

NC CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION & TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION



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COMMISSION HISTORY

1971: N.C. General Assembly creates the Criminal Justice Training and Standards Council Act.

N.C. General Assembly establishes the N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, an independent body with powers and duties outlined in N.C.G.S 17C.

1973: Minimum entrance standards, as well as mandatory basic training requirements effective for all criminal justice officers.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

- 34 Members
- Meets Quarterly
- Operates Under 3-Year System Plan
- Executive and Three Standing Committees:
 - Education & Training
 - Planning & Standards
 - Probable Cause



CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS

DIVISION

- The Division serves as staff to the Commission administering the Commission's mandatory certification and training programs.
- These programs cover all sworn state and municipal police officers, local confinement officers, correctional officers, probation/parole officers, juvenile justice officers, and juvenile court counselors.

Commission Programs

- Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET)
- Mandatory In-Service Training (MIST)
- General Instructors
- Specialized Instructors
- Concealed Carry Handgun Instructors
- Speed Measuring Instruments
- MIST Training Coordinators
- School Directors / Qualified Assistants
- Professional Lecturer
- Retired Law Enforcement Officer-CCH
- Professional Certificates

MINIMUM STANDARDS Law Enforcement Officer

- U.S. Citizen
- Minimum 20 years of age
- Physical Exam
- Psychological Screening
- Drug Test
- Hiring Agency Interview
- High School Graduate or Equivalency



MINIMUM STANDARDS – LEO

- Commission rules require that officers shall not have committed or been convicted of:
 - A felony; or
 - A crime for which the punishment could have been imprisonment for more than two years; or
 - A crime or unlawful act defined as a "Class B misdemeanor" within the five year period prior to the date of application for employment; or
 - Four or more crimes or unlawful acts defined as "Class B misdemeanors" regardless of the date of conviction; or
 - Four or more crimes or unlawful acts defined as "Class A misdemeanors" except the applicant may be employed if the last conviction occurred more than two years prior to the date of application for employment.

BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

(BLET)

- 64 Delivery Sites
- 54 Community Colleges
- 10 Agencies

BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

- ✓ Entry-Level Training
- ✓ Provide Skills to Perform Essential Tasks
- ✓ Cognitive and Physical Skills
- ✓ Ethical Issues Presented in Each Topic
- ✓ Baseline for Career Development
- ✓ Reviewed by Subject Matter Experts and Legal Staff (Quarterly)

BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

- Provide Entry-Level Skills & Knowledge
- Minimum of 632 Instructional Hours
- Six (6) Units:
 - Legal
 - Patrol Duties
 - Law Enforcement Communication
 - Investigation
 - Practical Application
 - Sheriff-Specific

BLET

Firearms Training Objectives (48 hrs.)

1. Discuss the provisions of N.C.G.S 15A-401(d)(2) regarding use of force.
2. Describe in writing and demonstrate the proper methods for cleaning and inspecting the service handgun.
3. Demonstrate the ability to quickly but safely draw a handgun.
4. Demonstrate the ability to draw, operate, reload, and fire the service handgun using dummy rounds, live ammunition, or force on force training cartridges with the use of: a) The dominant hand only; b) The support hand only.

BLET

Firearms Training Objectives Cont.

5. Qualifying score of at least 70 percent accuracy on the Commission approved BLET courses for the handgun day and night. Qualification scores must be attained at least twice in three attempts.
6. Demonstrate two methods of holding a flashlight while firing the service handgun.
7. Successfully complete a day and night combat course of fire.
8. Safely unload a variety of revolvers, semiautomatic pistols, shotguns, and rifles to demonstrate safe handling as well as securing weapons taken in arrest or search situations.

MANDATORY IN-SERVICE TRAINING

- Minimum 24 Hours/Credits Per Year – All Sworn Officers
- Survey of Field Personnel
- Firearms Training & Qualification
- Legal Updates
- Juvenile Minority Sensitivity Training (JMST)
- Plus: New Topics Annually

2018 IN-SERVICE (24 hrs./credits)

- **Firearms Training and Qualification - 4 Credits**
- Legal Update - 4 Credits
- Strategies to Improve Law Enforcement Interactions with Minority Youth – 2 Credits
- Equality in Policing – 4 Credits
- Communication Skills with Individuals in Crisis/De-Escalation Techniques – 4 Credits
- Department Topics of Choice – 6 Credits

2018 In-Service

Firearms Training Objectives

1. Discuss and use provisions of N.C.G.S 15A-401(d)(2)-Use of Deadly Force, as well as any departmental policy relating to the use of force.
2. Identify and practice the provisions of N.C.G.S 14-269 and of Article 54 as it applies to concealed carry by sworn law enforcement personnel.
3. Describe and apply firearms safety on and off duty, on the range, and in the home.

2018 In-Service

Firearms Training Cont.

4. Describe and demonstrate basic marksmanship fundamentals to include grip, stance, sight alignment, sight picture, and the draw.
5. Demonstrate the ability to attain a minimum qualification score of 70 percent or higher if the agency standards exceed state minimums on an approved course of fire for both day and night and also demonstrate the ability to pass a day and night decision-making course of fire. The officer will have three attempts within a given day per course of fire.

State Firearms Facilities

- NC National Guard
- NC Department of Public Safety
 - Samarcand Training Academy – Outdoor Range
- NC Justice Academy
 - Salemburg – Outdoor Range
 - Edneyville – Indoor Range

Transfers

- Out-of-State Sworn Law Enforcement Officers
- Federal Law Enforcement Officers
- Military Personnel – Full BLET Completion
- Military Personnel – Military Police Officers
- Military Spouses

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