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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2015-05

TO: Criminal Justice Training Center Directors
FROM: Director Dean Register *DR*
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SUBJECT: Basic Recruit Firearms Qualification

This technical memorandum is being issued to clarify the firearms qualification requirements for basic recruit training programs. In order to complete the daylight handgun qualification, a basic recruit student must shoot a qualifying score on two consecutive attempts or three out of six attempts. In order to complete the night fire and shotgun/long gun qualifications, a basic recruit student must shoot qualifying scores on one out of two attempts for each qualification.

It has come to our attention that in some qualifications, training school personnel have stopped a recruit during an attempt if the recruit has too many misses to qualify during that attempt. Unfortunately, this practice creates two issues. First, the number of hits the recruit had at the time the attempt was stopped is recorded on the form CJSTC-4 making it appear that the student performed much worse on the attempt than they may have actually scored had the attempt continued. Additionally, the recruit is deprived of the additional experience gained during the remainder of the attempt.

The instructions outlined in the High Liability Instructor Guide for each of the required qualifications state: *"A student shall fire the stages on all CJSTC-approved courses of fire in sequential order, beginning with Stage 1 until all stages are complete."* Based on this direction, recruits should be allowed to complete all stages of fire for each attempt they begin. For the daylight qualification, this does not prevent a training school from denying a sixth qualifying attempt if the student has completed five attempts and will be unable to complete the qualification even if a qualifying score were to be achieved on the sixth attempt.

If you have any questions regarding this technical memorandum, please contact Training and Research Manager Terry Baker, Bureau of Standards, at (850) 410-8688.

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