

**NORTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING
STANDARDS COMMISSION**



12 NCAC 10B .0601 Detention Officer Certification Course

Public Hearing

May 14, 2024 @ 9:00am
1700 Tryon Park Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610

Instructions for Oral and Written Comments

The public comment period begins on April 15, 2024 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on June 14, 2024. Public comments shall be in writing and shall be directed to:

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“Public Comment” is defined by NCGS 150B-21.3A(a)(5) as a written objection to all or part of a rule. Additionally, pursuant to NCGS 150B-21.3A(c)(2), in order for the Rules Review Commission to determine whether the public comment has merit, the public comment must address the specific substance of the rule and address any of the standards of Commission review, as set forth in NCGS 150B-21.9(a).

*****If approved, this change would become effective August 1, 2024*****

1 12 NCAC 10B .0601 is proposed for amendment as follows:
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3 **SECTION .0600 - MINIMUM STANDARDS OF TRAINING FOR DETENTION OFFICERS**
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5 **12 NCAC 10B .0601 DETENTION OFFICER CERTIFICATION COURSE**

6 ~~(a) This Section establishes the current standard by which Sheriffs' Office and district confinement personnel shall~~
7 ~~receive detention officer training. The Detention Officer Certification Course shall consist of a minimum of 174 hours~~
8 ~~of instruction designed to provide the trainee with the skills and knowledge necessary to perform those tasks~~
9 ~~considered essential to the administration and operation of a confinement facility. The detention officer certification~~
10 ~~training program shall consist of the 182-hour Detention Officer Certification Course developed by the North Carolina~~
11 Justice Academy and approved by the Commission.

12 (b) Each Detention Officer Certification Course shall include the following identified topic areas and minimum
13 instructional hours for each area:

14	(1)	LEGAL UNIT	
15		(A) Orientation	3 hours
16		(B) Criminal Justice Systems	2 hours
17		(C) Legal Aspects of Management and Supervision	14 hours
18		(D) Introduction to Rules and Regulations	2 hours
19		(E) Ethics	3 hours
20		UNIT TOTAL	24 Hours
21	(2)	PHYSICAL UNIT	
22		(A) Contraband/Searches	6 hours
23		(B) Patrol and Security Function of the Jail	5 hours
24		(C) Key and Tool Control	2 hours
25		(D) Investigative Process in the Jail	8 hours
26		(E) Transportation of Inmates	7 hours
27		(F) Prison Rape Elimination Act	2 hours
28		UNIT TOTAL	30 Hours
29	(3)	PRACTICAL APPLICATION UNIT	
30		(A) Processing Inmates	8 hours
31		(B) Supervision and Management of Inmates	5 hours
32		(C) Suicides and Crisis Management	5 hours
33		(D) Aspects of Mental Illness	6 hours
34		(E) Fire Emergencies	4 hours
35		(F) Notetaking and Report Writing	6 hours
36		(G) Communication Skills	5 hours
37		UNIT TOTAL	39 hours

1	(4)	MEDICAL UNIT	
2	(A)	First Aid and CPR	8 hours
3	(B)	Medical Care in the Jail	6 hours
4	(C)	Stress	3 hours
5	(D)	Subject Control Techniques	32 40 hours
6	(E)	Physical Fitness for Detention Officers	22 hours
7		UNIT TOTAL	74 79 hours
8	(5)	REVIEW AND TESTING	7 hours
9	(6)	STATE EXAM	3 hours
10		TOTAL HOURS	174 182 HOURS

11 ~~(e) Consistent with the curriculum development policy of the Commission as published in the "Detention Officer Certification Course Management Guide," the Commission shall designate the developer of the Detention Officer Certification Course curricula and such designation shall be deemed by the Commission as approval for the developer to conduct pilot Detention Officer Certification Courses. Individuals who complete such a pilot Detention Officer Certification Course offering shall be deemed to have complied with and satisfied the minimum training requirement.~~

12 ~~(d) The "Detention Officer Certification Training Manual" published by the North Carolina Justice Academy shall be used as the basic curriculum for the Detention Officer Certification Course. Copies of this manual may be obtained by contacting the North Carolina Justice Academy, Post Office Box 99, Salemburg, North Carolina 28385-0099. The cost of this manual, CD, indexes and binder is fifty one dollars and seventy five cents (\$51.75) at the time this Rule was last amended.~~

13 ~~(e) The "Detention Officer Certification Course Management Guide" published by the North Carolina Justice Academy is hereby incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions, and shall be used by school directors in planning, implementing, and delivering basic detention officer training. The standards and requirements established by the "Detention Officer Certification Course Management Guide" shall be adhered to by the school director. The Justice Academy shall issue to each certified school director a copy of the guide at the time of certification at no cost to the certified school.~~

14 (c) No Detention Officer Certification Course shall be offered by any agency or institution without the approval of the Commission pursuant to Rules .0704 and .0802 of this Subchapter. Any agency or institution desiring to offer the Detention Officer Certification Course shall file a Pre-Delivery Report, Form F-7A, with the Division.

15 *History Note: Authority G.S. 17E-4(a);*
16 *Eff. January 1, 1989;*
17 *Amended Eff. August 1, 2016; February 1, 2014; August 1, 2011; October 1, 2009; January 1, 2006;*
18 *August 2, 2002; August 1, 2000; August 1, 1998; February 1, 1998; January 1, 1996; June 1, 1992;*
19 *January 1, 1992; January 1, 1991;*
20 *Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 6,*
21 *2018.*

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