



Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2022-01**

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

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

SUBJECT: Commission-approved Advanced Training Program; Course Number 1416
Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management for Practitioners

Commission-approved Specialized Training Program; Course Number 1417
Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management for Officers

In 2020, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement released Florida's Strategy for Targeted Violence Prevention. That document provides a blueprint for preventing and mitigating acts of targeted violence. The foundation of this strategy is Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM), an investigative approach to identifying threats and intervening before violence occurs. A significant goal for Florida is to develop capabilities to identify, assess, and manage threats in all jurisdictions statewide. In support of that goal, the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission approved two new courses effective February 17, 2022.

BTAM for Practitioners (#1416) is a 40-hour advanced course designed for officers who will conduct investigations and intelligence analysis along with civilian team members such as mental health professionals, human resource specialists, and legal counsel. Course materials are available to instructors at <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/atms/home.aspx>.

For effective training, instructors should have training and experience in applying BTAM operational principles, strategies, and tactics. Private organizations like the Association of Threat Assessment Professionals (ATAP) and its Florida Chapter are a valuable resource for locating qualified and reputable BTAM instructors. Additionally, team-teaching is encouraged so professionals from multi-disciplinary BTAM teams can share their perspective and expertise while modeling the collaborative approach.

BTAM for Officers (#1417) is a 1-hour, online course for frontline officers in all disciplines. This course provides an awareness-level overview of BTAM and teaches officers how to recognize and report communications and behaviors of concern. This includes identifying persons of concern in a variety of contexts, such as a workplace or school, violent extremism, or the protection of public officials and facilities. The course is available at <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/FCJEL/Online-Training/Behavioral-Threat-Assessment-for-Officers>.

For questions regarding qualified instructors, contact Patrick Crough, Chief of Investigations, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, at PatrickCrough@fdle.state.fl.us or (239) 278-7170. For questions regarding the courses, contact Rob Bates at RobertBates@fdle.state.fl.us or (850) 410-8672.

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