

Thank you for your interest in the Equivalency of Training Process at the Brevard Police Testing & Selection Center. The BPTC is a Regional Criminal Justice Selection Center authorized by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to approve training exemptions for out of state, federal and inactive Florida law enforcement & correctional officers pursuant to Florida Administrative Code 11B-35.009.

In order to seek certification as a Florida officer through this process, an applicant must: (1) obtain an exemption from completing a Florida basic training academy, (2) complete an 8-9 day comparative compliance class, and (3) challenge and pass the State Officer Certification Exam. These three things must be completed within a one-year period starting from the date the exemption is approved.

There can be no more than an 8 year break in employment as an officer. The break in employment is measured from the separation date of the most recent qualifying employment to the time a complete application requesting an exemption from training is submitted to a Criminal Justice Selection Center or criminal justice employing agency.

Once you are approved for an equivalency of training, you will need to demonstrate proficiency in the high liability areas and pass the state certification exam in the same discipline **within 1 year** of receipt of the approved Equivalency of Training CJSTC Form 76.

If you do not complete the training and pass the State Officer Certification Examination within the 1 year time limit, you may apply for another exemption from training, but you must be eligible pursuant to Chapter 943.131(2), F.S. at the time of application. (Please refer to the two PDFs - FDLE EOT Requirements Webpage & 11B-35.009).

In order to qualify for the training exemption, the EOT applicant must provide evidence of one (1) year of full-time prior sworn law enforcement officer employment; and comparable training in the following areas:

- Legal
- Report Writing
- Interpersonal Skills
- Weapons/Firearms
- Defensive Tactics
- First Responder Medical
- EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operations)
- Patrol
- Criminal investigations
- Traffic investigations

Applications and relating forms are available online for download from our website. Completed applications along with fees should be mailed to the address listed below. The application fee is \$350.00 for out of state and federal officers; and \$200 for Florida inactive officers. Please note that inactive Florida officers must have had a four-year break in service before being eligible for EOT. Fees are payable by money order only made out to "BPTC."

All fees are non-refundable, and it is the applicant's responsibility to determine whether he/she qualifies for the exemption before sending in any paperwork and fees.

This exemption can spare an officer 770 hours, or 21 weeks, of academy training. Please make sure to follow the link which has detailed information regarding all the requirements and steps for this process. (Also see PDFs – EFSC Public Safety Institute & EFSC EOT).

<http://www.easternflorida.edu/academics/public-safety-institute/brevard-police-testing-selection-center/equivalency-of-training/>

Once granted the CJSTC Form 76 Exemption, the officer must arrange to complete the High Liability Proficiency Course (HLPC) (approximately 9 day course). We can assist the officer with registering to take the class here at EFSC, or the class may be taken at any FDLE-sanctioned academy of choice within Florida. After completing the class, the officer must then pass the SOCE within the one year time frame.

The fee to take the class at EFSC is approximately \$750 for LEO and \$600 for COR. The BPTC also offers the SOCE exam at a cost of \$150. After completing all the steps, the officer may apply for a position with any Florida LE agency. An officer is only considered “certified” once employed by an agency.

Please call the EOT Coordinator at 321-433-5640 if you have any questions.