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Peace Officer Standards and Training

March 16, 2020

To All Test Out Participants

RE: March 17, 2020 Test Out

Dear Test Out Participants:

As we are all aware, the COVID-19 pandemic is rapidly evolving in Colorado. We expect the number of cases in Colorado to rapidly increase as community transmission becomes more prevalent. States of Emergency have now been declared at the federal, state, and local levels. The situation progressed rapidly over the weekend, with all ski resorts in the state being closed by executive order, numerous law enforcement agencies changing response protocols and canceling in-service training to limit exposure potentials, and the CDC issuing much more restrictive recommendations. One of these recommendations discouraged events of any size when they could not be carried out in adherence to guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations and social distancing. The health, safety and well-being of our participants, Subject Matter Experts, POST staff, and their respective families is paramount.

After careful and deliberate consideration, we have made the difficult decision to suspend all POST in person training and testing, effective 1700 hrs on Monday, March 16, 2020. This means the Test Out scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020, is cancelled.

POST will evaluate adding an additional Test Out later in the year to make up for this one. Provisional applicants may apply for an extension of their Provisional Certification, if needed. Renewal applicants will still not be able to work in a peace officer capacity until they have successfully completed the Test Out process.

> Sincerely, FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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