

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
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AMENDING ARIZONA CODE OF) Administrative Order
JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION § 5-306:) No. 2022 - 137
FIREARMS)
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Proposed amendments to the above-captioned section of the Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (ACJA) came before the Arizona Judicial Council on October 27, 2022 and were approved and recommended for adoption.

Therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution,

IT IS ORDERED that the amendments to ACJA § 5-306 as indicated on the attached document are adopted. All other provisions of § 5-306 remain unchanged and in effect.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 2022.

ROBERT BRUTINEL
Chief Justice

ARIZONA CODE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION
Part 5: Court Operations
Chapter 3: Court Security
Section: 5-306: Firearms

A. – C. [No change]

D. Administration.

1. Responsibilities of the Director. The director shall:

- a. Approve uniform, standardized and statewide firearms training academies and annual re-qualification for officers.
- b. Approve the firearms and ammunition officers are authorized to use as their duty weapons.
- c. Approve all court security officer (CSO) certified firearms instructors (CFIs).

2. Responsibilities of the Presiding Judge.

a. and b. [No change]

c. The presiding judge shall document and certify on a form approved by the director, prior to granting authorization, that the officer has:

(1) – (4) [No change]

(5) Successfully completed the CSO Firearms Training Academy with the handgun intended for use, or meets the criteria required by (F)(1)(a) and (b).

(6) and (7) [No change]

d. [No change]

E. Required Firearm Training and Qualifications.

1. A ~~certified firearms instructor (CFI)~~ shall only use curriculum approved by the director to provide firearms training that meets the following minimum standards.

a. and b. [No change]

2. – 4. [No change]

F. Authorization of Armed Officers.

1. Upon completion of the ~~Court Security Officer~~ CSO Training Academy, and pursuant to approval by the presiding judge, an officer must complete the CSO Firearms Training Academy to become authorized to carry a firearm, ~~except 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, or a federal law enforcement agency, or the officer has a valid Armed Guard Card issued by the Arizona Department of Public Safety; and
 - b. The officer has:
 - (1) Completed instruction on ACJA § 5-305: Use of Force, provided by a CFI; and
 - (2) Successfully completed a shooting proficiency skills evaluation conducted by a CFI.
2. An officer authorized under (F)(1)(a) and (b) shall complete the CSO Firearms Training Academy as soon as is practical, but within 180 days of hire.
23. The CSO Firearms Training Academy, annual firearms practice, and annual shooting proficiency skills evaluation shall include curriculum approved by the director and be conducted by instructors approved by the director a CFI.
34. An officer wishing to maintain firearm authorization shall, each calendar year, attend The annual re-qualification for firearms authorization shall consist of at least eight hours of approved firearms practice conducted by a CFI approved by the director, and shall successfully complete completion of a shooting proficiency skills evaluation conducted by a CFI.

G. [No Change]

H. Handgun Authorization.

1. An officer granted authorization to carry a handgun shall acknowledge and sign an authorization document indicating the officer understands the terms and conditions contained in the code and any department policy regarding the use of handguns. The authorized officer shall agree to adhere to all state laws regarding the carrying and use of handguns. This includes all laws relating to the use of force.
2. [No change]

3. To maintain authorization to be armed, ~~A~~n officer granted authorization to carry a handgun shall successfully complete the annual re-qualification and participate in all required practice sessions.

4. [No Change]

I. – Q. [No change]