

WASHINGTON STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION

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TO: Staff, Commissioners, Board Members, and Stakeholders

FROM: Sonja Hirsch, Rules Coordinator

SUBJECT: Public Hearing and Possible Permanent Action

The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) is recommending that WAC 139-05-205 be repealed.

One of the requirements for a person to be certified as a Washington State peace officer or tribal law enforcement officer is to complete the Basic Law Enforcement Academy or the Basic Law Enforcement Equivalency Academy. WAC 139-05-205 has historically been used to allow persons who are the heads of law enforcement agencies, with ten (10) or more commissioned law enforcement officers and who have requested an Administrative Exemption, to not be required to attend the Equivalency Academy. This action waives the training requirement, but does not allow the person exempted to enforce the laws of the state of Washington and does not authorize the exempt person to be a certified peace or tribal law enforcement officer. WAC 139-05-205 is in conflict with the certification requirements and is no longer necessary. WAC 139-03-030 allows an agency to request an exemption, waiver, extension, or variance from the rules set by the WSCJTC and is still available to be used for such purpose.

<u>Public Hearing and Action by the Commission</u>: The WSCJTC staff will present and entertain discussion on repealing WAC 139-05-205 at the Commission Meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

A **public hearing and action by the Commission** will take place at the Commission Meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at 10 AM.

Both meetings will be held at the Burien campus located at 19010 1st Avenue South, Burien, WA, in room E-154. All are welcome to attend and provide oral comments. If you would like to submit a written comment, send it to shirsch@cjtc.state.wa.us.

At the June 10 meeting, WSCJTC staff will request that the Commission repeal WAC 139-05-205. If approved, notice will be filed with the Code Reviser's Office and the WAC will be repealed 31 days after filing.