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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION
TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2014-10**

TO: Criminal Justice Training Center Directors
Criminal Justice Selection Centers

FROM: Director Dean Register 
Criminal Justice Professionalism

SUBJECT: **Students Transitioning from Florida CMS Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Program to Florida Law Enforcement Academy**

On July 1, 2014, the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission will implement the new Florida Law Enforcement Academy. The following policy decisions will guide the process for the implementation of the new training program and address students who are on record as having started but never completed the Florida CMS Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Program:

1. The Florida CMS Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Program will retire, effective June 30, 2014.
2. Any student beginning a Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Program on or after July 1, 2014, will be required to enter the Florida Law Enforcement Academy.
3. Students beginning a Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Program before July 1, 2014, who have not completed the program, may continue their training in a Florida CMS Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Program, 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 CMS Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Program.
5. In situations where it appears to be in the best interest of the student to complete the Florida Law Enforcement Academy rather than continue a Florida CMS Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training 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 CMS Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Program based on a comparative analysis of the training versus the new curriculum. Curriculum staff must approve in writing the prescribed curricula for program completion prior to the student's enrollment.
6. Students who need to complete a high liability course may take the course in either a Law Enforcement or Correctional Basic Recruit Training Program, provided the specific requirements applicable to law enforcement officers are met. For example, law enforcement students must demonstrate proficiency with 41 defensive tactics techniques 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 Basic Recruit Training Program and must complete the 60 hours prescribed by 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 CMS Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Training Program or the Florida Law Enforcement Academy. Students who fail to meet the four-year requirement will have to start over in a Florida Law Enforcement Academy 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 Linda Adams of the Curriculum Development Section at lindaadams@fdle.state.fl.us, or call 850-410-8351.

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cc: Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission Members