

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

In the Matter of:)	
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MODIFYING ARIZONA CODE OF)	Administrative Directive
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION)	No. 2020 - <u>07</u>
COURT SECURITY OFFICER)	
TRAINING REQUIREMENTS DUE TO)	
A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY)	
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Due to concern for the spread of COVID-19 in the general population, the Governor of the State of Arizona has declared a statewide emergency pursuant to A.R.S. § 26-303 and in accordance with A.R.S. § 26-301(15).

The Arizona Code of Judicial Administration contains numerous requirements. In Administrative Order No. 2020-45, the Chief Justice ordered that the Administrative Director “may suspend the requirements of any section of the Code of Judicial Administration if he determines that public health emergency measures significantly impair the ability to operate the program or the parties governed by that code section.”

Therefore, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2020-45,

IT IS DIRECTED that the following requirements are suspended or modified as follows:

ACJA § 5-304: Court Security Officer (CSO) Training and Certification:

1. The timeframe in ACJA § 5-304(E)(1) is extended to allow court-employed officers to attend and successfully complete the CSO Training Academy within 180 days of hire rather than 90 days.

ACJA § 5-306: Firearms:

1. During the public health emergency, a presiding judge may authorize an officer who has not completed the CSO Firearms Training Academy to be armed if:
 - a. The officer has been certified to be armed within the last 12 months by the Arizona Judicial Branch, Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (AZPOST), a peace officer certification body in another state, a law enforcement unit of the United States Armed Forces, a federal law enforcement agency; or

- b. Has a valid Armed Guard Card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety.
2. Prior to being authorized by a presiding judge to be armed during the public health emergency, the officer shall:
 - a. Complete instruction on ACJA § 5-305: Use of Force provided by a Certified Firearms Instructor; and
 - b. Successfully complete a shooting proficiency skills evaluation conducted by a Certified Firearms Instructor.
3. The officer shall complete the CSO Firearms Training Academy as soon as is practical after the public health emergency.
4. A new CSO who has not completed the CSO Training Academy required by ACJA § 5-304 because the course is not available during the public health emergency may attend the Firearms Training Academy after completing a course on ACJA § 5-305: Use of Force and de-escalation tactics that has been approved by the Director of the Education Services Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts and delivered by a Certified Firearms Instructor.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 2020.

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