



Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2022-10**

DATE: September 1, 2022
TO: Criminal Justice Training Center Directors
FROM: Director Dean Register *DR*
SUBJECT: Mandatory Firearms Instructor Updates

Firearms Instructor Update

A new basic recruit training (BRT) Criminal Justice Firearms course will go into effect July 1, 2023. After July 1, 2023, only CJSTC-certified firearms instructors who have completed either the Specialized Instructor Course, #1201, Firearms Instructor Update Course, or the updated Firearms Instructor Course, #801, expected to be approved in February 2023, will be authorized to teach the new curriculum.

All firearms instructors must complete the Firearms Instructor Update Course by June 30, 2024 to maintain their firearms instructor certification.

This course is intended for current firearms instructors. It outlines the changes made to the BRT Criminal Justice Firearms Course, instructor evaluations, forms, exercises, and provides a general refresher for firearms instructors. This 24-hour instructor-led course will prepare current firearms instructors to teach the newly revised curriculum to instructors and BRT students.

Firearms Instructors

These update requirements apply to all CJSTC-certified firearms instructors, including agency-affiliated instructors, who wish to maintain active CJSTC certification. Agency administrators should ensure all appropriate training personnel in their agency are made aware of and comply with these instructor update requirements.

Lapse in Firearms Instructor Certification

Failure to complete the Firearms Instructor Update Course by June 30, 2024 will result in a lapse of firearms instructor certification.

Lapsed firearms instructors must meet all the following requirements to reactivate their certification:

- If the lapse is four years or less, the instructor must:
 - Complete the Firearms Instructor Update Course.
 - Demonstrate the firearms proficiency skills following Rule 11B-35.0024, F.A.C.
 - Complete continuing education or training approved by the training center director, agency administrator, or designee.
 - Complete a high-liability internship documented on the Instructor Competency Checklist, Form CJSTC-81, that is supervised by an instructor who is certified in the updated first aid or firearms course.
- If the lapse is more than four years, the instructor must comply with Rule 11B-20.0014(1), F.A.C., which requires the instructor to repeat the entire instructor training process.

Firearms Instructor Update Train-the-Trainer Sessions

Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from the firearms rewrite team will be teaching the Firearms Instructor Update Course around the state to allow current firearms instructors to go through the training so they can teach the update course to other instructors.

For information on training dates and locations, please contact your local CJSTC training center.

If you have any questions regarding the Firearms Instructor Update course, please contact Training and Research Manager Rob Bates at RobertBates@fdle.state.fl.us or (850) 410-8672.

cc: Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission