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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2014-03**

TO:

Criminal Justice Training Center Directors

Criminal Justice Agencies

FROM:

Criminal Justice Professionalism SUBJECT: Advanced Course 1158 Speed Measurement Course; Clarification of Content

The purpose of this technical memorandum is to clarify the content of Advanced Course 1158 Speed Measurement Course effective August 7, 2008. Recently there has been confusion in the courts regarding the types of speed measurement devices officers learned to use during the course.

Prior to 2007, the use of radar and laser speed measurement devices was taught in separate Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission Advanced Courses:

- 055 Radar Speed Measurement Training Course for Law Enforcement Officers effective June 30, 1989, retired December 31, 2006
- 095 Laser Speed Measurement Operators Course for Law Enforcement Officers effective July 1, 1995, retired December 31, 2006

In 2006, due to their length of service, revisions to both courses were necessary to maintain upto-date training on radar and laser speed measurement devices. Following the recommendations of subject matter experts and in an effort to reduce the redundant content, both courses were combined to create Advanced Course 1158 Laser and Radar Speed Measurement Training for Law Enforcement Officers, effective January 1, 2007. The combined course is more efficient and represents a cost-savings for agencies while providing the same practical training for both radar and laser speed measurement devices.

This course was later revised to reflect a shorter course title, 1158 Speed Measurement Course, effective August 7, 2008. In order for officers to successfully complete the course they must pass a written end-of-course exam and demonstrate proficiency using both radar and laser devices. Upon completion, officers are fully qualified to operate both radar and laser speed measurement devices.

Through an automated process in the Automated Training Management System (ATMS), officers receive a certificate of completion with the course title included. In an effort to minimize confusion, we have updated ATMS to reflect "1158 Speed Measurement Course (Radar and Laser Devices)" on the certificate of completion. When delivering this course we encourage training schools and agencies to use the same title.

For further assistance, please contact Training and Research Manager Linda Adams at 850-410-8351 or lindaadams@fdle.state.fl.us.

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