



Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2017-14**

DATE: October 5, 2017
TO: Criminal Justice Training Center Directors
Criminal Justice Agency Administrators
FROM: Director Dean Register *DR*
Criminal Justice Professionalism Division
SUBJECT: New Specialized Training Program:
Course number 022, Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness

On June 2, 2017, House Bill 39 was signed into law. The bill creates s. 943.1727, Florida Statutes, and requires FDLE to develop continued employment training related to autism spectrum disorder. **Course number 022, Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness**, is a new 4-hour course that includes training on recognizing autism and the appropriate response to someone on the spectrum.

The course is being distributed at this time as a field test. Completion of this course is not required; however, credit may be given toward an officer's mandatory retraining hours. This course will be presented to the Commission during the November 2017 meeting with a request for approval as part of the Specialized Training Program. In the meantime, individuals may access the course at the following link:

http://fdlemedia.fdle.state.fl.us/ATMS/022_Autism_Awareness.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact Research and Training Manager Judd Butler in the Bureau of Training at (850) 410-8654.

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