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Commission Procedure H-1 Definitions

Purpose

- 1-1.** This Commission procedure sets forth definitions pertaining to the Reserve Officer Program which are not included in Commission Regulation [1001](#).
- 1-2. Definitions.** For purposes of clarifying Penal Code section [832.6](#), and establishing uniformity in implementing and conducting the POST Reserve Officer Program, the following definitions apply:
- (a) "A Level I reserve" refers to a trained reserve officer as described in Penal Code section 832.6 (a)(1), and who is assigned specific police functions whether or not working alone [830.6 (a)(1)] OR to the prevention and detection of crime and the general enforcement of the laws of this state [830.6 (a)(2)] whether or not working alone.
 - (1) The authority of a "non-designated" Level I reserve shall extend only for the duration of assignment to specific police functions, as provided by Penal Code section 830.6 (a)(1).
 - (2) The authority of a "designated" Level I reserve, assigned to the prevention and detection of crime and the general enforcement of the laws of this state, shall include the full powers and duties of a peace officer as provided by Penal Code section 830.1. A Level I reserve is "designated" by authority of a city ordinance or a county resolution [Penal Code section 830.6 (a)(2)].
 - (b) "A Level II reserve" refers to a trained reserve officer as described in Penal Code section 832.6 (a)(2), who works under the immediate supervision of a peace officer who has completed the basic training course for deputy sheriffs and police officers prescribed by the Commission, and is assigned to the prevention and detection of crime and the general enforcement of the laws of this State.
 - (c) "A Level III reserve" refers to a trained reserve officer as described in Penal Code section 832.6 (a)(3), who is supervised in the accessible vicinity by a Level I reserve officer or a full time regular peace officer employed by a law enforcement agency authorized to have reserves and deployed in limited support duties not requiring general law enforcement powers in their routine performance. Those limited support duties shall include traffic control, security at parades and sporting events, report taking, evidence transportation, parking enforcement, and other duties that are not likely to result in physical arrests. Level III reserve officers may transport prisoners without immediate supervision.
 - (d) "Exempted reserve" means a reserve peace officer appointed prior to January 1, 1979 for whom training requirements of Penal Code section 832.6 have been waived by the appointing authority by reason of the reserve officer's prior training and experience.
 - (e) "Immediate supervision for Level II reserves" means the reserve officer acts under the direction of a peace officer who has completed the basic training course for deputy sheriffs and police officers prescribed by the Commission, and is routinely in the physical proximity of and available to the reserve officer; however, allowance is permitted for necessary temporary separations.

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- (f) "Prevention and detection of crime and the general enforcement of laws" refers to the peace officer authority of a Level I or Level II reserve officer assigned to investigate crime, or patrol a geographic area, and personally handle the full range of requests for police services, and take enforcement action on the full range of law violations for which the reserve's department has enforcement responsibility.

- (g) "Working alone" refers to a qualified Level I reserve officer who works without immediate supervision and makes independent decisions. Two qualified Level I reserves, or a qualified Level I reserve and a regular officer, are not precluded from working together.

Historical Note:

Procedure H-1 was adopted and incorporated by reference into Commission Regulation 1007 on July 15, 1982, and subsequently amended June 15, 1990, February 22, 1996, September 12, 1998, and July 1, 1999.

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Commission Procedure H-3 Reserve Officer Training

Purpose

- 3-1.** This Commission procedure sets forth the minimum training standards for reserve officers, explains exemptions, and the application of previous training as a method of meeting standards.

Training Standard

- 3-2. Reserve Officer Minimum Training Standards:** Reserve officers are required to complete minimum training prior to assignment of peace officer duties. Past and current minimum training standards are as follows:

MINIMUM HOUR REQUIREMENTS

7-15-82 thru 6-30-86	Module A - 40 hours Module B - 40 hours Module C - 120 hours Field Training - 200 hours
7-01-86 thru 6-30-88	Module A - 56 hours Module B - 40 hours Module C - 120 hours Field Training - 200 hours
7-01-88 thru 6-30-92	Module A - 56 hours Module B - 90 hours Module C - 68 hours Field Training - 200 hours
7-01-92 thru 12-30-95	Module A - 64 hours Module B - 90 hours Module C - 68 hours Field Training - 200 hours
1-01-96 thru 1-02-97	Module A - 64 hours Module B - 90 hours Module C - 68 hours Module D - 442 hours Field Training - 200 hours
1-01-96 thru 6-30-99	Module A - 64 hours Module B - 90 hours Module C - 68 hours Module D - 442 hours

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7-01-99 thru 1-18-07	Level III Module - 162 hours PC 832 - 64 hours* Level III - 98 hours Level II Module - 228 hours Level I Module - 340 hours Field Training - 400 hours
1-19-07 thru 6-30-08	Level III Module - 162 hours Level II Module - 228 hours Level I Module - 340 hours Field Training - 400 hours
7-01-08 thru present	Module III - 144 hours Module II - 189 hours Module I - 394 hours Field Training - 400 hours

MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Level	Course(s)
Level III Reserve appointed prior to 7-1-99	Module A
Level III Reserve appointed between 7-1-99 and 6-30-08	Level III Module
Level III Reserve appointed on or after 7-01-08	Module III
Level II Reserve appointed prior to 7-1-99	Modules A and B
Level II Reserve appointed between 7-1-99 and 12-31-99	The Level III and Level II Modules
Level II Reserve appointed between 1-1-00 and 6-30-00	Modules A and B or the Level III and Level II Modules
Level II Reserve appointed between 7-1-00 and 6-30-08	The Level III and Level II Modules
Level II Reserve appointed on or after 7-1-08	Modules III and II
Non-designated Level I Reserve appointed on or before 1-1-97	Modules A, B, and C plus field training
Designated and non-designated Level I Reserve appointed between 1-2-97 and 6-30-99	Regular Basic Course**
Designated and non-designated Level I Reserve appointed on or after 7-1-99	Regular Basic Course** plus field training
Designated Level I Reserve	Regular Basic Course**

* Module A and PC 832 are the same course.
 ** or equivalent (Reg. 1008 & Procedure D-1)

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3-3. Exemption to Minimum Training: The Commission has established the following exemptions to the reserve peace officer training requirements:

- (a) Any reserve peace officers appointed prior to January 1, 1979, may be exempted by the appointing authority from Level I or Level II training requirements. (See Penal Code section [832.6](#), Stats. 1977 C.987)
 - (1) **Transfer of Exemption:** Any reserve peace officer appointed prior to January 1, 1979, and exempted by the appointing authority from the minimum training standards for Level I or Level II reserve peace officers, cannot after that date be appointed to either of these levels by another law enforcement department, unless the reserve peace officer has been awarded the POST Reserve Officer Certificate or has met the training requirements for the appropriate level of reserve peace officer assignment on or before the date of the person's appointment as a reserve peace officer by the subsequent appointing law enforcement agency.
 - (2) **Changing Exemption Designation:** Each reserve officer appointed prior to January 1, 1979, and exempted from training requirements should be designated to a specific reserve officer level by the appointing authority. This level designation may be changed by the appointing authority irrespective of the January 1, 1979, operative date of Penal Code Section 832.6. Level I reserve officers exempted from training requirements (whom the appointing authority may wish to be designated to have full powers of a peace officer as provided by Penal Code section 830.1, effective January 1, 1981) must have been issued the POST Reserve Officer Certificate prior to that date.
- (b) To be eligible to exercise full powers and duties of a peace officer as provided by Penal Code section 830.1 [Reference Penal Code section 832.6(b)], any reserve peace officer appointed prior to January 1, 1981, who has not satisfactorily met the Commission's training requirements of the Regular Basic Course ([PAM Section D-1-3](#)) and has been determined by the appointing authority to be qualified to perform general law enforcement duties by reason of the person's training and experience, must have been issued the Reserve Officer Certificate prior to January 1, 1981.
- (c) Between January 1, 1981, and January 1, 1984, the minimum 200 hours of non-designated Level I Reserve Peace Officer Training may also be fulfilled by satisfactory completion of any POST-certified reserve training course(s) of 200 or more hours and 200 hours of structured field training, provided the reserve peace officer's department head attests that all requirements of Modules A, B and C have been met. (During this period, completion of less than 200 hours of POST-certified Reserve Peace Officer Training, that includes Modules A and B, shall in addition require completion of a POST-certified Module C Course to meet the minimum training standards for non-designated Level I reserves.)
- (d) A reserve peace officer who has previously satisfied the training requirements specified in H-3-2 above, and who has served as a Level I or II reserve peace officer, shall be deemed to remain qualified in POST minimum reserve training requirements if the reserve peace officer accepts a new appointment at the same or lower level within three years of the date of last service as a Level I or II reserve peace officer [see Regulation [1007\(a\)](#)].

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A Level I or II reserve peace officer who has more than a three-year break in service shall satisfy current training requirements. [Penal Code section 832.6(a)(5)]

Training Documentation

3-4. Training Files and Records: Departments shall document reserve officer training and experience by establishing and maintaining files and procedures which are similar to those used for regular officer training.

Historical Note:

Procedure H-3 was adopted and incorporated by reference into Commission Regulation 1007 on July 15, 1982, and subsequently amended February 14, 1987, June 15, 1990, July 1, 1992, February 22, 1996, September 12, 1998, July 1, 1999, January 1, 2000, March 10, 2000, March 24, 2000, August 18, 2001, April 10, 2002, September 21, 2005, January 19, 2007, and July 1, 2008.

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