

STATE OF NEVADA  
COMMISSION on  
PEACE OFFICERS' STANDARDS and TRAINING



Legislative Study  
Elder Abuse



# The Nevada Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training

## Mission Statement

To Develop and Deliver Professional Training, Ensuring That  
All Peace Officers and Their Agencies Comply with  
Established Statutes and Regulations

## Vision Statement

To Continually Raise Professional Standards and Training  
Excellence for All Nevada Peace Officers

## Philosophy Statement

POST is Committed to the Principles of **Professionalism**,  
**Integrity** and **Leadership** in Attaining the Highest Standards for  
Public Safety as the Cornerstone of a Free and Safe Society

# The POST Commission

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# History of POST

In 1965, the 53rd session of the Nevada State Legislature passed Assembly Bill 390 which established a five member Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training. The commissioners were appointed by the governor and the commission placed under the Attorney General's Office. The bill declared the purpose of POST; "...to raise the level of competence of state and local law enforcement officers by adopting rules, establishing minimum standards relating to the physical, mental and moral fitness, which shall govern the recruitment of a city, county or state agency employing peace officers." This was the beginning of what POST has become today. In 1969, it became the POST Committee under the Crime Commission and in 1981 it was move to the Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety. In 1999 the Commission became a stand alone agency under the Office of the Governor and in 2005 the commission expanded to its' present size of nine commissioners.

Throughout the years there have been many changes effecting criminal justice agencies in Nevada. In 1987 peace officers were placed in three categories. Category I encompass general law enforcement officers, Category II for specialized limited enforcement duties and Category III correction and confinement officers. Also in 1987 POST established the 24 hour annual continuing education requirement for all categories of peace officer. Over the years reciprocity with other states has made it easier to certify officers wishing to transfer to Nevada, and the maximum number of months that an officer can be out of law enforcement before attendance at an academy is mandatory was changed from 24 to 60 months.

In recent years POST has automated peace officer records to improve record keeping and access to those records. The move to one building in the Stewart Facility and upgrade of the classroom has improved staff and student effectiveness tremendously. The POST staff continues to explore better ways to serve the criminal justice community. Currently POST maintains over 16,000 peace officer records, 141 criminal justice agencies and 37 basic training programs statewide.

During this biennium, POST will build an emergency vehicle operation course facility in Carson City; complete a much needed job task analysis/physical fitness test validation study; provide online training for all Nevada peace officers at no cost to them; and, has added a professional development bureau to the POST organization to continue to raise the standard for law enforcement in the state.

## **Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training**

The Commission on POST is a regulatory agency under the Governors Boards and Commission. This agency has several responsibilities:

- Training and certification of peace officers;
- Maintaining over 16,000 peace officer records;
- Ensuring law enforcement agency compliance with the requirements in the Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Codes;
- Audits and compliance of annual continuing education requirements of all peace officers;
- Certification of Basic Academy Programs and advanced training programs;
- Audits and compliance of all Basic Training and continuing education programs certified by the Commission;
- Rule making process through the Commission of all deletions, revisions and additions of the Nevada Administrative Code and Nevada Revised Statutes;
- Suspension of all training programs and course not in compliance;
- Suspension and revocation of peace officer Basic Certification as outlined in Nevada Administrative Code and Nevada Revised Statutes;
- Establish statewide minimum standards for certification as a peace officer.

## **POST Cliental**

The Commission on POST serves the people of Nevada by ensuring that the entire law enforcement community (including tribal) who has sworn personnel serving as full time and part time peace officers perform their duties to the highest standards and conform to the requirements outlined in the Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Codes in the execution of their duties.

## **Elder Abuse and related crimes against the elderly**

### **Basic training:**

Statewide there are 16 basic training providers with 37 certified basic training programs involving Categories I, II, III, Reserve, Category II to I upgrade and In-Lieu Reciprocity

The Nevada Administrative codes (NAC 289.140 thru 289.200) establish the minimum training standards for Category I, II, III, and Reserve peace officers. In 1999 the Commission amended regulations to include Elder Abuse, Stalking and Aggravated Stalking as mandatory training requirements for basic academies. In 2006 the POST Commission adopted regulation that require all academy training programs to include the state wide minimum performance objectives developed by POST for each required topic, inclusive of Elder Abuse and related topics. For all peace officers except Category III, the following classes that relate to Elder Abuse and related crimes are mandatory:

- Abuse of Elderly Person

Related areas mandatory (*which contains topics such as financial crimes; identify theft, credit card fraud and related offenses*):

- Crimes Against Persons
- Crimes Against Property
- Miscellaneous Crimes
- Domestic Violence and Stalking

**Category III** peace officer mandatory related topic(s):

- Stalking and Aggravated Stalking

### **POST Certified Continuing Education Opportunities for Elder Abuse and related topics**

There are currently 27 active courses certified by the Commission for continuing education credits addressing the issues Elder Abuse and other related crimes associated with or involving the elderly

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Provider</b>
	Abuse of Elderly and Vulnerable Adults	13	Law Enforcement Agency
	Credit Card Fraud	2	Crimeline E-Learning
	Document Authentication	2	Crimeline E-Learning
	Document ID & Deception	4	Back Up Corp E-Learning
	Domestic Violence – Best Practices	8	Law Enforcement Agency
	Domestic Violence & Stalking TPO	4	Law Enforcement Agency
	Domestic Violence / Sexual Assault Investigations	8	Law Enforcement Agency
	Domestic Violence /Sexual Assault Investigations	8	Law Enforcement Agency
	Domestic Violence Dynamics/Coord Community Response	7	Law Enforcement Agency
	Domestic Violence Instructor Course	36	Law Enforcement Agency
	Domestic Violence Investigations	4	Law Enforcement Agency
	Elder Abuse & Neglect	4	Law Enforcement Agency
	Emotionally Disturbed Persons	2	Back Up Corp E-Learning
	Financial Crimes Against Seniors	24	National White Collar Crime
	Financial Exploitation of Seniors	2	Crimeline E-Learning
	Financial Investigations Practical Skills	36	National White Collar Crime
	Financial Records Examination and Analysis	36	National White Collar Crime
	Fraud Against Seniors	2	Crimeline E-Learning
	Identity Theft – Recognition and Response	2	Crimeline E-Learning
	Identity Theft Investigations	16	Law Enforcement Agency
	Invest & Intervention of Family Domestic Violence	16	Law Enforcement Agency
	Investment Fraud	2	Crimeline E-Learning

	Lost Alzheimer's Disease Search Management	8	Law Enforcement Agency
	Medical Fraud	2	Crimeline E-Learning
	Responding to Elder Abuse & Mentally Disturbed Persons	8	Back Up Corp E-Learning
	Stalking / TPO Investigations	2.5	Law Enforcement Agency
	Violence Against Women Investigations	8	Law Enforcement Agency
<b>27</b>	<b>Total Courses</b>	<b>266.5</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>



**MANDATORY PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES  
ABUSE OF ELDERLY PERSONS**

<b>Title</b> Abuse of Elderly Persons/Fraud	<b>NAC Compliance Reference:</b> 289.140 (1m,n) Legal subjects 289.140 (2e,h) Procedures for patrol 289.140 (3a) Skills of officer 289.140 (4f) Investigation 289.150 (1l,m) Legal subjects 289.150 (2b,e) Procedures in the field 289.150 (3a) Techniques of interview 289.150 (4c) Investigation 289.170 (1l,m) Legal subjects 289.170 (2e) Procedures for patrol 289.200 (2d,11,18) In-Lieu
<b>Categories:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-Lieu <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> II to I Upgrade <input type="checkbox"/> III <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reserve	

### **Abuse of Elderly Persons/Fraud**

**Purpose:** To provide the peace officer with the information needed to understand his role and responsibilities in responding to elder abuse cases.

**Instructional Goal:** The goal of this instruction is to equip the student with a practical means for effectively responding to, and investigating of victims of elder abuse, neglect, isolation and exploitation.

**Student Performance Objectives:** Upon completion of this instruction, the student will be able to:

- Identify what constitutes elder abuse in the state of Nevada.
- Identify the four different categories of elder abuse as defined by NRS 200.5092
  - Abuse
  - Isolation
  - Exploitation
  - Neglect
- Explain the role the abuser takes in elder abuse cases.
- Explain the role the victim takes in elder abuse cases, and why.
- Identify the signs and symptoms of elder abuse.
- Define the role law enforcement takes once a report of elder abuse has been filed.
- Explain the various financial crimes against elderly persons.
- Identify who is immune for civil or criminal liability for making such reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of the elderly per NRS 200.5096.
- Define the terms listed in NRS 200.5092/Elder Abuse:

- a) Abuse
  - b) Exploitation
  - c) Neglect
  - d) Older person
  - e) Protective Services
- State who the mandated reporters are, along with time frames.
- State the various offenses involving caregivers.
- Recall the guidelines and techniques for interviewing victims, suspects and witnesses.
- Identify what evidence to collect and the proper protocol for collecting evidence in elder abuse cases.
- Identify various resources to assist the victim and how to make appropriate referrals.
- Identify the elements of forgery as it pertains to elder abuse contained in the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- Identify the elements of uttering a forged instrument contained in the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- Identify the elements of possessing a credit card without the owner's consent contained in the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- Identify the elements of possessing or receiving instruments or a bill contained in the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- Identify the elements of embezzlement contained in the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- Identify the elements of fraudulent use of a credit card contained in the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- Identify the elements of obtaining money, property, rent or labor by false pretenses contained in the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- Identify the elements of abuse and exploitation of the elderly according contained in the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- Demonstrate an understanding of how fraud related crimes are perpetrated and the current methods of operation of criminals.
- State the difference between counterfeit and altered credit cards.

**Related Areas of Instruction:** Communication, Interview and Interrogation, Domestic Violence, Stalking and Aggravated Stalking.

**Evaluation Methods:** This area of instruction will be evaluated by written examination over objectives.

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## Law Enforcement Online Training

- **HIGH-QUALITY GRAPHICS**
- **CRIMINALS TELL THEIR STORIES**
- **EXPERT INFORMATION & INSIGHT**
- **TESTS REINFORCE LEARNING**

Crimeline™ is the leader in development of online training programs that meet the urgent needs of law enforcement. Our systems and programs solve your online training issues. We are the answer to the multiple course creation, cost and system problems you'll encounter! Crimeline provides courses that are interactive, compelling and available 24 / 7. E-learning for police officers has never been this good and so accessible!

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## Key Course Topics:

Document Authentication

Identity Theft\*

Patrol Officers Guide to Terrorism

Fraud Against Seniors\*\*

Financial Exploitation of Seniors\*\*

Credit Card Fraud\*\*

Cybercrime\*

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Medical Fraud\*\*

Investment Fraud\*\*

\*Seniors Affect

\*\*Seniors Directly Targeted