Peace Officer Training Grants**

Thank you again to our grant review subcommittee members for their input as to the allocation of grant funding for fiscal year 2015-2016. The committee's recommendations were presented at the June Board meeting and \$3.98 million dollars were approved with \$2.38 million in continuing education grants and \$1.59 million in-service training grant funds. For more information relating to POST grants please contact:

Becky Calomino, Grant Manager, 720-508-6737      becky.calomino@state.co.us  
Stefanie Mackey, Grant Coordinator, 720-508-6718 stefanie.mackey@state.co.us

## **Subject Matter Expert Committees**

POST is routinely looking to recruit SME members on to each of the 4 SME committees; curriculum, firearms, driving and arrest control. Please encourage those individuals that may have an interest in one of these committees and their agency's support. Information about the SME committees can be found at: [http://www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov/departments/criminal\\_justice/post\\_board/sme\\_committees](http://www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov/departments/criminal_justice/post_board/sme_committees).

For more information relating to SME committees or Basic Academy Curriculum please contact:

Compliance Investigator Cristine Mack, 720-508-6731      Cristine.Mack@state.co.us



### In-Service Training

Fiscal year 2015-2016 has begun and with it comes the opportunity for agencies to receive in-service funds to assist with their training needs. In-Service grant funds can be used to purchase equipment, online subscriptions, training supplies, etc., but remember, the funds can only be used for the training of ***certified peace officers***, full-time, part-time or reserve. Please contact Robert Baker to obtain an application or if your agency has any questions about In-Service Training.

Robert Baker, In-Service Training Manager, 720-508-6719 or robert.a.baker@state.co.us

### Marijuana Training

As of July 1, the Marijuana Team (consisting of only 4 people) has conducted 122 marijuana trainings for police officers and trained 2,677 police officers statewide. Colorado is divided into ten distinct training regions and the marijuana team has conducted training in every region. Please contact our office if your agency would like to host a future training.

The SRO marijuana curriculum has been distributed to our SRO review committee and revisions to the curriculum are taking place. This first-time curriculum will be distributed to the SROs and in the classroom by the time students return to school in the fall.

Colorado State Patrol has completed over 100 oral fluid tests across the state and more oral fluid testing devices have been ordered. Each troop has been equipped with each of the five different devices for testing oral fluids. Colorado State Patrol is now capable of conducting over 2000 oral fluid tests statewide in the detection of DUI and DUID drivers. For questions please contact:

Marijuana Program Coordinator Carolyn Berry, 720-508-6725 or Carolyn.Berry@state.co.us

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Sylvia Mathews Burwell