



Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2021-03

DATE: April 5, 2021
TO: Criminal Justice Training Center Directors
FROM: Director Dean Register *DR*
Criminal Justice Professionalism Division
SUBJECT: Students Transitioning from Florida Law Enforcement Academy to the new
Florida Basic Recruit Training Program: Law Enforcement Academy

On July 1, 2021, the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission will implement the new Florida Basic Recruit Training Program: Law Enforcement Academy (2021). The following policy decisions will guide the process for implementation of the new training program and address students who are on record as having started but never completed the Florida Law Enforcement Academy program:

1. The Florida Law Enforcement Academy (2014) program will retire, effective June 30, 2021.
2. Any student beginning a law enforcement academy on or after July 1, 2021, will be required to enter the Florida BRT Program: Law Enforcement Academy (2021).
3. Students beginning a law enforcement academy before July 1, 2021, who have not completed the program, may continue their training in the Florida Law Enforcement Academy (2014), provided they are able to secure a training opportunity and meet the requirements stated in this written policy and Commission rules.
4. Schools may offer one-on-one training to students who need to complete the Florida Law Enforcement Academy (2014).
5. In situations where it appears to be in the best interest of the student to complete the Florida BRT Program: Law Enforcement Academy (2021) rather than continue a Florida Law Enforcement Academy (2014) program, schools should notify Curriculum staff and request assistance in evaluating a student's transcript for comparison between the two programs. Students may be given credit for having completed training in the Florida Law Enforcement Academy (2014) program based on a comparative analysis of the training vs. the new curriculum. Curriculum staff must approve in writing the prescribed curricula for program completion prior to the student's enrollment. **(See the attached "Program Comparison" document.)**
6. Students who need to complete a high liability course may complete the course in either a law enforcement or correctional BRT program, provided the specific requirements applicable to law enforcement officers are met. For example, law enforcement students must demonstrate proficiency in vehicle operations and with the appropriate handgun or long gun.

7. Students who need to take physical fitness training may complete the course in a law enforcement or correctional BRT program and must complete the 60 hours prescribed in the law enforcement program.
8. Students must complete the total 770 hours for the law enforcement program.
9. Students will take the version of the State Officer Certification Examination that corresponds to the basic training program they complete.
10. To become certified, students must complete the required basic recruit training, pass the State Officer Certification Examination, and become employed within four years of the original start date of the training program in accordance with Commission rules, regardless of whether they are directed to complete the training through the Florida Law Enforcement Academy (2014) or Florida BRT Program: Law Enforcement Academy (2021). Students who fail to meet the four-year requirement will have to start over in a Florida BRT Program: Law Enforcement Academy (2021) without receiving credit for any prior basic training.

If you have any questions or need to request evaluation of a student's training requirements, please contact Training and Research Manager Garrett Riggs in the Bureau of Training at GarrettRiggs@fdle.state.fl.us or (850) 410-8648.

Attachment

cc: Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

Program Comparison Chart LE BRT 2020.07 and 2021.07

Transfer students may need to take Law Enforcement courses shown with orange background if they did not take certain portions of 2020.07 curriculum. Please see the explanatory notes in each box.

Transfer students do not need to take courses that are shown in boxes with a light blue background.

All of the High Liability courses are compatible, so transfer students do not need to repeat any HL course they took from the 2020.07 version.

| 2014-20 FLEA BRT | Florida BRT: LE Academy (2021) | Notes |
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| Chapter 1: Introduction to Law Enforcement (CJK 0001) | Chapter 1: Introduction to Law Enforcement (CJK 0002) <i>If student will be taking 2020 exam, they do not need to take the new Introduction to Law Enforcement.</i> <i>The Introduction to Law Enforcement course now has content on the roles of a law enforcement officer, LEED, Procedural Justice, explicit and implicit bias, officer mental health, and officer wellbeing. If student will be taking 2021 exam, they will need to take this course.</i> | Levels of criminal involvement taken from 2020 Legal and added to Introduction Professionalism moved to Communication (Chapter 2) for 2021 |
| Lesson 1: Officer Training Program Overview | Unit 1: The Law Enforcement Officer Profession (5 lessons) | |
| Lesson 2: Criminal Justice Values and Ethics | Unit 2: Officer Ethics and Conduct (3 lessons) | |
| Lesson 3: Sexual Harassment | Unit 3: Officer Wellbeing (2 lessons) | |
| Lesson 4: Criminal Justice System and Components | | |
| Lesson 5: Chain of Command | | |
| Lesson 1: Officer Training Program Overview | | |
| Course Hours 10 | Course Hours 12 | |
| Chapter 2: Legal (CJK 0012) | Chapter 3: Legal (CJK 0018) <i>This chapter has been reorganized and some topics have been moved out of Legal to other courses where students can immediately apply the information. The goal of these</i> | Laws of Interrogation moved to Chapter 4: Interviewing and Report Writing |

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| | <p><i>organizational changes to the content is better student retention of the material.</i></p> <p><i>Students who took previous version of Legal do not need to take new version</i></p> | <p>Elements of specific crimes have been moved to the chapters that teach investigations of those crimes – Chapter 7: Crimes Against Persons and Chapter 8: Crimes Involving Property and Society.</p> |
| Unit 1: Introduction (3 lessons) | Unit 1: Introduction to Law (4 lessons) | |
| Unit 2: Legal Concepts (6 lessons) | Unit 2: Legal Concepts (6 lessons) | |
| Unit 3: Substantive Criminal Law (6 lessons) | Unit 3: Liability (2 lessons) | |
| Unit 4: Civil and Criminal Liability (1 lesson) | Unit 4: Court Basics (3 lessons) | |
| Unit 5: Response to Civil Issues (1 lesson) | | |
| Unit 6: Juvenile Law (1 lesson) | | |
| Course Hours 62 | Course Hours 64 | |
| Chapter 3: Interactions in a Diverse Community (CJ 0013) | <p>Chapter 2: Communication (CJ 0016)</p> <p><i>Much of the diversity content has been moved to Chapter 6: Serving Your Community</i></p> <p><i>This chapter now focuses on the fundamentals of professional communication for LEOs.</i></p> <p><i>This content is new or expanded for 2021: empathy, Procedural Justice, LEED, professionalism, and preparation for the communication exercises.</i></p> | <p>Communicating in a Diverse Society, Communicating in a Crisis Situation, and Identifying High-Risk Groups content moved to Chapter 6: Serving Your Community</p> |

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| Unit 1: Communicating in Law Enforcement (2 lessons) | Unit 1: Fundamentals of Communication (3 lessons) | |
| Unit 2: Communicating in a Diverse Society (9 lessons) | Unit 2: Professional Communication (2 lessons) | |
| Unit 3: Communicating in a Crisis Situation (4 lessons) | | |
| Unit 4: Identifying High Risk Groups (2 lessons) | | |
| Course Hours 40 | Course Hours 12 | |
| Chapter 4: Interviewing and Report Writing (CJK 0014) | Chapter 4: Interviewing and Report Writing (CJK 0019) <i>Students who took previous version of Interviewing and Report Writing do not need to take new version.</i> | Now has lesson on <i>Miranda</i> and Laws of Interrogation. |
| Unit 1: Interviewing a Person (3 lessons) | Unit 1: Basics of Interviewing (4 lessons) | |
| Unit 2: Writing a Report (5 lessons) | Unit 2: Writing a Report (Lesson 4) | |
| Course Hours 56 | Course Hours 56 | |
| Chapter 5: Fundamentals of Patrol (CJK 0064) | Chapter 5: Fundamentals of Patrol (CJK 0063) <i>Students who took previous version of Fundamentals of Patrol do not need to take new version.</i> | Chapter now has the following content: Assisting the Public, Well-Being and Security Checks, Animal Complaints, Death Notifications, Fire-Related Incidents, Lost, Stolen, or Recovered Property, Property Disputes, Civil Disturbances, and Crowd Control. Crime Reduction and Prevention was moved to |

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| | | Chapter 3: Legal, and Stress Management was moved to Chapter 1: Intro to LE. |
| Unit 1: Electronic Communication (2 lessons) | Unit 1: Patrol Basics (4 lessons) | |
| Unit 2: Crime Reduction and Prevention (2 lessons) | Unit 2: Duties on Patrol (4 lessons) | |
| Unit 3: Officer Safety and Survival Skills (2 lessons) | Unit 3: Non-criminal Calls for Service (9 lessons) | |
| Unit 4: Patrol Basic (1 lesson) | Unit 4: Structure and Area Searches (2 lessons) | |
| Unit 5: Responding to Calls (5 lessons) | Unit 5: Arrest Procedures (2 lesson) | |
| Unit 6: Arrest Procedures (2 lessons) | | |
| Course Hours 35 | Course Hours 40 | |
| Chapter 6: Calls for Service (CJK 0065) | Chapter 6: Serving Your Community (CJK 0021) <i>Students who took both Interactions in a Diverse Community and Calls for Service in 2020, do not need to take Serving Your Community. If they did not take one or the other of those courses in 2020, they will need to take Serving Your Community.</i> | Chapter now has the following content: Communicating in a Diverse Society, Communicating in a Crisis Situation, and Identifying High-Risk Groups. |
| Unit 1: Community Services (9 lessons) | Unit 1: Interacting With Your Community (10 lessons) | |
| Unit 2: Responding to Disturbances (4 lessons) | Unit 2: Responding to a Person in Crisis (6 lessons) | |
| Unit 3: Court Orders (3 lessons) | Unit 3: Identifying and Responding to High-Risk Groups (2 lessons) | |
| Unit 4: Resolving Vehicle Incidents (5 lessons) | | |
| Unit 5: Directing Traffic (2 lessons) | | |
| Unit 6: Responding to Unique Challenges (3 lessons) | | |
| Course Hours 36 | Course Hours 34 | |

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| <p>Chapter 7: Criminal Investigations (CJK 0077)</p> | <p>Chapter 7: Crimes Against Persons (CJK 0072)</p> <p><i>Chapters 7 and 8 in the 2021 Curriculum combine the information in the 2020.07 version of Chapter 7, plus the Elements of Crime from the 2020.07 version of Legal.</i></p> <p><i>If student took Legal and Criminal Investigations in 2020, they do not need to take Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Involving Property and Society in 2021.</i></p> | <p>Chapter has been reorganized to present content on various topics in unified manner.</p> <p>2020 Lesson 13: Hate Crimes moved to 2021, Chapter 3, Unit 2, Lesson 4 Augmentations</p> <p>2020 Unit 2 Crimes Against Society moved to NEW 2021 Chapter 8, Crimes Involving Property and Society</p> <p>2020 Unit 3 Economic Crimes moved to NEW 2021 Chapter 8, Crimes Involving Property and Society</p> |
| <p>Unit 1: Crimes Against Persons (13 lessons)</p> | <p>Unit 1: Basic Investigations (2 lessons)</p> | |
| <p>Unit 2: Crimes Against Society (2 lessons)</p> | <p>Unit 2: Crimes Against Persons (11 lessons)</p> | |
| <p>Unit 3: Crimes Against Property (4 lessons)</p> | | |
| <p>Unit 4: Economic Crimes (1 lesson)</p> | | |
| <p>Course Hours 50</p> | <p>Course Hours 48</p> | |
| | <p>Chapter 8: Crimes Involving Property and Society (CJK 0073)</p> <p><i>See note on Chapter 7.</i></p> | <p>New chapter with content from previous edition of Chapter 7: Criminal</p> |

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| | | Investigations (see notes above). Also has entirely new lesson on Animal Cruelty. |
| | Unit 1: Property Crimes (4 lessons) | |
| | Unit 2: Crimes Against Society (2 lessons) | |
| | Course Hours 12 | |
| Chapter 8: Crime Scene to Courtroom (CJK 0078) | Chapter 9: Crime Scene Follow-Up Investigations (CJK 0079) <i>If students took Legal and Crime Scene to Courtroom in 2020, they do not need to take Crime Scene Follow-up Investigations in 2021.</i> | Moved Evidence Rules and Concepts from 2020 Legal to Chapter 9. Some topics and lessons have been reorganized from 2020 version. |
| Unit 1: Process the Crime Scene (4 lessons) | Unit 1: The Crime Scene (5 lessons) | |
| Unit 2: Follow-up Investigations (5 lessons) | Unit 2: Follow-up Investigations (4 lessons) | |
| Unit 3: Court Procedures (2 lessons) | Unit 3: Preparing for Court (1 lesson) | |
| Course Hours 35 | Course Hours 34 | |
| Chapter 9: Critical Incidents (CJK 0092) | Chapter 14: Critical Incidents (CJK 0093) <i>Students who took previous version of Critical Incidents do not need to take new version</i> | Chapter has been reorganized and some content (nuclear bombs, dirty bombs, WMD, RIP-NOT, and chemical and biological weapons) has been removed to focus on incidents new |

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| | | officers are most likely to respond to. |
| Unit 1: Incident Command System (ICS) (1 lesson) | Unit 1: Critical Incident Response (3 lessons) | |
| Unit 2: Critical Incident Overview (3 lessons) | Unit 2: Chemical and Hazardous Materials (2 lessons) | |
| Unit 3: Chemical and Hazardous Materials (3 lessons) | Unit 3: Explosive Devices (3 lessons) | |
| Unit 4: Biological Weapons (1 lesson) | | |
| Unit 5: Radiological and Nuclear Weapons of Mass Destruction (1 lesson) | | |
| Unit 6: Explosive Devices (3 lessons) | | |
| Course Hours 44 | Course Hours 44 | |
| Chapter 10: Traffic Stops (CJK 0087) | Chapter 10: Traffic Incidents (CJK 0400) <i>Previous Chapter 10 (Traffic Stops) has been split into two separate chapters; if recruits took Traffic Stops in 2020, they do not need to take 10 and 11 in 2021</i> | Content divided into two separate chapters for 2021: Ch.10 Traffic Incidents and Ch.11 Traffic Stops. Lesson "Avoiding Bias-Based Policing" has been moved to Chapter 1. Resolving Vehicle Incidents moved from previous Chapter 6. |
| Unit 1: Traffic Law (1 lesson) | Unit 1: Traffic Basics (3 lessons) | |
| Unit 2: Conducting Professional Traffic Stops (1 lesson) | Unit 2: Resolving Traffic Issues (4 lessons) | |
| Unit 3: Unknown Risk Traffic Stops (3 lessons) | | |

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| Unit 4: High Risk Traffic Stops (3 lessons) | | |
| Course Hours 30 | Course Hours 12 | |
| | Chapter 11: Traffic Stops (CJK 0401) | Content divided into two separate chapters for 2021: Ch.10 Traffic Incidents and Ch.11 Traffic Stops. |
| | Unit 1: Unknown Risk Traffic Stops (3 lessons) | |
| | Unit 2: High-Risk Traffic Stops (2 lessons) | |
| | Course Hours 24 | |
| Chapter 11: DUI Traffic Stops (CJK 0084) | Chapter 13: DUI Traffic Stops (CJK 0403) <i>Students who took previous version of DUI Traffic Stops do not need to take new version.</i> | Some material from 2020 version of DUI Traffic Stops has been reorganized and condensed to better fit with basic level instruction. |
| Unit 1: DUI Traffic Stop Basics (3 lessons) | Unit 1: DUI Basics (4 lessons) | |
| Unit 2: Conducting the DUI Investigation (4 lessons) | Unit 2: Conducting the DUI Investigation (4 lessons) | |
| Unit 3: Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (3 lessons) | Unit 3: Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (3 lessons) | |
| Unit 4: DUI Investigation Follow-Up (2 lessons) | Unit 4: Concluding the DUI Investigation (2 lessons) | |
| Course Hours 24 | Course Hours 24 | |
| Chapter 12: Traffic Crash Investigations (CJK 0088) | Chapter 12: Traffic Crash Investigations (CJK 402) <i>Students who took previous version of Traffic Crash Investigations do not need to take new version.</i> | Traffic Crash Laws moved from previous Chapter 10: Traffic Stops to make material consistent. |
| Unit 1: Traffic Crash Investigation Legal Terms (1 lesson) | Unit 1: Traffic Crash Management (11 lessons) | |

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| Unit 2: Traffic Crash Management (11 lessons) | | |
| Course Hours 32 | | Course Hours 30 |
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| Total LE BRT Hours 454 | | 458 |

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| High Liability | | | |
| Chapter 1: Law Enforcement Vehicle Operations (CJK 0020) | 48 | Chapter 1: Law Enforcement Vehicle Operations (CJK 0020) | 48 |
| Chapter 2: First Aid for Criminal Justice Officers (CJK 0031) | 40 | Chapter 2: First Aid for Criminal Justice Officers (CJK 0031) | 40 |
| Chapter 3: Criminal Justice Firearms (CJK 0040) | 80 | Chapter 3: Criminal Justice Firearms (CJK 0040) | 80 |
| Chapter 4: Criminal Justice Defensive Tactics (CJK 0051) | 80 | Chapter 4: Criminal Justice Defensive Tactics (CJK 0051) | 80 |
| Chapter 5: Conducted Electrical Weapon/Dart-Firing Stun Gun (CJK 0422) | 8 | Chapter 5: Conducted Electrical Weapon/Dart-Firing Stun Gun (CJK 0421) <i>Students do not have to repeat course with new CJK number if they took the 8-hour course.</i> | 4 |
| Chapter 6: Criminal Justice Officer Physical Fitness Training (CJK 0096) | 60 | Chapter 6: Criminal Justice Officer Physical Fitness Training (CJK 0096) | 60 |
| Total High Liability Hours | 316 | | 312 |
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| LE BRT hours | 454 | | 458 |
| High Liability Hours | 316 | | 312 |
| Total Program Hours | 770 | | 770 |