



## **Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission**

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### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION** **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 2024-17**

DATE: November 22, 2024  
TO: Criminal Justice Agency Administrators  
Criminal Justice Training Center Directors  
Criminal Justice Selection Center Directors  
FROM: Director Chad Brown   
Criminal Justice Professionalism Division  
SUBJECT: Firearms curricula language updates

This technical memorandum is issued to inform the criminal justice community of the recent language updates to the firearms curricula.

On October 31, 2024, the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC) approved new language updates to the firearms curricula to address the concerns of law enforcement agencies regarding when an officer's finger should be on the trigger.

The previous language in the curricula stated that an officer will have their finger on the trigger whenever they present their weapon at an identified deadly threat, and their finger will be off the trigger whenever the weapon is in the compressed ready position.

The updated language in the curricula now states that an officer will have their finger on the trigger whenever they present their weapon at an identified deadly threat they are justified in shooting, and their finger will be indexed and along the frame of the weapon whenever the weapon is in any ready position and they are not looking through their sights.

Additionally, the Basic Recruit Training Program (B RTP) firearms instructor guide and both firearms instructor courses now require instructors to conduct drills with their students by having them randomly move their weapon to the two-handed high point and various ready positions to ensure that their trigger finger is in the correct position based on the situation.

Curriculum alerts detailing the language updates for B RTP Criminal Justice Firearms, the #801 Firearms Instructor Course, and the #1201 Firearms Instructor Update Course have already been released to training centers and placed into effect.

If you have questions about the new language changes to the firearms curricula, please contact Training and Research Manager Rob Bates at [RobertBates@fdle.state.fl.us](mailto:RobertBates@fdle.state.fl.us) or (850) 410-8672.