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PROJECTED FUNDING SHORTFALL IMPACTS ON TRAINING

At its December 7, 2016 meeting, the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Board (Board) addressed a projected funding shortfall for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 of $-\$1,124,809$ in the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Education and Training Fund. In 2014, based on increasing costs and decreasing revenues and fund transfers, the Board eliminated optional online training and reduced optional merit and instructor courses. Additional savings have been realized through other cost cutting measures.

The Board has taken the following additional measures to maximize savings.

Certification Courses: The enrollment in the following certification courses for 2017 have been suspended unless there is a demonstrated need and available classes are fully utilized.

B-17-03	Basic	August 7, 2017 – December 15, 2017
W-17-05	Waiver	November 6, 2017 – November 17, 2017

Sheriffs are strongly encouraged to utilize the remaining courses to secure certification for their personnel. Please pay special attention to those deputies who are about to or will exhaust their year of pre-certification allowed by Act 1984-2 and make them priorities for enrollment. Board policy only allows for pre-certification time extensions for very limited reasons.

Should the remaining courses fill, Board staff will review enrollments and make a determination on expanding enrollments or opening the suspended classes. A waiting list will be established to assist in determining that need. Students will be added to classes on a first come, first served basis.

Re-certification Courses: Continuing Education courses for 2015-2017 cycle will remain the same. However, staff is evaluating the course schedule for 2017-2019 beginning in October 2017. The number of classes available in each area may be reduced based on past and projected enrollments. Once determined, updates will be provided in future bulletins.

Optional Courses: The Board has recognized that they are committed to the Departmental Instructor Development (T) courses and have not suspended or cancelled those courses. These include Instructor Development, Court Security, Firearms Instructor, Patrol Rifle Instructor and related re-certifications. However, enrollments will be monitored and classes may be cancelled for low enrollments.

At this time, the following Merit Courses for 2017 are cancelled.

M-17-03	Active Shooter	May 1, 2017 – May 3, 2017
M-17-04	Active Shooter	June 26, 2017 – June 28, 2017

M-17-02, Active Shooter (4/19/17-4/21/17) will continue and is close to full enrollment. Sheriffs who have deputies scheduled in the cancelled classes have been notified.

The Board is committed to continue providing quality training. These cost saving measures will continue until the fund reaches a position of stability.

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