



Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2019-10**

DATE: August 22, 2019
TO: Criminal Justice Agency Administrators
Criminal Justice Training Center Directors
FROM: Director Dean Register *DR*
Criminal Justice Professionalism Division
SUBJECT: Mandatory Defensive Tactics Instructor Updates

A new CMS Criminal Justice Defensive Tactics (DT) Basic Recruit Training (BRT) program will go into effect July 1, 2020. After July 1, 2020, only CJSTC-certified DT instructors who have completed either the Specialized Defensive Tactics Instructor Update course (#1200) or the updated Defensive Tactics Instructor course (#802) will be authorized to teach BRT DT.

Defensive Tactics Instructors

These update requirements apply to all CJSTC-certified DT instructors, including agency-affiliated instructors, who wish to maintain active CJSTC Certification. **Agency administrators should ensure all appropriate training personnel in their agency are made aware of and comply with these DT instructor update requirements.**

Defensive Tactics Instructor Courses

All DT instructors must complete either the Specialized Defensive Tactics Instructor Update course (#1200) or the updated Defensive Tactics Instructor course (#802) before July 1, 2020 to maintain their DT instructor certification.

Updated Defensive Tactics Instructor course (#802)

With Commission approval, this course will become effective October 31, 2019. Please note that only the October 2019 version of this course will meet the new requirements for DT instructors. Completing course #802 that started before October 31, 2019 will not fulfill the requirements to continue as a DT instructor after July 1, 2020.

This course is intended for instructors who want to become DT-certified. The course is 80 hours and requires a demonstration of proficiencies and a written end-of-course examination.

The updated curriculum will be posted on the Instructor Materials site once it is approved by the Commission. Contact your ATMS administrator for help accessing the site.

Defensive Tactics Instructor Update course (#1200)

This course is intended for current DT instructors. It describes the content and technique changes to BRT DT and also prepares DT instructors to teach the new Advanced DT course, which will become effective later in 2020. This course is 24 hours long and only requires a written end-of-course examination. No demonstration of proficiencies is required for this course.

The course material can be found on the Instructor Materials site. Contact your ATMS administrator for help accessing the site.

Lapse in Defensive Tactics Instructor Certification

Failure to complete either the Specialized Defensive Tactics Instructor Update course (#1200) or the updated Defensive Tactics Instructor course (#802) before July 1, 2020, will result in a lapse of DT instructor certification.

Lapsed DT instructors must meet the following requirements to reactivate their certification:

- if the lapse is for a period of four or fewer years:
 - complete the Specialized Defensive Tactics Instructor Update course (#1200); and
 - demonstrate the defensive tactics proficiency skills following Rule 11B-35.0024, F.A.C.; and
 - complete continuing education or training approved by the training center director, agency administrator, or designee; and
 - complete a high-liability internship documented on the Instructor Competency Checklist, Form CJSTC-81, that is supervised by an instructor who is certified in the updated defensive tactics course.
- if the lapse is for a period of more than four years, comply with Rule 11B-20.0014(1), F.A.C., which requires the applicant to repeat the entire instructor training process.

Please direct questions to Kristin Macias at KristinMacias@fdle.state.fl.us or 850-410-8351.

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