

CHAPTER 1
ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION
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501—1.1(80B) Definitions. In regards to the definitions as used in the rules of the law enforcement academy the following definitions apply, unless the context otherwise requires:

“*Academy*” refers to the Iowa law enforcement academy.

“*Academy council*” means the Iowa law enforcement academy council.

“*Act*” means the Iowa Administrative Procedure Act.

“*Applicant*” means all individuals seeking an entry level position as a law enforcement officer. This shall not include individuals who are being promoted within a department.

“*Certificate*” means the document issued to a law enforcement officer when documentation has established compliance with the minimum hiring standards and successful completion of the training requirements.

“*Certification*” means the issuing of a certificate to a law enforcement officer upon documentation that the officer has been employed and trained in compliance with the established minimum standards.

“*Change in status*” means leaving an agency for any reason, including termination, voluntary resignation, demotion, promotion, suspension, or any other change in position or title.

“*Contested case*” means a proceeding in which the legal rights of a party to continue to be certified as a law enforcement officer in the state of Iowa are determined by the council or its designee after an opportunity for an evidentiary hearing.

“*Continuing education*” means training approved by the Iowa law enforcement academy which is obtained by a certified Iowa law enforcement emergency care provider to maintain, improve, or expand relevant skills and knowledge and to satisfy renewal of certification requirements.

“*Convicted*” or “*conviction*” means a finding of guilt, a plea of guilty, a deferred judgment, a deferred or suspended sentence, and an adjudication of delinquency as a juvenile.

“*Council*” refers to the Iowa law enforcement academy council.

“*Director*” refers to the director of the Iowa law enforcement academy.

“*Employing agency*” means any state, county, or municipal government or governmental body that employs law enforcement officers.

“*Facilities approval application form*” means the form prepared by the Iowa law enforcement academy council to be utilized in an application for approval of a regional law enforcement training facility.

“*Facility*” means a jail as defined in 201—Chapter 50 or a temporary holding facility as defined in 201—Chapter 51.

“*Felony*” means a criminal offense classified as a felony in the jurisdiction in which it was committed.

“*Final selection process*” means that process by which the final applicant for a law enforcement position is selected. This process requires, minimally, that the person to be hired shall have successfully completed the mandated psychological testing.

“*General instructors*” means peace officers, jailers, jail administrators or public safety telecommunicators instructing in subjects relevant to their profession.

“*Good cause*” means termination of employment for any of the following reasons:

1. *Gross negligence*: Where the officer’s act or failure to act creates a danger or risk to persons, property, or to the efficient operation of the department, recognizable as a gross deviation from the standard of care that a reasonable officer would observe in a similar circumstance.

2. *Insubordination*: A refusal by an employee to comply with a rule or order where the rule or order was reasonably related to the orderly, efficient, or safe operation of the employer’s business and where the employee’s refusal to comply with the rule or order constitutes breach of duties.

3. *Incompetence or gross misconduct*: In determining what constitutes “incompetence or gross misconduct,” the council may take into account sources as practices generally followed in the profession,

current teaching at law enforcement training facilities and technical reports and literature relevant to the field of law enforcement.

“Initial certification” means the law enforcement certification granted to a law enforcement officer by the Iowa law enforcement academy council pursuant to 501—3.1(80B), 3.8(80B), or 3.9(80B), Iowa Administrative Code.

“Iowa law enforcement emergency care provider” or *“ILEECP”* means an individual who is certified by the academy as an Iowa peace officer, who has successfully completed an emergency medical care provider curriculum approved by the academy, and who is currently certified by the academy as an emergency medical care provider.

“Iowa law enforcement training program” means the law enforcement academy or a law enforcement training program approved by the council to conduct ILEECP emergency medical care training.

“Jail” means any place administered by the county sheriff and designed to hold inmates for as long as lawfully required but not to exceed one year pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 356 and 356A.

“Jail administrator” means the sheriff, sheriff’s designee, or the executive head of any agency operating a jail.

“Jailer” means any person involved in the booking or supervision of inmates or detainees and meeting the requirements of rules 201—50.10(356,356A) and 50.11(356,356A) or 201—51.8(356,356A) and 51.9(356,356A).

“Jailer training program” means a jailer in-service or basic training program.

“Law enforcement experience” means experience gained by a law enforcement officer whose primary job function is the enforcement of criminal laws and the prevention and detection of crime.

“Law enforcement officer” means an officer appointed by the director of the department of natural resources; an officer appointed by the director of the Iowa law enforcement academy and sworn in for the purposes of training; a member of a police force or other agency or department of the state, county, or city regularly employed as such and who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the criminal laws of this state; and all individuals, as determined by the council, who by the nature of their duties may be required to perform the duties of a peace officer.

“Nonstate agency” means all other agencies that are not state agencies.

“Party” means each person or agency named or admitted as a party properly seeking and entitled as of right to be admitted as a party.

“Person” means any individual, corporation or association covered by the Act other than an agency.

“Pleadings” means a protest, motion, answer, reply or other document filed in a contested case proceeding.

“Presiding officer” means an administrative law judge employed by the Iowa department of inspections and appeals or the full council or a three-member panel of the council.

“Proposed decision” means the presiding officer’s recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, decision, and order in a contested case in which the full council did not preside.

“Recommendation” means a request by an employing agency asking the council to revoke the certification of a past or present law enforcement officer.

“Regional facility director” means the administrative head or responsible official of the approved regional law enforcement training facility.

“Regional training facility” means an approved regional law enforcement training facility.

“Regular law enforcement officer” means those full-time or part-time officers who are subject to the Iowa law enforcement academy hiring, training, and certification requirements.

“Reserve peace officer” means a volunteer, nonregular, sworn member of a law enforcement agency who serves with or without compensation, has regular police powers while functioning as a law enforcement agency’s representative, and participates on a regular basis in the law enforcement agency’s activities including crime prevention and control, preservation of the peace, and enforcement of law.

“Respondent” means any individual who is charged in a complaint with violating the criteria of professional practices or the criteria of competent performance.

“*Revocation*” means the process by which the council withdraws an individual’s certification. A person remains under revocation until the time it can be demonstrated to the council that the grounds for revocation no longer exist and the officer’s certification is reinstated.

“*Salvage vehicle theft examination*” means a salvage vehicle theft examination conducted by a law enforcement officer pursuant to Iowa Code section 321.52(4)“c.”

“*Salvage vehicle theft examiner*” means a law enforcement officer certified by the Iowa law enforcement academy to conduct vehicle theft examinations pursuant to Iowa Code section 321.52(4)“c.”

“*Serious misconduct*” means improper or illegal actions taken by a law enforcement officer in connection with the officer’s official duties including but not limited to a conviction for a felony, fabrication of evidence, repeated use of excessive force, acceptance of a bribe, or the commission of fraud.

“*State agency*” means any department or division of state government which derives its primary funding from the state treasury.

“*Student*” means any individual enrolled in a training program and participating in the didactic or psychomotor portions.

“*Subject matter expert*” means those instructors responsible for a subject requiring a specialized academic degree, certification, licensure or experience.

“*Temporary holding facility*” means secure holding rooms or cells administered by a law enforcement agency where detainees may be held for a limited period of time, not to exceed 24 hours, and a reasonable time thereafter to arrange for transportation to an appropriate facility.

“*Training program director*” means the official responsible for a jailer training program.

“*Weapon*” shall mean any firearm, striking instrument or chemical agent authorized for use as a weapon by the hiring authority.

Unless otherwise specifically stated, the terms used in these rules promulgated by the council shall have the meaning defined by this chapter.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 80B.3, 80B.11, 80B.13, 80D.7 and 321.52.

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501—1.2(80B) Council established. The council and the academy were created by an Act of the Sixty-second General Assembly, now cited as Iowa Code chapter 80B. The general purposes for which the council and academy were established are:

1. To maximize training opportunities for law enforcement officers.
2. To coordinate training and to set standards for the law enforcement service, all of which are imperative to upgrading law enforcement to a professional status.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 80B.6.

501—1.3(80B) Administration. The administration of the Act creating the council and academy is vested in the office of the governor.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 80B.5.

501—1.4(80B) Council membership. The selection, appointment, and approval of members to the council are made as provided for in Iowa Code section 80B.6.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 80B.6.

501—1.5(80B) Council officers. The council shall select from its membership a chairperson and a vice chairperson each of whom shall serve for a term of one year and who may be reelected.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 80B.7.

501—1.6(80B) Meetings. The council shall meet as least once each quarter of each year and shall hold special meetings when called by the chairperson or, in the absence of the chairperson, by the vice chairperson, or by the chairperson upon written request of six members of the council.

1.6(1) Order of business. The meetings of the council shall be presided over by the chairperson or vice chairperson. Unless otherwise stipulated in these rules, Robert's Rules of Order are to be followed in conducting the business of the council.

1.6(2) Open meetings. All meetings are open to the public in accordance with the open meetings law, Iowa Code chapter 21. Members of the public may be recognized at the discretion of the chairperson.

1.6(3) Notice, minutes and agenda.

a. The director shall cause advance public notice of the time and place of each meeting in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.4.

b. The director shall cause minutes of all council meetings to be kept showing the time and place, the members present, and the action taken at each meeting. The minutes will constitute the official record of all actions by the council. Minutes of each meeting will be prepared and distributed to members of the council.

c. At least one week prior to the date of a regular meeting, the director shall prepare a tentative agenda for the next meeting of the council and shall cause the distribution of the tentative agenda to the council. At least one week prior to a regular meeting, a council member may submit an item to be included on the agenda. This agenda shall also list the date, time and place of the meeting.

1.6(4) Quorum and majority vote. A quorum shall consist of two-thirds of the currently appointed voting members of the council. Action of the council must be approved by a simple majority of the voting members present.

1.6(5) Information available. All records, minutes, manuals and other information pertaining to council action shall be kept at the academy. The information shall be open for inspection to the public during normal working hours.

1.6(6) Place of meetings. Meetings will normally be held at the Academy, Camp Dodge, Johnston, Iowa but may be held at a different location as determined by the council.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 80B.9.

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501—1.7(80B) Address of council. All submissions to or requests of the council shall be made through the office of the Director, Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, P.O. Box 130, Camp Dodge, Johnston, Iowa 50131.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 80B.9.

501—1.8(80B) Emergency action. In the event of an emergency requiring prompt action by the council, the director may, with the approval of the chairperson, telephonically poll members of the council concerning the needed action. The vote of each member should be recorded and the agreement of a majority of voting members shall constitute official action by the council. Such action must be ratified at the next scheduled meeting of the council and the minutes reflect the nature of the emergency.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 80B.13(2).

501—1.9(80B) Authority of council—operational standards. The authority of the council shall be as set forth in Iowa Code section 80B.13. The director shall, subject to the review of the council, promulgate operational standards relative to the operation of the academy.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 80B.13.

501—1.10(80B) Budget submitted to comptroller. The director, with the approval of the council, shall submit to the state comptroller, annually and in such form as required by Iowa Code chapter 8, estimates of its expenditure requirements. Estimates shall include the costs of administration, maintenance, and operation, and the cost of any proposed capital improvements or additional programs.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 80B.14.

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