

106-2-1. General definitions. Each of the following terms, as used in the commission’s regulations and the Kansas law enforcement training act, shall have the meaning specified in this regulation:

(a) “Applicant” means a person seeking certification as an officer.

(b) “Appointing authority” means a person or group of persons empowered by a statute, local ordinance, or other lawful authority to make human resource decisions that affect the employment of officers. A sheriff shall be deemed to be that individual’s own appointing authority.

(c) “Basic training course” means a curriculum of instruction that meets the training requirements for certification as an officer.

(d) “Criminal history record information” has the meaning specified for that term in K.S.A. 22-4701, and amendments thereto.

(e) “Legitimate law enforcement purpose” means a goal within the lawful authority of an officer that is to be achieved through methods or conduct condoned by the officer’s appointing authority.

(f) “Officer” means a “police officer” or “law enforcement officer,” as defined in K.S.A. 74-5602 and amendments thereto, who has been granted any certification by the commission.

(g) “Official document or official communication” means information created or transferred, in any medium, in the course of performing the duties of an officer required by law or by policies or procedures of an appointing authority or in response to an internal or criminal investigation conducted by a law enforcement agency or training school.

(h) “Other training authority” means an organization or individual with a curriculum of instruction and assessments in firearms or emergency vehicle operation that the director of police training has determined may provide training equivalent to instructor courses offered at the training center.

(i) “Public safety concern” means reason to believe that the health, safety, or welfare of the public at large would be adversely affected as a result of the reduced availability of law enforcement officers.

(j) “Trainee” means a person who is enrolled in a basic training course at a training school.

(k) “Training school” means a training organization operated by a law enforcement agency to provide basic training courses. This term shall include the training center. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-5603 and K.S.A. 74-5607; implementing K.S.A. 74-5603, K.S.A. 74-5604a, K.S.A. 74-5607, and K.S.A. 74-5616; effective, T-106-6-28-12, July 1, 2012; effective Oct. 12, 2012; amended July 29, 2022.)