



Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2022-07**

Date: June 8, 2022

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: Mandatory Training: Victims of Sexual Offenses Course Available

In the 2021 Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature passed House Bill 1189, which created Florida Statute 943.1724. This statute directed the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to work in consultation with the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence to establish culturally responsive, trauma-informed training on interviewing sexual offense victims and investigating incidents of sexual offenses. Each law enforcement officer must complete the one-time training as part of the basic recruit training program or post-basic training by July 1, 2024. This training is not required for corrections or correctional probation officers.

On May 12, 2022, the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission approved an online Specialized course that meets the requirements of s. 943.1724. The 2-hour online course, Victims of Sexual Offenses, course number 1418, is available at <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/FCJJEI/Online-Mandatory-Retraining.aspx>. The course content has been incorporated into the 2022.07 version of the Florida Basic Recruit Training Program for Law Enforcement in courses "Interviewing and Report Writing" and "Crimes Against Persons," effective July 1, 2022.

The Automated Training Management System (ATMS) has been updated to add a field to record the date an officer completes the required training. The field can be found under Officer Records in the ATMS menu found on the left side of the dashboard. Once an officer completes the training, agency personnel should access the officer's record in the ATMS, enter the date the training was completed in the Sexual Assault Investigation field, and click on "Save." A report was added to the Agency-Based Reports enabling agencies to determine which officers have not completed the training. Any officer who fails to complete the required training by the deadline will become "inactive" and be ineligible to perform the duties of an officer until the required training is completed. Officers who complete the Florida Basic Recruit Training Program for Law Enforcement beginning on or after July 1, 2022, will have met the requirement and ATMS will be automatically updated with the training completion date.

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.

cc: Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission