



# Memorandum

DCI

**To:** Law and Justice Interim Committee  
**From:** Bryan Lockerby, Administrator  
**CC:** Perry Johnson, POST Bureau Chief; Tony Harbaugh, POST Council Chairman  
**Date:** 9/10/2020  
**Re:** Sept 2020 status update regarding POST per MCA 2-15-2029

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*The 2019 Montana legislature passed HB684 which merged Public Safety Officers Standards and Training (POST) with the Montana Department of Justice, under the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI). The bill added POST as a Bureau to DCI with a two-year sunset and required regular updates to the Law and Justice Interim Committee.*

POST operations continue to function with little impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic and DCI still provides administrative support to operations. The sharing of legal resources between POST and the Gambling Control Division (GCD) has been beneficial in providing a seasoned attorney familiar with sanction and appeal processes. This relationship has proven to be efficient and effective, which is important and necessary due to the number of complaint allegations under review by the Council.

DCI has been anxious to provide support in the scanning of officer's records into digital image files from hard copy but this process has moved slower than desired. A formal MOU to protect an officer's personally identifiable information (PII) was required between DOJ and Print & Mail Services. Once the legal piece had been resolved, it was determined that a larger server was required for storage purposes. With the unfolding pandemic, JITSD technical resources were diverted to support teleworking for state employees and the project was put on hold. It is now underway again.

POST is in the process of purchasing a new vehicle to travel and conduct statewide investigations and is also proposing legislative bill drafts through DOJ for the 2021 session.

No other updates.