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Agency Purpose

The mission of the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) is to develop, maintain, and enforce selection, education, and licensing standards. Established in 1978 by M.S. 626.84, the purpose of the POST Board is to regulate and enhance the profession of law enforcement throughout the state of Minnesota.

Core Functions

The POST Board's mission is implemented through the following core functions:

- ◆ administer license examinations;
- ◆ license peace officers and part-time peace officers;
- ◆ renew and restore peace officer and part-time peace officer licenses;
- ◆ manage a training reimbursement fund to law enforcement agencies;
- ◆ monitor compliance with standards of conduct;
- ◆ establish and maintain pre-service education curriculum;
- ◆ examine compliance of continuing education requirements; and
- ◆ perform other services as mandated by the legislature.

Operations

The POST Board meets four times yearly to review and set policies regarding minimum selection, education, and licensing standards within the parameters established by legislation. The POST Board licenses over 10,500 peace officers and part-time peace officers. Since the majority of these are employees of police departments and sheriff's offices, the POST Board also works closely with local units of government. As a regulatory agency, the POST Board's licensing system ensures law enforcement officers are well-trained and meet a high level of professional conduct.

Key Goals

- ◆ Review and promulgate changes to Minnesota Rules Chapter 6700 to ensure rules are consistent with policies and practices of the Board.
- ◆ Recertify twenty-three Professional Peace Officer Education (PPOE) programs emphasizing the evaluation of physical and psychological admissions standards and safety policies.
- ◆ Upgrade PPOE Coordinator materials to include a revised coordinator's manual, sign-off form and student exam application and new procedures for transcript checks.
- ◆ Examine technology alternatives to increase efficiency in administering exams and overall data collection, processing and storage.
- ◆ Enhance compliance among accredited sponsors by improving efficiency of the evaluation process.
- ◆ Provide oversight and management of the e-licensing system.

Key Measures

- ◆ License and renew 10,218 peace officers, 274 part-time peace officers, 1,154 inactive officer licenses and 98 inactive part-time officers.
- ◆ Conduct compliance reviews for 10% of the state's 471 law enforcement agencies.
- ◆ Recertify the Professional Peace Officer Education programs at 23 colleges and universities.
- ◆ Monitor Continuing Education providers.
- ◆ Monitor complaints of allegations of misconduct and Impartial Policing complaints.

At A Glance

The Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training licenses more than 10,500 peace officers and part-time peace officers. It also certifies 23 two- and four-year post-secondary institutions throughout the state that deliver the Professional Peace Officer Education programs.

Compared to the nation, Minnesota's licensing system is unique, as it requires all peace officers to obtain a post-secondary degree. Also, there is no state-level police training academy as in most other states.

Since 1978, the Minnesota POST Board's standards have been recognized as a model for many other states that have subsequently adopted similar systems.

Budget

The POST Board is funded through a special revenue account from a surcharge on certain criminal and traffic offenses. Although the law directs the state treasurer to credit 39% of the proceeds of the first \$25 of that surcharge to the Peace Officer Training Account, POST's budget cannot exceed the legislated base appropriation. Minnesota Statutes 171.20 Subdivision 4 (d) states certain non-DUI reinstatement fees are to be deposited in a special revenue account and are appropriated to POST for training reimbursements to local government. The FY 2009 budget from these sources is \$4.728 million and the agency resources are allocated as follows:

◆ Reimbursements to local governments:	\$3,159,000
◆ General operating costs:	\$1,169,000
◆ Reimbursements to local governments from non-DUI related Driver's License Reinstatements	\$ 400,000

The POST Board has 12 full-time employees.

Contact

For more information, contact the POST Board at (651) 643-3060.

The POST Board website at www.post.state.mn.us gives visitors convenient access to useful information about Minnesota's peace officer licensing system, news, updates, application forms, directories to board and staff, and links to other related information.

Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Governor Recomm.		Biennium 2010-11
	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
Miscellaneous Special Revenue					
Current Appropriation	4,271	4,328	4,328	4,328	8,656
Recommended	4,271	4,328	4,328	4,328	8,656
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2008-09					0.7%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	4,246	4,353	4,328	4,328	8,656
Statutory Appropriations					
Miscellaneous Special Revenue	452	400	400	400	800
Total	4,698	4,753	4,728	4,728	9,456
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	907	963	947	947	1,894
Other Operating Expenses	180	231	222	222	444
Local Assistance	3,611	3,559	3,559	3,559	7,118
Total	4,698	4,753	4,728	4,728	9,456
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Peace Officers Standards&Train	4,698	4,753	4,728	4,728	9,456
Total	4,698	4,753	4,728	4,728	9,456
 <u>Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)</u>					
	11.9	12.2	11.7	11.3	

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Agency Revenue Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Actual FY2008	Budgeted FY2009	Governor's Recomm. FY2010 FY2011		Biennium 2010-11
<u>Non Dedicated Revenue:</u>					
Departmental Earnings:					
General	474	536	536	536	1,072
Total Non-Dedicated Receipts	474	536	536	536	1,072
<u>Dedicated Receipts:</u>					
Total Dedicated Receipts	0	0	0	0	0
Agency Total Revenue					
	474	536	536	536	1,072