The Law Enforcement Merit System Council (Council) adopted rules relating to the removal of a candidate on an internal promotional eligibility list as used in R13-5-305 O.

This Substantive Policy Statement is advisory only. A Substantive Policy Statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedures of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that this Substantive Policy Statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties, you may petition the agency under Arizona Revised Statutes section 41-1033 for a review of the statement.

The purpose of this Substantive Policy Statement is to inform the general public and employees under jurisdiction of the Council, of the Council’s interpretation of the rule relating to eligibility and peace officer certification.

The Council reviewed the replacement of a candidate on an eligibility list who had originally been removed from a list as a result of discipline. At a later date the candidate received a retroactive temporary suspension of peace officer certification that ran concurrent with the suspension from the agency.

The Council determined that the loss of peace officer certification, including an order that is retroactive, constitutes a failure to maintain required qualifications as cited in R13-5-305 O.1., and is cause for removal from an internal list.

Approved and entered into the minutes on September 22, 2008.

Andrew Luck, Chair

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