

ESF 13 Law Enforcement

Kansas Personnel Qualifications

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Kansas Law Enforcement Resources Working Group *Commission on Emergency Planning and Response*

During the April 2011 meeting of the Kansas Law Enforcement Resources Working Group (KLERWG) there was discussion about law enforcement credentialing standards.

As a result of this discussion, the KLERWG developed the following standards:

- In order to have a blue “law enforcement” background badge- the holder must be a sworn or certified law enforcement officer fitting into one of the three law enforcement officer (LEO) “types” adopted by the KLERWG. Credentials issued will serve as commissioning cards and are required to have the following language on the back; “THE HOLDER OF THIS CARD IS A COMMISSIONED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND HAS STATUTORY POWERS OF ARREST AND IS AUTHORIZED TO CARRY A FIREARM”
- The three “types” adopted are:
 - Full Time Law Enforcement Officer- Includes those officers who are certified by Kansas Commission on Police Officer Standards and Training (KCPOST) as full-time law enforcement officers and those officers who are serving as full time law enforcement officers under a provisional certification pending completion of a basic training course.
 - Part Time Law Enforcement Officer- Includes those officers who have completed part-time certification as a law enforcement officer through KCPOST and perform less than 1,000 hours of law enforcement related work per year. Also included in this category are those officers who have been granted a provisional certification as a part-time officer pending completion of a part-time officer training course.
 - Auxiliary Officer- Includes all other sworn personnel that may respond to an incident such as uncertified reserve or auxiliary law enforcement officers, correctional officers, special deputies, process servers and other personnel who serve a sworn law enforcement support role but are not certified by KCPOST.
- Support personnel who are members of law enforcement agencies (e.g. non- sworn jailers, administration, dispatchers, etc) who are not sworn officers should be credentialed with badges displaying the grey “Government” background.

Private security personnel, even if contractors for public entities, should be credentialed with the brown “Private Industry” background. Private security should not be confused with law enforcement.

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Expertise	Definition
Full Time Law Enforcement Officer (KS_LEO)	Includes those officers who are certified by Kansas Commission on Police Officer Standards and Training (KCPOST) as full-time law enforcement officers and those officers who are serving as full time law enforcement officers under a provisional certification pending completion of a basic training course.
Part Time Law Enforcement Officer (KS_PT_LEO)	Includes those officers who have completed part-time certification as a law enforcement officer through KCPOST and perform less than 1,000 hours of law enforcement related work per year. Also included in this category are those officers who have been granted a provisional certification as a part-time officer pending completion of a part-time officer training course.
Auxiliary Officer (KS_AUX_LEO)	Includes all other sworn personnel that may respond to an incident such as uncertified reserve or auxiliary law enforcement officers, correctional officers, special deputies, process servers and other personnel who serve a sworn law enforcement support role but are not certified by KCPOST.
Arson / Explosive Investigator (LEARSON)	A Kansas certified arson investigator as defined in K.A.R. 22-19-2.
Crime Scene Technician / Investigator (LECSI)	Has completed advanced / specialized training in the preservation and collection of evidence at a crime scene (as determined by the authority having jurisdiction).
Crisis Negotiator (LENEGO)	Has completed advanced training in crisis negotiation to include basic concepts and techniques, abnormal psychology, assessment, crisis/suicide intervention, active listening skills, case studies, meaningful role-playing drills, and an incident management overview (as determined by the authority having jurisdiction).
Drug Recognition Expert (LEDRE)	Has been certified through the International Association of Chiefs of Police to recognize impairment in subjects under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol.

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Hazardous Devices Technician (LEHDT)	Requires current certification through the Federal Bureau of Investigation Hazardous Devices School as a Hazardous Devices Technician.
Assistant Hazardous Devices Technician (LEHTASST)	Has completed advanced training in field support of Hazardous Devices Technicians engaged in handling suspected and known explosive devices (as determined by the authority having jurisdiction).
Forensic Photographer (LEPHOTO)	Has completed advanced training in the collection of imagery at crime scenes and preservation of evidence for criminal prosecution (as determined by the authority having jurisdiction).
Forensic Technician / Scientist (LEFOREN)	Advanced training completed in the collection, identification, classification and analysis of physical evidence related to criminal investigations (as determined by the authority having jurisdiction).
Translator / Interpreter (LETRANS)	Able to communicate fluently and accurately translate a specific language (as determined by the authority having jurisdiction).