



Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2014-16

TO: Criminal Justice Training Center Directors
Criminal Justice Agencies

FROM: Director Dean Register *DR*
Criminal Justice Professionalism

SUBJECT: **Commission-Approved Canine Training Courses**

During its August 2014 CJSTC meeting, the Commission approved the following courses in the Specialized Training Program:

- 1198 Canine Team Training Course
- 1199 Canine Team Training Instructor Course
- 2006 Canine Team Training Instructor Update Course

Over the last two years, Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) who are canine handlers and instructors have worked with Commission staff to rewrite the handler and instructor courses. As a result of their collaborative efforts, the latest training techniques and instruction on legal issues related to the use of canines in law enforcement have been incorporated in the handler and instructor courses. In November 2013, the Commission approved new versions of the Canine Team Training Course and the Canine Team Training Instructor Course.

The SMEs also developed the Canine Team Training Instructor Update Course, number 2006, to provide current certified canine instructors with new or revised information related to performance standards contained in both the Canine Team Training Course and the Canine Team Training Instructor Course. The Canine Team Training Instructor Update Course is not mandatory for current instructors; however, agencies should consider sending their instructors to this course to ensure they are up-to-date on new requirements for canine team training.

In May 2014, the Commission approved a field test of the Canine Team Training Instructor Update Course. Canine officers and instructors conducted a field test of the Canine Team Training Instructor Update Course in June 2014. During the field test, SMEs discovered several issues that required revisions to all three of the above-mentioned courses, none of which affected the course hours or proficiency skills. As a result, the Commission approved all three courses, effective August 7, 2014.

The new courses are available through the Automated Training Management System (ATMS). If you have any questions, please contact Training and Research Manager Linda Adams, Curriculum Development Section, at lindaadams@fdle.state.fl.us or call 850-410-8351.

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