

**Rule Caption:**

OAR change adds annual ethics training as maintenance for certification for all public safety officers.

**Draft OAR Language:**

The following revised language for OAR 259-008-0025, 259-008-0064, 259-008-0065 and 259-008-0066 contains recommended additions (**bold and underlined**) and deletions (~~strikethrough text~~). For ease of review, only the relevant portion of the revised text draft is included.

In addition to proposed rule language for police, telecommunicator, emergency medical dispatcher and part-time parole and probation officer maintenance training, proposed rule language has been included in 259-008-0025 (Minimum Standards for Training) with the intention to show that the recommended annual ethics training is for all disciplines since corrections, parole and probation and regulatory specialists do not currently have a certification maintenance requirement.

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**259-008-0025**

**Minimum Standards for Training**

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**(9) Annual Ethics Training. It is recommended that public safety professionals complete a minimum of one hour of ethics training annually.**

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**259-008-0064**

**Maintenance of Certification for Telecommunicators and Emergency Medical Dispatchers**

(1) Basic Certification:

(a) All certified telecommunicators must complete 12 hours of maintenance training annually, regardless of whether they are employed as a telecommunicator.

(b) All certified emergency medical dispatchers must complete four (4) hours of maintenance training annually, regardless of whether they are employed as an emergency medical dispatcher.

(c) The maintenance training cycle begins on July 1st each year and ends on June 30th the following year.

**(d) It is recommended that telecommunicators and emergency medical dispatchers complete a minimum of one hour of ethics training annually. The ethics training may be used to meet the annual maintenance training requirements.**

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## **259-008-0065**

### **Maintenance of Certification For Active Police Officers**

(1)(a) The Board is responsible for setting the standards for active police officer training and the maintenance of certification. The Department is required to uphold those standards, while each agency determines what training will be provided to meet the standards.

(b) It is recommended that agencies provide training time and training opportunities to enable the active police officer to meet the required maintenance training hours.

(2) In order to maintain certification:

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(c) All active police officers must complete a total of at least eighty-four (84) hours of agency approved training every three (3) years. The eighty-four (84) hours will include:

(A)(i) Eight (8) CORE hours of training annually, from either the "Firearms" or "Use of Force" subject areas:

(ii) This training must be reported to the Department as twenty-four (24) hours of CORE training, once every three years.

(B)(i) Active police officers who hold a Supervision, Mid-Management or Executive certification, must complete at least twenty-four (24) hours of agency approved Leadership/Professional training, every three years:

(ii) This training must be reported to the Department as twenty-four (24) hours of agency approved Leadership/Professional training, once every three (3) years.

(C)(i) In addition to the CORE (A)(i) (required of all officers) and Leadership/Professional (B)(i) training hours (only required of officers with Supervision Certification and above), the remaining hours must be completed from the category of "General Law Enforcement" training in the recommended, but not limited to, subject

areas of Law and Legal, Ethics and Communication, Investigations, Survival Skills, Child Abuse, Sex Abuse, and Elder Abuse:

(ii) These remaining training hours must be reported to the Department as "General Law Enforcement" training, once every three (3) years.

**(iii) It is recommended that police officers complete a minimum of one hour of ethics training annually. The ethics training may be used to meet the maintenance training requirements.**

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**259-008-0066**

### **Maintenance of Certification for Part-time Parole and Probation Officers**

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(2) In order to maintain certification, part-time parole and probation officers must complete at least 20 hours of maintenance training annually. The content of the training is determined by the agency head of the employing agency.

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**(d) It is recommended that part-time parole and probation officers complete a minimum of one hour of ethics training annually. The ethics training may be used to meet the annual maintenance training requirements.**

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