



Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2018-13**

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TO: Criminal Justice Agency Administrators
Criminal Justice Training Center Directors
Criminal Justice Selection Center Directors

FROM: Director Dean Register *DR*
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SUBJECT: Exemption From Training – Special Operations Forces

During the 2018 Legislative Session, s. 943.131, Florida Statutes, was amended to allow persons who served in the special operations forces to qualify for an exemption from completing the Commission-approved Basic Recruit Training Program. In order to qualify for the exemption under this section, a person must have served in the special operations forces for a minimum of five years if there is no more than a four-year break in service from the special operations forces experience at the time the complete application for the exemption is submitted. The employing agency, training center, or criminal justice selection center must verify and document the person's specific training and experience.

In order to submit the application for an exemption from training under s. 943.131, F.S., the employing agency, training center, or criminal justice selection center must follow the existing procedure in ATMS for out-of-state, federal, and previously sworn Florida officers seeking an exemption from training. The employing agency, training center, or criminal justice selection center must select "Special Operations Forces" for officer status. The remaining procedure for the approval of the application remains unchanged.

Once a person has been approved for the exemption from training and has received the Exemption-From-Training CJSTC-76 form, he or she must complete the training program for the discipline in which certification is being sought. At its August 2, 2018, quarterly meeting, the Commission approved training programs that a person must complete before taking the State Officer Certification Examination: A person seeking to become a law enforcement officer must complete Law Enforcement Basic Training for Special Operations Forces Recruits, number 3007. To become a correctional officer, the person must complete Corrections Basic Training for Special Operations Forces Recruits, number 3008. To become a correctional probation officer, the person must complete Correctional Probation Basic Training for Special Operations Forces Recruits, number 3009.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Training and Research Manager Terry Baker, Bureau of Standards, at TerryBaker@fdle.state.fl.us or (850) 410-8688.

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