

# IDAHO PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING PROCEDURE

## 12.08 MEDIA RELEASES

### A. General

This procedure supplements ISP procedure [02.05 Media Relations and Digital Outreach](#), governing POST's responses to media and community inquiries. POST coordinates media releases with the ISP Communications Director and PIO as appropriate.

### B. POST Public Information Officers

1. POST's public information officer (PIO) for media and community inquiries regarding POST's rules, procedures, operations and training practices is the deputy administrator; employees contacted by the media on these topics refer the inquiry to the deputy administrator.
2. POST's PIO for media and community inquiries regarding budget, policy, legislative or statewide issues is the administrator; employees contacted by the media on these topics refer the inquiry to the administrator.

### C. Approval of POST Employee Publications

1. POST recognizes employees' first amendment right to speak freely in publishing personal opinions and information.
2. Articles or opinions written by POST employees intended to officially represent the practices or endorsements of the POST division or ISP must be reviewed and approved by the administrator before submittal for publication.