

## DCJS Guidance Related to COVID-19 and the Commonwealth's State of Emergency

DCJS is committed to working with agencies in this emergency situation to ensure adequate staffing and training needs are met. We recognize the dire need to have boots on the ground and are ready and willing to assist in that endeavor.

### KEY POINT

- All newly hired or re-hired officers and deputies have 12 months to complete training requirements. In this time period, they may be utilized as needed by the agency, without having completed the requisite training.
- DCJS is authorized to waive certain minimum qualifications for hiring officers, upon the request of the hiring agency head. The qualifications include age, education, citizenship, background checks, and physical exams.

### PERSONNEL CURRENTLY IN BASIC TRAINING

- 90 day training extensions are being offered to officers with 2020 training due dates upon request
- DCJS aims to process training extension requests within 24 hours

### RETIRED PERSONNEL COMING BACK INTO SERVICE

- All re-hired officers and deputies have 12 months to complete training requirements. In this time period, they may be utilized as needed by the agency, without having completed the requisite training.

#### Returning to Certified Status:

- Retired law enforcement officers out for less than 60 months can be reinstated with 40 hour in-service
- Retired law enforcement officers out for more than 60 months but less than 84 months can be reinstated with completion of high liability basic academy training (defensive tactics, firearms, pursuit driving, legal topics)
- Retired jail officers out for less than 60 months can be reinstated with 24 hour in-service
- Retired jail officers out for more than 60 months but less than 84 months can be reinstated with completion of high liability basic academy training (defensive tactics, firearms, legal topics)
- Retired court security/civil process officers out for less than 60 months can be reinstated with 16 hour in-service
- Retired court security/civil process officers out for more than 60 months but less than 84 months can be reinstated with completion of high liability basic academy training (defensive tactics, firearms, legal topics)

### ON-LINE PARTIAL IN-SERVICE CREDIT APPROVALS

- DCJS is expediting requests for online partial in-service courses for current officers, with a goal of providing a response within 24 hours of the request.

## ONLINE TRAINING

- Academies seeking to use on-line training to meet certification requirements should contact DCJS, which is striving to respond to all requests within 24 hours.
- To date, 100% of these on-line training requests have been approved by DCJS.

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