

GEORGIA SHERIFFS' CHAPLAINS' CERTIFICATION

Continuing Education Requisites

Effective December 2018

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RETAINING THE GEORGIA SHERIFFS' CHAPLAIN CERTIFICATION

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The Georgia Sheriffs' Association Chaplains' Division credentialing program provides the opportunity for chaplains to achieve and retain specific levels of certification and membership based on tenure and continuing education.

The Sheriff of the county in which the chaplain wishes to serve determines the chaplain's aptitude to serve members of the sheriff's office based on specific requirements stated in the *Georgia Sheriffs' Chaplains' Certification* application. To become a *Georgia Sheriffs' Certified Chaplain*, the chaplain must complete the: (1) 40-hour Chaplain Basic Mandate Course, (2) 34-hours of field training with the Sheriff's Office, (3) certification application and be approved by the sheriff, and (4) submit the approved application and dues to the GSA.

To <u>retain</u> the certification and remain in good standing, the chaplain must follow the *Georgia Sheriffs' Chaplains' Certification Continuing Education Requisites*. This provides the opportunity for chaplains to continue developing professionally through specialized education. Note: The acquiring of this knowledge by itself does not indicate competence in the field.

Level 1	Level 2 (Required)	Level 3 (Recommended but optional)	Level 4 (Recommended but optional)
Initial Membership	Membership in Good Standing	Full Membership with Certification	Full Membership with Certification in Good Standing
 Initial membership is granted upon: (1) Being duly selected by the High Sheriff of any county in the state of Georgia. AND (2) Pay prescribed initial membership dues of \$50. Initial membership expires if you fail to attend the next available 40-hour Georgia Sheriffs' Basic Chaplain Training. 	Membership in good standing is achieved by: (1) Pay annual membership dues <u>each year</u> . Based on a consecutive three-year period, dues must be current without lapse during that period. AND (2) Successful completion of the 40-hour Georgia Sheriffs' Basic Chaplain Training. Membership in good standing expires if you fail to pay your annual dues as specified above.	 Full membership with certification is achieved by: (1) Completion of the current <i>Georgia Sheriffs' Chaplains Certification</i> application. AND (2) Submit application to the sheriff of the county you serve for final approval. AND (3) Submit approved application and fee to the GSA training division. AND (4) Pay annual membership dues each year. Based on a consecutive three-year period, dues must be current without lapse during that period. Full membership expires if you fail to pay your annual dues as specified above. Your membership will start over with no credit toward the past years. 	Full membership with certification in good standing is achieved by: (1) Successful completion of the Crisis Support for Groups Experiencing Distress or Peer and Crisis Support for Individuals in Distress through the Chaplains' Division. (2) Maintain 18-hours of training per year through the GSA Chaplains' Division and/or chaplaincy/law enforcement related training. (3) Based on a three-year period, two of the three years of training must be through the GSA Chaplains' Division. (4) Pay annual membership dues <u>each year</u> . Based on a consecutive three-year period, dues must be current without lapse during that period.
Current chaplains have achie (1) Previously completed t chaplain <u>AND</u> (2) membe	Full membership with certification in good standing qualifies you for recognition of years of service and other milestones.		

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	what membership category I am currently in? age 1 for category definitions.
No, as long as you	"certified" member of the Chaplains division? have completed the 40-hour basic class and pay your dues annually with no arrearage, you are a od standing. Certification level is not required to be a member of the Chaplains Division.
membership with required training The classes must b employees. Chaple	be chaplaincy/law enforcement related. Most sheriff's office's offer in-service training for their ains may attend those trainings and receive credit towards their 18 hours. A certificate or copy of ter must be provided. Training completed in the GSA Office of Sheriff On-line Training
It shall be the resp addition to the red	ours per year required training is not completed? onsibility of the chaplain to makeup the deficient training hours the following calendar year in quired annual training hours.
	le for maintaining the training records? onsibility of the chaplain to provide training hours and required information to GSA within 7 ng.
• Non-l	POST certified chaplains:
0	For chaplains who attend GSA sponsored training, GSA or Crisis Support Solutions (1) provides a certificate, and (2) uploads training hours to the chaplain's transcript in the Office of Sheriff Online Training Academy (OSOT).
0	For chaplains who attend sheriff's office sponsored training, it is the chaplain's responsibility to email the following to Kim Slack at <u>kslack@georgiasheriffs.org</u> : a copy of the signed class attendance roster which includes the date, location, topic, instructor and number of hours of training. GSA will upload training hours to the chaplain's transcript in the Office of Sheriff Online Training Academy (OSOT).
• <u>POST</u>	certified chaplains:
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$igstar{+}$ What happens if I do not pay the dues annually?

It shall be the responsibility of the chaplain to pay dues annually, without lapses. However, IF a year(s) is skipped, the chaplain may pay arrears for up to a three consecutive year period and maintain his/her **good standing**. Otherwise, the chaplain is no longer in good standing with full membership.

븆 What happens if I fail to maintain my good standing status?

If you are a *member with good standing status*, and fail to maintain a **good standing status** over a **three (3) year period**, it results in the revocation of membership. If you are a *full member with in good standing status* and fail to maintain a **good standing status** over a **three (3) year period**, it results in the revocation of membership. If you are a full member with certification in good standing status and fail to maintain a **good standing status** over a **three (3) year period**, it results in the revocation of membership. If you are a full member with certification in good standing status and fail to maintain a good standing status over a **three (3) year period**, it results in the revocation of membership.

📥 Can I regain my good standing status?

You cannot "regain" your good standing status, but you can seek a NEW membership. If you are in full membership with good standing status – with or without the certification - the chaplain shall pay a \$150 fee and must complete the required 18-hours of training for the current calendar year. Upon completion of these requirements, the chaplain's **NEW** full membership- with or without certification- becomes effective immediately. The previous years of membership **will not be recognized.**

븆 What if I am a P.O.S.T Certified Chaplain? I will always be in good standing, right?

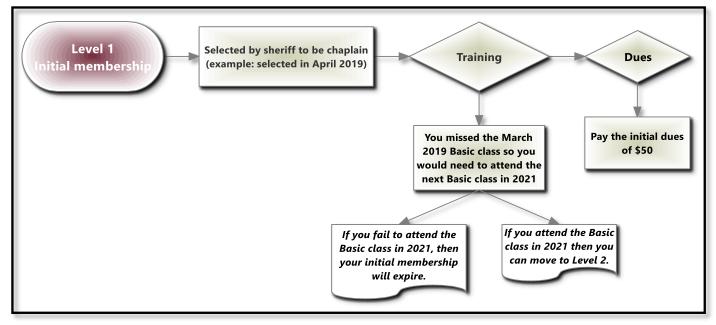
No. You do not "lose" your POST certification; however, you can lose your full membership in good standing. You shall adhere to the rules stated in the question directly above and apply for NEW membership.

Questions? Contact your GSA training division at 770-914-1076 or via email:

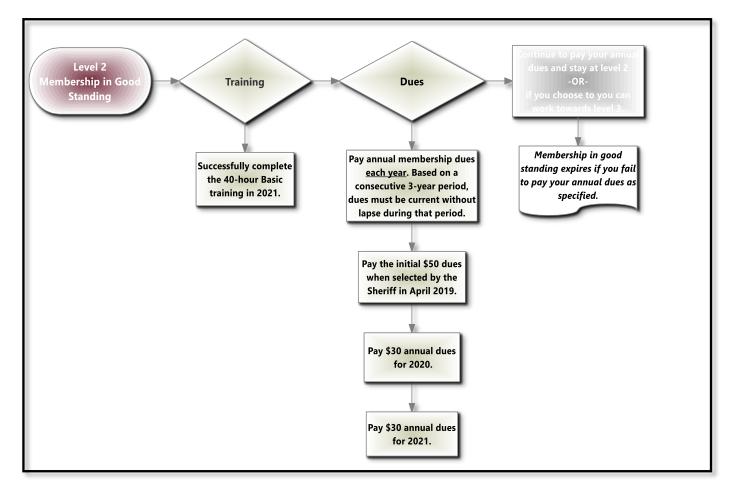
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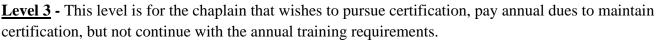
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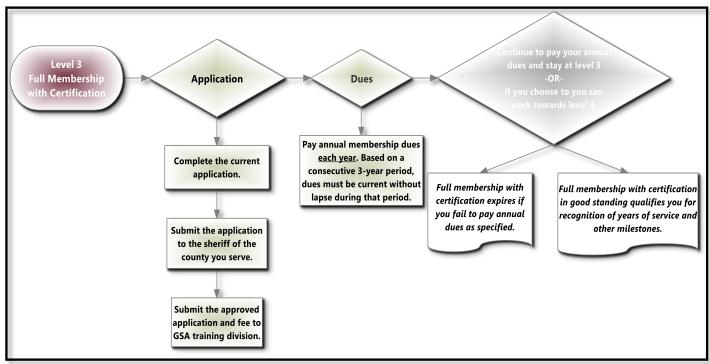
Level 1 - This level is for the newly selected chaplain that wishes to join the GSA Chaplains' Division until the 40-hour Basic Chaplain Training is attended.



Level 2 - This level is for the chaplain that has attended the 40-hour Basic Chaplain Training, wants to remain a member of the GSA Chaplains' Division, but does not wish to pursue certification.







<u>Level 4</u> - This level is for the chaplain that has achieved certification, and wants to remain active by meeting annual training requirements and remain current on annual dues.

