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**Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission
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TO: Criminal Justice Training Schools

FROM: Director Jennifer C. Pritt *KJP for JCP*
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SUBJECT: Implementation of Revised Underwater Police Science and Technology Course
Pending Rule Promulgation

Advanced Course 077 Underwater Police Science and Technology was revised in 2012 and approved by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC) with an effective date of May 9, 2013. Course revisions include student pre-requisites, diver skills assessment, instructor certification, and instructor-to-student ratio. New rules necessary for implementing this revised course were approved by the CJSTC on November 7, 2013. Final promulgation of the rules is not expected until mid-2014.

During the interim period between CJSTC approval and final adoption of the rules, when delivering this course, training schools must observe all requirements as stated in the course. Instructors should document proficiency of the required skills and performance standards on the Criminal Justice Diver Performance Evaluation form CJSTC-19. However, training centers may not fail students based on these new proficiency requirements. If a student is to be dismissed from the course, that dismissal must be based on current rule requirements or a reason determined by the training center.

The revised course including an explanation of all student and instructor requirements is available through ATMS. FDLE will notify training centers via a Technical Memorandum when the new rules become final.

For further assistance, please contact Training and Research Manager Linda Adams at 850-410-8351 or lindaadams@fdle.state.fl.us.

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