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**Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission
Technical Memorandum 2012-03**

TO: Criminal Justice Training Center Directors
Criminal Justice Selection Centers

FROM: Program Director Jennifer C. Pritt
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SUBJECT: State Officer Certification Examination Changes

Effective April 1, 2012, significant changes will be made to the State Officer Certification Examination (SOCE). Because these changes will affect procedures for registering and testing applicants, we ask that you notify all affected parties within your administration.

Effective April 1, 2012, the only method to register for the SOCE will be to use online registration. Applicants will be able to register online using a credit or debit card, at <http://web.fdle.state.fl.us/examregister>. The Application for State Officer Certification Examination form CJSTC-500 will no longer be accepted and any paper applications received after April 1, 2012, will be returned to the applicant. Please destroy any copies that you maintain after April 1st.

The number of questions and allotted timeframe for taking the SOCE will change for the Law Enforcement and Corrections disciplines. Both the Florida CMS Law Enforcement and Florida CMS Correctional Basic Recruit Training Program examinations will be reduced to 190 graded questions and 10 field test questions, and the applicant will be allotted three hours to complete each examination. The Florida Correctional Probation Officer examination will remain at 240 questions; four hours will be allotted to complete the examination.

If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Pennington at (850) 410-8673.

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