



**PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING (POST)  
CODE OF ETHICS, DECERTIFICATION, CODE OF CONDUCT  
AND OTHER LEGISLATION**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ POST ID # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**All law enforcement officers need to be aware of these rules and statutes. Losing your POST certification, driver's license privileges, or ability to be legally armed will affect your eligibility to perform in a law enforcement profession.**

**CODE OF ETHICS/STANDARDS OF CONDUCT  
IDAPA 11.11.01.064**

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve the community; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all and will behave in a manner that does not bring discredit to me or to my agency. I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, political beliefs, aspirations, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and the relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of law enforcement service. I will never engage in acts of corruption or bribery, nor will I condone such acts by other law enforcement officers. I will cooperate with all legally authorized agencies and their representatives in the pursuit of justice.

I know that I alone am responsible for my own standard of professional performance and will take every reasonable opportunity to enhance and improve my level of knowledge and competence. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself with sincere and unfaltering commitment to my chosen profession...law enforcement.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSION DECERTIFICATION  
IDAHO CODE 19-5109(3)**

The Council shall decertify any officer who is convicted of any felony or offense which would be a felony if committed in this state. The Council may decertify any officer who:

- (a) is convicted of any misdemeanor;
- (b) willfully or otherwise falsifies or omits any information to obtain any certified status; or
- (c) violates any of the standards of conduct as established by the council's code of ethics, as adopted and amended by the council.

**ADDITIONAL CAUSE FOR DECERTIFICATION**  
IDAPA 11.11.01.091.04

**POST Council’s Code of Ethics, Additional Cause for Decertification.** In addition to decertifying officers for violating the POST Council’s Code of Ethics, the Council may also decertify any officer who engages in any of the following conduct which shall be considered a violation of the POST Council’s Code of Ethics and standards of professional conduct:

- a. Engages in criminal conduct whether charged or not.
- b. Consumes alcoholic beverages on duty, except as necessary for the lawful performance of duties.
- c. Illegal or unlawful harassment or intimidation of another.
- d. Lying or falsifying official written or verbal communications.
- e. Engages in inappropriate sexual conduct while on duty.
- f. Engages in an inappropriate relationship, sexual or otherwise, with a person who the officer knows or should have known is a victim, witness, defendant, or informant in an ongoing investigation or adjudication.
- g. Acts of corruption or bribery.
- h. Unauthorized use or unlawful conversion of the property, equipment, or funds of his agency.
- i. Intentional and unauthorized disclosure of confidential information or information that may compromise an official investigation.
- j. Failure to report being charged with a felony or misdemeanor within five (5) business days.
- k. Refusal to respond or failure to respond truthfully to questions asked in relation to an investigation or legal proceeding.

**OTHER LEGISLATION**

**LAUTENBERG AMENDMENT TO THE GUN CONTROL ACT OF 1968**

The Lautenberg Amendment prohibits a person from possession of a firearm who has been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence that involves the use or attempted use of physical force, or the threatened use of a deadly weapon against the victim, and which is committed by a current or former spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim, a person with whom the victim shares a child; a person with whom the victim has cohabitated or is cohabitating as a spouse, parent, or guardian; or a person “similarly situated” to a spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim.

**FAMILY LAW LICENSE SUSPENSIONS**  
IDAHO CODE 7-1403

The Family Law License Suspension Act, passed by the Idaho Legislature in 1996, allows for the suspension of a license if the licensee has a delinquency in child support payments, has failed to obey a subpoena in a paternity or child support proceeding, or has substantially failed to comply with an order providing for visitation with a minor child. Pursuant to this law, driver’s licenses and POST certificates may be suspended.

**I certify that I have read and understand the above code of ethics, law enforcement profession decertification, code of conduct and other legislation. I also understand that any violation listed above could result in decertification.**

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Signature of Applicant

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Date