



*Department of Public Safety Standards
and Training*

Private Security Certification/Licensure

*Joint Judiciary Committee
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Private Security Services Providers Act (181A.820 – 181A.995)

“... to promote consistent standards for private security services by improving the competence of private security providers, the board, in conjunction with the Private Security Policy Committee, shall establish reasonable minimum standards of physical, emotional, intellectual and moral fitness for private security providers.”

[ORS 181A.365]

Private Security Services:

Performance of at least one of the following activities:

- *Observing and reporting unlawful activity;*
- *Preventing or detecting theft or misappropriation of goods, money or other items of value;*
- *Protecting individuals or property, including but not limited to proprietary information, from harm or misappropriation;*
- *Controlling access to premises being protected or, with respect to a licensee of the OLCC, controlling access to premises at an entry to the premises or any portion of the premises where minors are prohibited;*
- *Securely moving prisoners;*
- *Taking enforcement action by detaining persons or placing persons under arrest under ORS 133.225; and*
- *Providing canine services for guarding premises or for detecting unlawful devices or substances.*



Constituency:

- Private Security Professionals:
 - **Unarmed Providers** (13,336)
 - **Armed Providers** (1,985)
 - **Alarm Monitors** (2,467)
- Private Security Managers:
 - **Supervisory Managers** (1,039)
 - **Executive Managers** (865)
- Private Security Instructors:
 - **Unarmed Instructor** (370)
 - **Alarm Monitor Instructor** (122)
 - **Armed Instructor** (47)

Minimum Standards:

Age:

- At least 18 (Unarmed/Supervisory)
- At least 21 (Armed/Instructors/Executive)

Education:

- High School Diploma/GED (or equivalent)
- 2- or 4-year Post-Secondary Degree

Minimum Standards:

Training:

- **Unarmed Professionals:**
 - 14-hour Basic Course (classroom/assessments)
- **Armed Professionals:**
 - 14-hour Unarmed Basic Course; and
 - 24-hour Armed Course
 - Open-book written exam;
 - Firearms Instruction Material;
 - Safe Gun Handling Test;
 - Marksmanship Qualifications; and
 - Annually: 4-hour refresher, includes safe gun handling and marksmanship qualifications

Minimum Standards:

Training:

- **Supervisory/Executive Managers:**
 - 14-hour Unarmed Basic Course; and
 - Manager Course (Delivered by DPSST)
- **Instructors**
 - 14-hour Unarmed Basic Course;
 - Instructor Course (Delivered by DPSST)
 - Armed Instructors are required to also complete 24-hour Basic Armed Course.

Minimum Standards:

Moral Fitness:

- All providers must be of good moral fitness as determined by a criminal background check, DPSST investigation or other sources;
 - **Mandatory Disqualifiers – Certain Criminal Convictions**
 - **Discretionary Disqualifiers – Violation of Core Values**
 - **Honesty;**
 - **Good Character;**
 - **Public Trust;**
 - **Fair Treatment of Others; and**
 - **Respect for the Laws of This State or Nation.**

Minimum Standards:

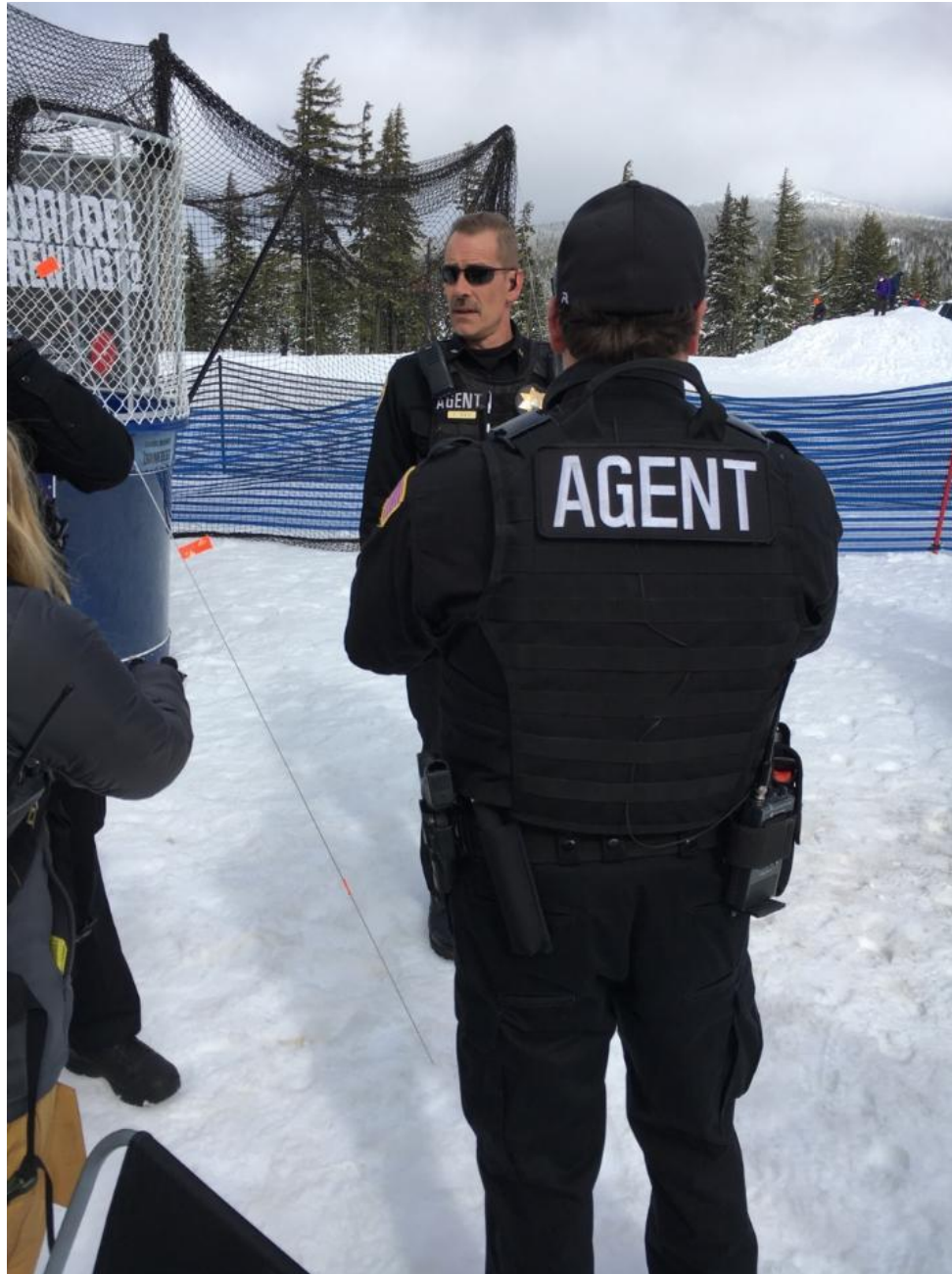
Emotional Fitness (armed only):

- **Must not have been found mentally ill in court of law or otherwise prohibited from purchasing, owning or possessing a firearm.**
- **Effective 6/23/17, DPSST can require medical evaluation if information received indicating a serious risk to public health and safety.**

Current Issues:

- **Establishment of emotional standards (pre-certification/maintenance) for armed providers**
- **Little oversight over companies employing/providing private security services**
- **Misuse/Misunderstanding/Misrepresentation of Authority**





Questions?

