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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS & TRAINING COMMISSION
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TO: Criminal Justice Agency Administrators
Training Center Directors

FROM: Program Director Jennifer C. Pritt
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SUBJECT: Speed Measurement Course

Commission staff recently discovered a potential issue when basic recruit students were enrolling in and completing the Speed Measurement advanced training course number 1158, immediately following completion of basic recruit training and, in most cases, prior to employment and/or certification as an officer.

Rule 11B-35.006(3), F.A.C., states, "Only officers and support personnel, who have written approval from their respective agency administrator or designee may attend Advanced Training Program Courses." Many of these students are trying to become more marketable for employment, however, it is imperative to understand why Rule 11B-35.006(3), F.A.C., was created when making a determination as to whether to allow this practice.

- First, trust fund dollars are allocated for advanced and specialized training for sworn officers and not for academy graduates who are unemployed and/or non-certified students.
- Second, approval from a criminal justice agency administrator for a sworn officer to complete an advanced training course allows the agency to use the Speed Measurement Course for salary incentive monies or for mandatory retraining based on the agency's budget limitations.

Upon further research, Commission staff determined that trust fund dollars are not being used to fund these courses, are not aware of any agencies that have expressed concern an agency's future obligation to pay salary incentive monies for the Speed Measurement Course.

Rule 11B-14.002(5)(a)-(d), F.A.C., establishes the date a certified officer becomes eligible to receive salary incentive monies, and pursuant to this rule, when a student completes the Speed Measurement Course prior to employment or certification as an officer, there is no obligation for a criminal justice agency to pay salary incentive monies. However, Florida Statutes or the Commission's rules do not prohibit a criminal justice agency from recognizing an advanced training course for payment of salary incentive monies if the course is completed prior to employment and/or certification as an officer. The circumstances would not be any different from a criminal justice agency recognizing an AA or BS degree that was completed prior to employment and/or certification as an officer.

Based on the above information, this practice may be continued if trust fund dollars are not used to fund the Speed Measurement Course for unemployed and/or non-certified students. Criminal justice training schools shall enter the completion of training into the Commissions Automated Training Management System (ATMS), pursuant to Rule 11B-35.001(11)(b), F.A.C.

Please contact your field representative should you have any questions.

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