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TO: Criminal Justice Agencies
Commission-certified Training Schools

FROM: Director Dean Register *DR*
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SUBJECT: **Diabetic Emergencies and Officer Response Training**

On June 16, 2015, the Florida legislature approved and signed into law House Bill 201. Designated as the "Arthur Green, Jr., Act", the bill was created in recognition of the need for officers to be able to distinguish between symptoms of a diabetic emergency and alcohol or drug-induced behavior. Under section 943.1726, F.S., the new law requires the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to establish online continued employment training related to diabetic emergencies. The training includes instruction on the recognition of symptoms of diabetic emergencies, distinguishing it from alcohol intoxication or drug overdose, and the appropriate first aid for such an emergency.

In support of the legislation, the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC) adopted a new online course, Diabetic Emergencies and Officer Response, number 2009, into its Specialized Training Program Courses. The Bureau of Professional Development within the FDLE has made this course available to officers online at the following link:

<http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/Content/bpdtraining/diabeticemergency/story.html>

Significant incidents have occurred, including the case of *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386 (1989), where an officer failed to identify that the individual was suffering from a diabetic emergency during a citizen encounter. Law enforcement and corrections agencies are encouraged to have their officers complete this online training to prevent future incidences.

The Diabetic Emergencies and Officer Response course may be completed in as little as 20 minutes, depending on the pace of the student. To receive credit in the Online Training Certificate System, officers must achieve a passing score of at least 80%. Officers must print, sign, and date the quiz results page upon completion of the training course. They should then provide this proof of completion to the agency's designee to be entered into the Online Training Certificate System. Completion of this course is not mandatory; however, two (2) hours of credit may be given toward mandatory retraining hours.

For technical support with completing the course, students may contact the Bureau of Professional Development at 850-410-7373.

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