

BULLETIN

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To all Authorized Employers:

Re: Temporary Weapons Re-qualification Extension and Training Suspension

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 as per the direction of the Alberta Health Officer, many peace officer training and re-certification sessions have been cancelled or postponed.

The following outlines key decisions and impacts at this time:

Weapons Re-Certification:

To ensure that peace officers are able to maintain their safety in the field, the Director of Law Enforcement has issued a temporary extension of re-certification timelines for baton and OC spray.

- Weapons certification expiring during the COVID-19 health emergency is extended to September 30, 2020;
- All authorized employers shall ensure that their peace officers review the province's use of force model and internal policies to refresh; and
- Authorized employers shall keep internal records of the informal training.

Please note that this extension will expire on September 30, 2020 unless otherwise specified.

Community Peace Officer Induction Program (CPOIP):

Last week, the JSG Training Academy suspended training and postponed the scheduled CPOIP. A bulletin will be released when new dates are determined.

Transition Training:

At this time, it is unclear if or how the transition training will be impacted by the current COVID-19 health emergency. The Program will continue to monitor this for possible impacts.

We appreciate your assistance in ensuring peace officers remain safe and healthy during the current health emergency. If you have questions, please contact the Peace Officer Program at peaceofficerinfo@gov.ab.ca or poprogram@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

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