

**15.560 Certificate of completion of training course required for appointment or retention as law enforcement telecommunicator -- Grandfather clause -- Annual in-service training course.**

- (1) No person shall receive an official appointment on a permanent basis as a law enforcement telecommunicator unless the person has previously been awarded a certificate by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council attesting to such person's satisfactory completion of a non-CJIS telecommunications academy. Every person who is employed after June 24, 2003, as a law enforcement telecommunicator by any law enforcement agency in this state, regardless of prior experience as a non-CJIS telecommunicator, shall forfeit his or her position as such unless, within twelve (12) months from the date of his or her employment, he or she satisfactorily completes the non-CJIS telecommunications academy and is awarded a certificate attesting thereto. The council shall waive the training requirements listed in this section for all law enforcement telecommunicators who are serving on July 15, 2006, and possess a certificate of completion of an approved law enforcement telecommunicator basic training program.
- (2) All non-CJIS telecommunicators, whether originally employed before or after July 15, 2006, shall successfully complete each calendar year an in-service training course, appropriate to their job assignment and responsibility, of eight (8) hours' duration at a school certified or recognized by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council. Each in-service training course shall include a mental health component which highlights post-traumatic stress disorder and work-induced stress, including symptom recognition, treatment, and available resources.
- (3) In the event of extenuating circumstances beyond the control of a non-CJIS telecommunicator that prevent completion of training within the time specified, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee may grant the non-CJIS telecommunicator an extension of time, not to exceed one hundred eighty (180) days, in which to complete the training.
- (4) A non-CJIS telecommunicator who fails to complete the training within a period of twelve (12) months and any extension of time granted under this section shall be terminated by the employing agency and shall not be permitted to serve as a telecommunicator with any governmental agency in the Commonwealth for a period of one (1) year.

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**Legislative Research Commission Note (7/14/2022).** 2022 Ky. Acts ch. 128, sec. 6, provides that the Act, which amended this statute, may be cited as the Lifeliner's Act.