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**SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY**

CHAPTER 37

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 23-47-20(C)(15)

37-063. Requirement of Good Character

**Synopsis:**

S.C. Code §23-47-20(C)(15) authorizes the Law Enforcement Training Council to make regulations necessary for the training of telecommunication operators or dispatchers. The proposed addition to the regulation will require 911 operators to be persons of good character, which is consistent with S.C. Reg. 38-003 for law enforcement officers.

Notice of Drafting for the proposed amendments was published in the *State Register* on January 25, 2013.

Section-by-Section Discussion

37-063 This section is new and sets out the requirements for good character.

**Instructions:**

Add new regulation as shown below.

**Text:**

37-063. Requirement of Good Character.

A. Background Investigations.

Every agency who requests operator’s certification shall conduct a background investigation in accordance with guidelines issued by the Council.

B. Certification to the Council.

Every agency who requests operator’s certification shall certify to the Council that, in the opinion of the agency, the candidate is of good character and has not engaged in misconduct as defined in R.37-073. However, a finding of good character is subject to final approval by the Council.

C. Availability of Background Information.

Information obtained in any background investigation made in response to these regulations, shall be available, upon request, to the Academy and/or Council for its review and to any future prospective agency to assist them in a determination of an applicant’s good character for operator’s or law enforcement certification.

**Fiscal Impact Statement:**

There is no fiscal impact from this change.

**Statement of Rationale:**

Revisions to these regulations are necessary to require 911 operators to be persons of good character, which is consistent with S.C. Reg. 38-003 for law enforcement officers.