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**TO:** Special Police Officers (SPOs) & Security Guards (SGs)

**FROM:** Lucy Lyles, Director, Certification and Compliance Units 

**RE:** E-Learning Training for Special Police and Security Guards

This is to advise that beginning October 1, 2025, E-Learning (via PoliceOne, Lexipol or other means) will no longer be accepted as part mandated training required for the Certification or Renewal of Certifications of Special Police and Security Guards. Any E learning, virtual or on-line based training must be instructor led.

If an Authorized Agency or Company has been using E learning courses they must now apply for Initial Training Programs (SPO minimum 80 hours) or In-service Training Programs (SPO minimum 12 hours) to cover mandated training requirements. For program approvals, the agency will need to provide an outline that identifies how they will:

1. Monitor attendance;
2. Ensure all objectives are met in a virtual environment; and
3. Confirm that each candidate is monitored while testing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to [lucy.lyles@maryland.gov](mailto:lucy.lyles@maryland.gov) or [joan.henard@maryland.gov](mailto:joan.henard@maryland.gov).