

## ADVANCED STATE CONSTABLES

- A. Except as otherwise stated in this policy, advanced state constables are subject to requirements and restrictions of the *Group III State Constable Policy* published by SLED.
- B. A violation of any provision of this policy will be investigated by SLED and is grounds for suspension or revocation of a state constable commission.
- C. Advanced State Constables are those persons who have been designated by SLED with the status of advanced state constable. No other persons may represent themselves as advanced state constables.
- D. For designation as an advanced state constable, the candidate must:
1. be in good standing with SLED and local law enforcement agencies,
  2. have been commissioned a basic state constable for at least one year,
  3. have completed 240 hours of duty time assisting local law enforcement agencies,
  4. have completed the advanced state constable training program published by SLED,
  5. have passed the required test administered by the SC Criminal Justice Academy, or
  6. any currently certified full-time law enforcement officer who leaves his/her position under honorable conditions, may within 12 months apply to become an advanced constable, or
  7. have been a former law enforcement officer who is eligible for immediate designation as an advanced state constable when he or she:
    - a. is honorably retired from a public law enforcement agency, except for reasons of disability,
    - b. is drawing retirement payments from a police retirement system,
    - c. has maintained a retired law enforcement or state constable commission,
    - d. has successfully completed required annual training while retired,
    - e. has successfully completed the required training as approved by the SC CJA.
- E. Advanced state constables may perform law enforcement activities:
1. during a period that such performance is specifically approved in writing by SLED,
  2. when tort liability and worker's compensation insurance coverage is in force,
  3. as directed by a chief of police or sheriff,
  4. under the supervision of and in proximate contact with a fulltime on-duty LEO,
  5. for which they have successfully completed training approved by the SC CJA, or
  6. during an imminent, urgent and continuing threat to public safety<sup>1[1]</sup>, or
  7. during an imminent and urgent threat to the safety of a police officer<sup>1</sup>.
- F. Advanced state constables must document at least 240 hours per year of duty time to law enforcement agencies. Duty time consists of:
1. routine patrol and response activities,

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<sup>1[1]</sup> See *State Constable Policy, Group III, SLED*  
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2. special events,
3. administrative duties at law enforcement agencies,
4. training attended with local agency law enforcement officers,
5. other training approved in advance by SLED,
6. annual training, and
7. commuting to and from duty

G. Actions taken by advanced state constables must be reasonable and prudent according to the circumstances, be in compliance with their training, with federal and other law governing such law enforcement actions and in compliance with SLED policy.

I. Except when engaged in approved activities, state constables are prohibited from interceding in traffic violations unless clear, compelling and articulable circumstances, as described in this policy, are present.

J. Advanced state constables who generate criminal charges must cooperate fully in the disposition of those charges, including cooperation as a witness and appearances before investigative bodies and courts.

K. Constables are authorized by SLED to participate in law enforcement agency activities only when certification is on file at SLED documenting tort liability insurance and worker's compensation coverage provided by the State and/or by the agency receiving the assistance, except under emergency circumstances as listed in Section A, above.

L. When on duty assisting a department, as approved by SLED, an advanced state constable is prohibited from conducting activities outside the territorial jurisdiction of the department he is assisting. Emergency circumstances encountered when commuting to and from such duty may be handled by the constable as detailed in the published SLED *State Constable Policy*.

M. State constables may not perform undercover work or make undercover purchases or perform law enforcement duties in civilian dress (plainclothes).

N. State constables may not accept payment for services. Constables may accept reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses.

**SECTION II: TRAINING**

A. To qualify for designation as an advanced state constable, the candidate must have successfully completed the training required at the time of their commissioning as a state constable and the advanced constable training program as detailed in this policy and must have passed the relevant test(s) administered by the SCCJA.

B. The advanced state constable training course consists of the following:

1. Diversity----- 5
2. Officer Survival ----- 3.5
3. Prisoner Control and Transportation ----- 2.5

4. Tactical Handcuffing -----	7
5. Use of Force -----	2.5
6. Shooting Decisions -----	3.5
7. Handling the Mentally Ill -----	1.5
8. Juvenile Procedures-----	3.5
9. Sexual Assault-----	4
10. Hazardous Materials -----	4
11. Child Abuse -----	3.5
12. Omnibus Adult Protection Act-----	2
13. Emergency Vehicle Operations-----	2
14. SLED Policy -----	2
Total Hours -----	46.5

B. Each constable wishing to complete such training is responsible for locating courses, attending such training, documenting such training to SLED as required, and arranging for and completing required testing at the SC Criminal Justice Academy.

C. Annual training must be successfully completed by each advanced state constable and must consist of a least the following:

1. Firearms Qualification
2. Legal Update
3. Criminal Domestic Violence Update
4. Blood borne Pathogen Update
5. SLED Policy Update

D. A constable may not submit to SLED evidence of training intended to meet advancement requirements unless such training course was approved in advance, in writing, by SLED.

E. Training intended to meet advancement and annual training requirements must be conducted by SCCJA-certified instructors who are approved to conduct the specific course.

F. Training intended to meet advancement and annual training requirements must be conducted using the designated written lesson plans provided by the SCCJA.

G. Advanced Constables must complete annual training and report results as required by SLED on or before July 1 of each calendar year.

### SECTION III: EQUIPMENT

A. Advanced state constables are not authorized to use weapons of any type, including devices known as TASERS and other similar devices by whatever name known, additional to the weapons approved in Section V of the published SLED *State Constable Policy*.

B. Use of equipment for which the constable has not received training sufficient to ensure knowledge of accurate, proper and lawful use is not approved by SLED.

#### SECTION IV: CREDENTIALS

A. Advanced state constables are authorized to carry and use only those credentials issued by SLED.

B. State constable credentials must be used in compliance with Section VI of the *State Constable Policy* published by SLED.

#### SECTION V: UNIFORM

A. Advanced state constables must adhere to uniform requirements published in Section VII of the SLED *State Constable Policy*, but are authorized to place on their uniform shirt a pin of a design approved by SLED which designates the wearer as an advanced state constable.

B. State constables may not wear any other uniform than that approved by SLED.

#### SECTION VI: REQUESTS FOR CONSTABLE ASSISTANCE

A. Assistance of advanced state constables must be requested of SLED as detailed in Section VIII of the *State Constable Policy* published by SLED.

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