

Good afternoon,

I would like to begin by extending my sincere appreciation to the law enforcement agencies, Police Standards Advisory Council, and Governor's Office. We have unprecedented changes taking place at NLETC for which we are extremely grateful. We were approved for 7 additional instructors and pay adjustments to make our agency more competitive. These positions were posted in the middle of this month, and we have already begun interviewing candidates. Construction has begun at NLETC for the ARPA project. They are making great progress on the dirt work for the driving track extension to the South, as well as preparing ground for the new classrooms and tac house to the North. Thanks to your support we are seeing growth we have not witnessed in 20 years. Once we have the facilities in place and new staff on board, we will be able to increase the basic class size and conduct regional training sessions.

On Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Police Standards Advisory Council approved a change in the curriculum to the Physical Task. The changes were to some of the tasks themselves, but the change effecting your agencies are in the testing process.

I first briefed PSAC on the inconsistencies in task being tested and manner of testing in the academies earlier this year. Thanks to the Academy Director's from NLETC, NSP, Omaha PD, Lincoln PD and SDLEA we were able to identify the task being tested and present a manner of testing which would allow consistency, as well as autonomy for each academy. These academy Director's made themselves available on short notice and provided valuable feedback.

The changes will be of a direct effect.

1. The "Red Box" has been lowered from 60" to 50" in height. This is more consistent with the intent of "climb onto a loading dock".
2. NLETC has added a 5' chain link fence. The task addressed was "climb a 5' fence or wall". This fence has been added to the facility and will be tested as "Wall and/or Fence".
3. The majority of the task required (approx. 87%) were found to be tested or completed through daily training course in the academies. Those which are not will be the only ones required to be tested. This makes the list of Physical Task tested more along the lines of NLETC LEOPAT. However, if an academy has a prescribed method of utilizing a "testing day", they are not required to change. NLETC will be using the "short list".
4. If you are completing the physical task not covered in training through a testing day or PT, the students are allowed to wear PT gear. Previously this was all done in Full Duty Gear. This was changes due to many agencies not ordering equipment for potential officers until they were accepted into the academy. It was hard for an agency to get an honest assessment until they tested at the academy. Now you can pre-test elements at your agency knowing they will test the same way at the academy.

While the changes may be implemented fully by next basic at NLETC, please be patient while we add the new information to the website. NSP, Omaha PD, Lincoln PD, and SDLEA may make adjustments if and when they deem necessary.

I have had several discussions with our law enforcement leadership in Nebraska and have not forgotten Reciprocity adjustments are still a priority for you. I would like to assure you there have been initial discussion on a plan moving forward which would significantly decrease the time and complexity to complete that process. We are obtaining confirmation for some rule and regulation interpretations. This project is still at the forefront, and I will send out any progress at the sign of confirmation.

We have a few other initiatives in the works, so I hope to be sending more updates throughout the summer.

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