Field Training Manual Changes

With the updates to the Basic Police curriculum (starting with the July Police class), DPSST recognized some changes to the existing Police Field Training Manual needed to occur immediately to accommodate the new July curriculum. The following items were moved from the Basic Police Course to the Police Field Training Manual at the direction of the Basic Police Curriculum Workgroup as they felt these courses were better suited for agency delivery rather than at the academy.

- Sexual and workplace harassment prevention training. (now located in Module I)
- Disease awareness and prevention training. (now located in Module I)
- FEMA Incident Command System training. [Courses ICS 100 and 200] (now located in Module IV)
- U.S. Homeland Security Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) training. [Course AWR-160] (now located in Module IV)

Along with the curriculum changes to the Police Field Training Manual, DPSST is piloting a redesign of the actual FTM as well as the FTM Completion record. This new Police FTM has been assigned Identification Number: M11-19A. When curriculum updates occur to the Field Training Manual, a new number will be assigned. There is also a new streamlined completion record at the end of the modules called the F33 Police Field Training Manual Completion Record. This is a one page form agencies will submit to DPSST indicating all modules in the manual have been completed and the complete FTM is saved at the agency. The new Police FTM (M11-19a) along with the completion record (F33) can now be found on the CJ Forms Page under the Field Training Manual category. The new manual can be used by all, but must be used by students starting a basic police class on or after July 15, 2019 to coincide with the curriculum changes. Once we determine that the new design and processes work well, we will redesign and publish the remaining FTMs.

Please read on for news about the Updated FTM Equivalency Program.

Police Field Training Manual Equivalency Program

With the updated Police Field Training Manual, DPSST is also piloting an updated Field Training Manual Equivalency Program. Agencies wishing to have their field training manual approved as an equivalent to the Board-approved DPSST Field Training Manual can submit an Equivalency Review Application (F37), following the directions indicated on the application. Once approved, DPSST will assign a specific FTM Identification Number to the DPSST-approved equivalent agency FTM. Then agency would then use their FTM Identification number and the form F38 DPSST Approved Equivalent FTM Completion Record to report completion of an officer's Field Training.

If you are interested in getting your agency’s police field training manual approved as equivalent, please visit our CJ Forms Page to submit an F37 FTM Equivalency Review Application to DPSST along with your agency FTM and the cross-referenced DPSST Field Training Manual referenced in the F37.

Once we determine the new processes works well, we will extend the FTM Equivalency Program to all disciplines.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions

Thank you!

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