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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2018-01**

DATE: January 5, 2018
TO: Criminal Justice Agency Administrators
FROM: Director Dean Register *DR*
Criminal Justice Professionalism Division
SUBJECT: Medical Marijuana in Florida: A Law Enforcement Reference Guide

On June 23, 2017, Senate Bill 8A, expanding the medical use of marijuana in Florida and requiring the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to develop training for law enforcement officers. In cooperation with the Florida Police Chiefs Association, the Florida Sheriffs Association, the State Law Enforcement Chiefs' Association, and the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association, staff at FDLE identified questions and training needs of law enforcement related to medical marijuana. FDLE staff then worked with the Florida Department of Health to develop a document to address questions submitted by criminal justice agencies.

The result of these collaborative efforts is a guide summarizing those sections of the Florida Statutes and administrative rules that are most relevant for law enforcement. Officers can access **Medical Marijuana in Florida: A Law Enforcement Reference Guide** through CJNET at: <http://www.flcjn.net/Medical-Marijuana-Resources.aspx>. As statutes, rules, and case law evolve, our staff will update the *Reference Guide* and notify you accordingly.

In February 2018, our staff will meet with subject matter experts to begin developing training on policing strategies and tactics related to medical marijuana. The training will be geared toward patrol officers and assist them in applying laws related to the expansion of medical marijuana.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Training and Research Manager Judd Butler in the Bureau of Training at JuddButler@fdle.state.fl.us or (850) 410-8654.

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