




## Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION** **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2021-01**

DATE: March 1, 2021

TO: Criminal Justice Agency Administrators  
Criminal Justice Training Center Directors  
Criminal Justice Selection Center Directors

FROM: Director Dean Register   
Criminal Justice Professionalism Division

SUBJECT: Mandatory Training: Recognizing Head Injuries in Infants and Children Courses Available

In the 2020 Legislative Session, the Legislature passed House Bill 43, which created s. 943.17298, Florida Statutes. This statute directed the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to develop training for recognizing and responding to head trauma and brain injury in a child under six years of age. Further, each law enforcement officer must complete this training as part of basic recruit training or post-basic training by July 1, 2022. This is one-time training. This training is not required for corrections or correctional probation officers.

On February 11, 2021, the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission approved an online Specialized course that meets the requirements of s. 943.17298. The online course, Recognizing Head Injuries in Infants and Children, course number 1410, is available via the Online Mandatory Training page at <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/FCJEL/Online-Mandatory-Retraining.aspx>. The course content has been incorporated into the 2021 First Aid for Criminal Justice Officers course in basic recruit training programs effective July 1, 2021.

The ATMS has been updated to add a field to record the date an officer completes the required training. The field can be found on the "Child Welfare" page under Officer Records in the left menu in the ATMS. Once an officer completes the training, agency personnel should access the officer's record in the ATMS and enter the date the training was completed in the Child Welfare field and click on "Save." Because the training is incorporated in the First Aid for Criminal Justice Officers course in basic recruit training, the field for any officer (including correctional and correctional probation officers) who complete the Law Enforcement Academy, Law Enforcement Auxiliary Academy, Florida CMS Correctional Basic Recruit Training Program, or Correctional Probation Training Academy that starts on or after July 1, 2021, will be automatically updated by ATMS upon successful completion of the basic recruit training.

A report was added to the Agency-Based Reports, enabling an employing agency to determine which of its officers have not completed the training. Any law enforcement officer who fails to complete the required training by July 1, 2022 will become "inactive" and be ineligible to perform the duties of an officer until the required training is completed.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Training and Research Manager Terry Baker, Bureau of Standards, at [TerryBaker@fdle.state.fl.us](mailto:TerryBaker@fdle.state.fl.us) or (850) 410-8688.

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