Dear LEDI Administrators:

The first officer verification cycle created under the SAFE-T Act has officially begun. Only <u>active certified</u> officers with last names starting with A through G must complete their verification form during January and finish all required training by January 29, 2026.

To make this process easier, we have updated the ILETSB Officer Portal so officers can now see their training status based on the reporting period by clicking on the "View your training history for this reporting period" link located at the bottom of the new verification tab. Please note, only officers who are active on your roster and with last names starting A through G will be able to access the verification form.

We are finishing the new Officer Verification Form, which will be available on January 1, 2026. As required by the SAFE-T Act, all officers must submit the form no later than January 30, 2026. When filling it out, officers will choose one of the following:

- 1. They have completed all required training.
- 2. They have not completed all training but have been granted a verification extension waiver, giving them until July 31, 2026 to finish.
- 3. They have not completed all training but will finish during the grace period, which runs through March 31, 2026.
- 4. They have not completed the required training and do not intend to complete it.

If an officer or agency believes the officer will not be able to finish the required training by January 29, 2026, and there are mitigating circumstances, a verification extension waiver may be requested. This verification extension waiver is only approved in limited situations.

The verification extension waiver request form will soon be available in two locations:

- In the Officer Portal under the new "Verification" tab
- In LEDI on the "Verification" page

Pursuant to the SAFE-T Act, verification extension waiver requests must be submitted by December 31, 2025. Requests submitted after this date cannot be considered. Please note that verification extension waivers are only granted for significant circumstances, as explained in the verification extension waiver instructions.

We will be posting a Frequently Asked Questions section on our website soon. If you have any other questions, please contact ptb.verification@illinois.gov

Sincerely,

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