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Governor Haley

My name is James Thomas and I live in Simpsonville, SC. I am 58 years old and a retired Marine.

I completed the Reserve Police training (12 weeks) at Tri-Tech Community College Pendleton Campus along with 11 other guys in Dec. and took the test and retest but failed them.

I don't feel that as reserve students, we received the same considerations as those individuals that attend the active duty class in that they are tested on a weekly basis as to what they studied that week and then at the end of their training they take the final exam.

Our instructor was not given any such exams for us to take and (for me at least) it made it difficult to know what to study for as the training manual we receive is very extensive.

The class costs us as Reserve Candidates \$248.00 and we are willing to become Volunteer Police Officers (No Pay) in order to serve our communities.

However, after failing both the primary exam and the retest (both with different questions) one must wait one year from the last test date to take the class again.

With that in mind, I will not be taking the class again as I will be nearly 60 at that time.

I have been a certified police officer in Georgia as well as a Military Police Operations Chief and all I wanted to do was serve with the officers of the Simpsonville Police Dept.

Please see if you can possibly have the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy allow the Instructor"s" for the Reserve Training to give written Academy tests at the end of each training week as I believe this will be a big help for all students.

Thank You for your kind attention to this matter.

Pastor Jim Thomas

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