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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION
TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2012-13

TO: Criminal Justice Agency Administrators
Criminal Justice Training Center Directors

FROM: Program Director Jennifer C. Pritt
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SUBJECT: Firearms Qualification Prior to Certification

This technical memorandum is submitted to clarify the interpretation of an officer qualifying on the Commission-approved 40-round course of fire prior to their certification.

Pursuant to Chapter 943.12(16), F.S., the Commission is mandated by the Legislature to ensure law enforcement officers demonstrate firearms proficiency. As a result, the Commission adopted Rule 11B-27.00212(14), F.A.C., mandating law enforcement officers demonstrate firearms proficiency by qualifying on the Commission's approved 40-round course of fire at least once every two years. The qualification shall be conducted by a Commission-certified criminal justice firearms instructor and be entered into ATMS by June 30th of every even numbered year. After further review and consideration, it has been decided that if an officer is employed, but not yet certified, a qualification that occurred in conjunction with their employment is acceptable and can be used to satisfy the requirement of Rule 11B-27.00212(14), F.A.C.

Should you have any questions regarding the Firearms Qualification requirements, please contact your assigned Field Representative or the Officer Records Section at (850) 410-8600.

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Cc: Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission Members
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