

## **12 NCAC 10B .1102 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

(a) In order to be eligible for one or more of the service awards, a Deputy Sheriff, Detention Officer, Telecommunicator, or Sheriff shall first meet the following preliminary qualifications:

- (1) Be an elected or appointed sheriff or be a deputy sheriff, detention officer, or telecommunicator that holds a valid general or grandfather certification. An officer serving under a probationary certification is not eligible for consideration. Any justice officer subject to suspension or revocation proceedings or under investigation for possible decertification action by the Commission or the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission shall not be eligible for a service award for the pendency of the proceedings;
- (2) Be familiar with and subscribe to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics as promulgated by the International Association of Chiefs of Police or Telecommunicator Code of Ethics as published by APCO and NENA to include any subsequent editions or modifications thereto. A copy of either Code of Ethics may be obtained at no cost from the Sheriffs' Standards Division, North Carolina Department of Justice, Post Office Box 629, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602-0629; and
- (3) Also, employees of a North Carolina Sheriff's Office who have previously held certification, but are presently, by virtue of promotion or transfer, serving in positions not subject to certification are eligible to participate in the service award program. Eligibility for this exception requires continuous employment with a sheriff's office from the date of promotion or transfer from a certified position to the date of application for a service award as certified in writing by the Sheriff.

(b) Only experience as a full-time justice officer gained while holding certification through the Commission or while certified as a law enforcement officer through the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission or experience as an elected or appointed Sheriff shall be acceptable for consideration.

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