The Rhode Island Police Officers Commission on Standards and Training (POST) establishes rules, regulations, policies and standards for the certification and training of municipal and state criminal justice personnel; maintains records of law enforcement training; and serves as a resource to municipalities and the state to improve the quality of law enforcement, pursuant to Chapter 42-28.2 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

On September 18, 2013, the POST unanimously approved two resolutions.

The first resolution benefits graduates of previous Providence Police Department and Rhode Island State Police Department police academies, and involves the implementation of a "Provisional Police Officer Certification" policy. This policy allows a Rhode Island POST-certified law enforcement agency to hire an officer of the Providence Police Department or Rhode Island State Police who is retired in good standing after a full application process and a review of the specific police academy curriculum that the officer completed. Officers will be allowed six (6) months to complete any training deemed necessary by the Rhode Island Municipal Police Training Academy to achieve full certification. During that time period, officers will be allowed to work at the discretion of the sponsoring agency.

The second resolution pertains to the certification of the Providence Police Department's newly developed police academy curriculum. From this point forward, all graduates of the Providence Police Academy will be considered fully POST-certified.
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