**SPECIALIZED FIREARMS AND PHYSICAL FITNESS INSTRUCTOR RENEWALS - FAQs**

**Firearms**
Effective January 1, 2016 Specialized Firearms Instructors are required to achieve a minimum score of 92% on the BLET Day and Night Qualification Course once during the 3-year instructor certification period. The qualification must be done by another certified Specialized Firearms Instructor, utilizing the B-27 target, and be recorded on the F9A or the BLET Firearms Qualification Form, located here.

1. May the Specialized Firearms Instructor renewal also be used to satisfy annual in-service firearms qualification, or vice versa?
   **Yes, provided the agency allows the officer to satisfy in-service firearms requirements using the BLET qualification course, and utilizes the B-27 target. Since these are separate requirements, Form F-9A (Firearms Qualification Record) must be completed to document each officer’s In-Service Firearms Training requirements.**

2. Does renewal for Specialized Firearms Instructor require a passing a score 2 out of 3 attempts, as in BLET?
   **No. For purposes of instructor renewal, a person only has to qualify one time in their 3 year certification period.**

3. Does the Specialized Firearms Instructor who is renewing need to qualify with each duty-issued weapon?
   **No. Qualification should be with the service handgun.**

4. Are the targets used supposed to be what is used on the BLET course?
   **Yes, the targets will be the B27.**

**Physical Fitness**

1. What must be done to maintain my Specialized Physical Fitness Instructor certification?
   **You must pass the Police Officer Physical Ability Test once during your 3-year instructor certification period. The POPAT must be conducted by another certified Specialized Physical Fitness Instructor, and recorded on the POPAT Post-Course Form, located here.**

2. What happens if at the end of the certification period the instructor has failed to meet the requirements listed above (Physical Fitness or Firearms)?
   **The instructor certification will not be renewed and he/she will not be allowed to deliver instruction within that specific discipline.**

*Proof of proficiency (BLET Handgun Qualification form, and/or POPAT Post-Course form) must be attached to the Instructor Renewal application (F-12A) when submitted for renewal.

**If you have any questions, please call Criminal Justice Standards Division at (919) 661-5980**