



Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2022-06**

Date: June 10, 2022
TO: Criminal Justice Agency Administrators
FROM: Director Dean Register *DR*
Criminal Justice Professionalism Division
SUBJECT: Medical Marijuana Online Course and Resources Update

In 2018, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) released numerous medical marijuana resources, including an online course, to train patrol officers on understanding and enforcing medical marijuana laws. These resources were a culmination of contributions by subject matter experts representing city and county law enforcement agencies, a State Attorney's Office, FDLE Investigations and Forensic Science (IFS), Florida Highway Patrol, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Florida Department of Agriculture.

The three (3) resources are:

Resources	Description of Resources
Reference Guide	Includes a new section on enforcement procedures
Legal Quick Reference	List of medical marijuana violations, charges, and penalties
Medical Marijuana Training Course	An online course with procedures and scenarios*

**This course may count toward an officer's continuing education/mandatory retraining and is worth four credit hours. The reference guides indicated above are embedded in the online course and must be read as part of course completion. Officers will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the course that can be used as proof of attendance for mandatory retraining hours.*

Although these resources were originally accessible only through Criminal Justice Network (CJNET), they can now also be found at <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/FCJEI/Medical-Marijuana.aspx>. FDLE hopes that by making this training more easily accessible, agencies will encourage sworn officers to review the reference guides and complete the online course. As statutes, rules, and case law continue to evolve, staff will continue to update the online training and printed materials. Agencies are encouraged to incorporate these materials into in-service training when appropriate.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Training and Research Manager Robert Bates in the Bureau of Training at RobertBates@fdle.state.fl.us or (850) 410-8672.

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