

I do believe the occupational regulations overseeing the training, education, and certification of our law enforcement officers has been effective.

Our officers are taught the law that they are to enforce. They are taught the 4th, 5th, and 6th amendment rights provided in the U.S. Constitution. They are taught due process and probable cause. They are taught the necessary knowledge they need to have to be a knowledgeable, functional police officer.

Our officers are additionally taught the physical skills they need to acquire to be an effective police officer. They are trained to drive police vehicles in a wide variety of circumstances on the training center driving course. They are taught how to safely clear residences and commercial buildings of dangerous situations. They are certified with firearms on the shooting range, and are required to requalify annually. They are also required to take continuing education to continue their learning to help them as they grow in their career as a police officer.

The certification is the license that provides evidence to the officer and to the public that they have passed the curriculum and training required by the Police Standards Advisory Council, and that they are worthy of the public trust. They are to act as guardians of the citizens of their jurisdiction. Their certification allows them to do this.