



MASSACHUSETTS PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, the Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (the “Commission”) will conduct a public hearing to gather comments, ideas, and information concerning a proposed set of regulations, 555 CMR 8:00: *Databases and Dissemination of Information*.

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Summary of Proposed Regulations: The Massachusetts General Laws require the Commission to maintain a public database with certain forms of information concerning law enforcement officers, to publish various materials on its website, and to furnish certain records to members of the public upon request. At the same time, the General Laws direct the Commission to consider the health and safety of officers in developing its public database, require certain Commission information to be kept confidential, restrict the Commission and other state agencies from disclosing particular types of information, call for them to correct inaccurate records, and describe certain precautions they must take in maintaining data. The proposed regulations prescribe specific steps for the Commission to take in order to ensure that the Commission satisfies its obligations under these various laws, that critical information is made publicly available, and that non-disclosable and inaccurate information is treated appropriately.

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Availability of Proposed Regulations: The proposed regulations are available on the Commission’s website at: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/post-commission>. You may obtain a written copy by e-mailing a request to POSTC-comments@mass.gov or mailing a request to General Counsel Randall E. Ravitz, Massachusetts Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, 100 Cambridge Street, 14th Floor, Boston, MA 02114.

Hearing Details: The hearing will be held virtually, using the Zoom platform, on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All persons desiring to be heard on this matter should appear at that time. If you are interested in offering comments, you are encouraged, but not required, to pre-register by sending an email to POSTC-comments@mass.gov with a subject line stating, “Database and Dissemination Regulations.” To join via computer, click on the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/94604914089>. You may need to allow extra time to download Zoom. To join via telephone (audio only), dial 309-205-3325 and use the following conference ID: 946 0491 4089. Given the volume of comments anticipated, the Commission may limit a speaker’s time to five minutes. Attendees should dress and conduct themselves as if attending in person.

Submission of Comments: The submission of written comments or testimony in advance of the hearing is welcome and may be made by e-mail to POSTC-comments@mass.gov with a subject line stating, “Database and Dissemination Regulations” or by mail to General Counsel Randall E. Ravitz at the physical address listed above. Comments received after December 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. might not be considered.

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