

## **Board Compromise on Missouri POST approved CEU courses**

After exploring the possibilities of getting future MACA mini- and annual training programs approved through Missouri Police Officers Standards of Training (POST) for continuing education credits, the MACA Board of Directors elects not to pursue POST certification at this time. To try to meet the needs of those general members who need POST approved CEUs, the Board will obtain the Missouri POST training program catalog and will select a few POST classes for future MACA training programs.

MACA President JT Taylor said he spoke with Gayla Kempker, as well as Jeremy Spratt, from the Missouri Department of Public Safety's POST Program. Previously, MACA has had two training identification numbers (programs) from 2003 and 2005, which contained nine individual POST approved classes. Changes to the Missouri POST program began in October 2016 and has resulted in the two IDs to be merged into one as a single CEU accredited program.

Certification Director Christine Portmann reported that while having MACA training classes approved by POST is beneficial to some of the association members, any POST approved class can be taught by any POST approved instructor. In short, someone other than MACA instructors could take a MACA class and teach it as part of other training venues. Taylor confirmed this was the situation and shared Portmann's concerns.

"It might be unlikely that someone would want to use MACA courses for training in another venue, but we have to protect the integrity of our certification academy and training programs," Taylor said.

Taylor said the Board might consider developing individual training classes in the future that would be POST approved, but not a whole program, such as the certification training program. In the meantime, the board will seek out classes which are already POST approved for inclusion in future Mini- and Annual training programs.

## **MACA Seeks Nominees for 2017 MACA Awards**

MACA Director James Donovan, chairman of the Awards Committee is currently seeking nominations for the John Rhodes Award, the Agency of the Year Award, the Animal Control Officer of the Year, and other annual award categories.

A complete list of the 2017 MACA Awards are available on the website. All nominations must be typed and submitted to the Board of Directors before August 1. Award nominees will be listed on the website and winners will be announced during the 2017 Awards Banquet.

## **MACA Board of Director's Meet**

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 10:00 AM at the Golden Corral in Columbia.

Agenda and prior meeting minutes available at [maca1.net](http://maca1.net)!