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**Office of the State Auditor Releases
A Performance Audit of
Police Officer Standards and Training**

Salt Lake City, UTAH –

The Office of the State Auditor (Office) today released its Performance Audit of Police Officer Standards and Training (POST). The audit includes five key findings:

- Discipline given out by POST Council for peace officer misconduct appears lenient when compared to other states.
- Peace officer dishonesty is not always reportable, but still undermines credibility and effectiveness.
- Law enforcement agencies failed to report some cases of misconduct to POST as required by law.
- Information regarding past officer discipline is not readily accessible to law enforcement agencies.
- POST expanded training to accommodate peace officer hiring needs.

In response to the report Auditor John Dougall stated, “Police officer misconduct tarnishes the reputation and credibility of all officers. Ensuring appropriate discipline strengthens the public’s confidence in our peace officers. I encourage the Legislature, POST Council and other interested parties to continue to work together to ensure the highest standards of behavior among Utah’s police officers.”

The report may be found on the Office’s website at auditor.utah.gov and specifically at: <https://reporting.auditor.utah.gov/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=0151K000003I9UWQAY> .

About the Office of the State Auditor

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Specific activities of the Office include performing financial audits, conducting Federal funds compliance audits, providing local government oversight, conducting agency and program

performance audits, performing fraud and compliance audits, and operating the State Auditor Hotline for citizens to report suspected financial issues or improprieties. These capabilities strengthen Utah State Government and help taxpayers have confidence in the integrity of Utah's government agencies.

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