

C.R.S. 16-2.5-101

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16-2.5-101. Peace officer - description - general authority

- (1) A person who is included within the provisions of this article and who meets all standards imposed by law on a **peace officer** is a **peace officer**, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person other than a person designated in this article is a **peace officer**. A **peace officer** may be certified by the peace officers standards and training board pursuant to part 3 of article 31 of title 24, C.R.S., and, at a minimum, has the authority to enforce all laws of the state of Colorado while acting within the scope of his or her authority and in the performance of his or her duties, unless otherwise limited within this part 1.
- (2) A **peace officer** certified by the peace officers standards and training board shall have the authority to carry firearms at all times, **concealed** or otherwise, subject to the written firearms policy created by the agency employing the **peace officer**. All other peace officers shall have the authority to carry firearms, **concealed** or otherwise, while engaged in the performance of their duties or as otherwise authorized by the written policy of the agency employing the officer.
- (3) As used in every statute, unless the context otherwise requires, "law enforcement officer" means a **peace officer**.

History**Source:**

L. 2003: Entire article added, p. 1605, § 2, effective August 6. L. 2006: (1) amended, p. 27, § 1, effective July 1, 2007.

Annotations**Notes**

Editor's note: Articles 1 to 13 of this title (excluding articles 2.5, 2.7, 8.5, 11.3, 11.5, 11.7, 11.8, and 11.9) were numbered as articles 1 to 13 of chapter 39, C.R.S. 1963. The provisions of those articles were repealed and reenacted in 1972, resulting in the addition, relocation, and elimination of sections as well as subject matter. For amendments to those articles prior to 1972, consult the Colorado statutory research explanatory note beginning on page vii in the front of this volume. For a detailed comparison of those articles, see the comparative tables located in the back of the index.

Case Notes**ANNOTATION**

Annotator's note. Since § 16-2.5-101 is similar to repealed § 18-1-901 (3)(l), relevant cases construing that provision have been included in the annotations to this section.