



Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2017-14A**

DATE: October 11, 2017
TO: Criminal Justice Training Center Directors
Criminal Justice Agency Administrators
FROM: Director Dean Register *DR*
Criminal Justice Professionalism Division
SUBJECT: New Specialized Training Program:
Course number 022, Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness

This memorandum is a revision to the original technical memorandum 2017-14, regarding Autism Awareness training. As a result of changes to the FDLE media server, the new course link is http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/CMS/Media/ATMS/022_Autism_Awareness.pdf.

On June 2, 2017, House Bill 39 was signed into law. The bill creates s. 943.1727, Florida Statutes, and requires FDLE to develop continued employment training related to autism spectrum disorder. **Course number 022, Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness**, is a new 4-hour course that includes training on recognizing autism and the appropriate response to someone on the spectrum.

The course is being distributed at this time as a field test. Completion of this course is not required; however, credit may be given toward an officer's mandatory retraining hours. This course will be presented to the Commission during the November 2017 meeting with a request for approval as part of the Specialized Training Program. In the meantime, individuals may access the course at the following link:

http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/CMS/Media/ATMS/022_Autism_Awareness.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact Research and Training Manager Judd Butler in the Bureau of Training at (850) 410-8654.

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