

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN POLICE, PROBATION, PAROLE, CORRECTIONS,
AND MUNICIPAL CORRECTIONS OFFICER STANDARDS IN THE REGULATIONS OF
THE ALASKA POLICE STANDARDS COUNCIL

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Alaska Police Standards Council proposes to adopt regulation changes in the Title 13 of the Alaska Administrative Code dealing with the basic standards for instructor, academy, and course certification and updating to reflect recent statutory mandates.

Pursuant to the authority in AS 18.65.220 (1) & (2), the Alaska Police Standards Council proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 13 of the Alaska Administrative Code, dealing with the consolidation of training program certification and training instructor certification programs; implementation of training mandated by the legislature, inclusion of pretrial services officers in the definition of probation officers, and minor administrative corrections, including the following:

- (1) 13 AAC 85.050 and 060, 13 AAC 87.060, 13 AAC 87.080, and 13 AAC 89.040 are proposed to be changed to include disability awareness training for police, corrections, probation/parole, municipal corrections, and village police officers in compliance with changes in AS 18.65.220 made by the legislature in *Chapter 8 SLA 17*
- (2) 13 AAC 85.900 is proposed to be changed to include pretrial services officers in the regulatory definition of probation officers, mandated by legislative enactment of AS 33.07 in *Chapter 36, SLA 2016*
- (3) 13 AAC 87.010 and 020 are proposed to be changed to reconcile and consolidate police, corrections, municipal corrections probation and parole officer training program certification into one program certification for law enforcement training; this allows the repeal of 13 AAC 87.050 and 13 AAC 87.075.
- (4) 13 AAC 85.230 and 235 are proposed to be changed to conform to new language mandated by changes made in item (3).
- (5) 13 AAC 87.040 is proposed to be changed to reconcile and consolidate police, corrections probation and parole, and general instructor certification programs into one "Law Enforcement Instructor" certification program, allowing the repeal of 13 AAC 87.070 and 13 AAC 87.085.

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 Wendy Menze 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. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, by accessing this notice on the system and using the "comment" link. The comments must be received no later than 4:29 pm on August 31, 2017.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Sarah Hieb at 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.state.ak.us/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 August 11, 2017 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 and by contacting Wendy Menze at 907-465-4378, 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(1 thru 4)

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 18.65.220, 230, 240, 248, & 290

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

DATE: June 27, 2017



Executive Director