



Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2015-02

TO: Criminal Justice Training Center Directors

FROM: Director Dean Register *DR*
Criminal Justice Professionalism Division

SUBJECT: Department of Education Criminal Justice Operations Professional Development Workshop and Criminal Justice Operations Course (8918000)

The Florida Department of Education (DOE) conducted a Criminal Justice Operations Professional Development Workshop in June 2014 for high school instructors teaching in high school criminal justice programs. As part of the curriculum for this course, these instructors completed the Florida General Instructor Techniques Course.

We have received calls from training center directors who have been asked to conduct the Florida General Instructor Techniques Course for other high school instructors. Some directors have been reluctant to conduct this course, in part due to the rule requiring an applicant to maintain affiliation with a certified training center or criminal justice agency. As you are aware, this course is designed for law enforcement, correctional, and correctional probation officers to allow these individuals to become certified under the rules of the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC). While there are no prohibitions in rule or statute for anyone outside of the criminal justice community to take this course, any individual completing this course is subject to the same Commission rules that govern the certification process for CJSTC instructors. This includes the requirement in Rule 11B-20.0017(3), F.A.C., which states as follows: *"Instructors who possess a General Instructor Certification shall instruct in a Commission-approved Basic Recruit Training Program Course, Advanced Training Program Course, or Specialized Training Program Course delivered at a training school, or in-service training course delivered at an agency, once during their four-year cycle."* It remains **completely your decision as to whether or not you want to conduct the Florida General Instructor Techniques Course for individuals outside of the criminal justice community.**

In addition, the DOE Criminal Justice Operations Course (8918000) includes the following three CJSTC courses: Traffic Control Officer for Civilians (732), Parking Enforcement Specialist for Civilians (1132), and Selective Traffic Enforcement Program for Civilians (1133). While these three courses are approved by the Commission, the Criminal Justice Operations Course (8918000) is not an approved CJSTC course.

If you have any questions, please contact Bureau Chief Glen W. Hopkins at (850) 410-8660 or GlenHopkins@fdle.state.fl.us

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