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CHANGES TO TRAINING

Recently, the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board took steps to cut training costs while still providing quality training without reducing hours.

Changes to First Aid/CPR at the Basic Academy

Due to an increase in the American Red Cross training hours, the Board has voted to change the First Aid/CPR certification at the academy to a “Tactical First Aid” training. When instituted, counties will be required to verify existing first aid/CPR certification for their candidates similar to the verification used for Waiver training. Counties will be provided sufficient lead time before this requirement is instituted.

Changes to Waiver Training

The Board voted to change the structure of Waiver training from 80 hours traditional to 40 hours traditional and 40 hours online. Sheriffs and deputies will be required to complete the 40-hour online prior to attending the 1-week traditional format. This curriculum is being developed and counties will be provided sufficient notice for the candidates to complete the new online format. You will be notified when the new format is ready for use but we do not anticipate before 2020.

Changes to Continuing Education

The current continuing education training cycle will end June 30, 2019. At that time, the Board is moving its continuing education cycle to a 10-hour yearly format. All active and certified sheriffs and deputies, as of June 30, 2019, will have their recertification date moved to December 31, 2020. Training will be in an online format and sheriffs/deputies will have most of 2020 to complete recertification for 2021. We are currently working with the training platform provider to develop smoother registration and login procedures.

Changes to Instructor Training

All optional instructor training classes are suspended effective immediately. Recertification’s for firearms and patrol rifle instructors will still be offered. One class for each will be offered each year. However, while training, room and board will be provided, students will be required to provide their own ammunition and no salary or travel reimbursement will be authorized.



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