

WASHINGTON STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION

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Dear Chiefs and Sheriffs:

I am pleased to share recent updates to the equipment and attire lists for the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) and Corrections Officers Academy (COA). These changes will take effect September 1, 2022, and affect only incoming BLEA and COA recruits, starting with BLEA 849 and COA 479. The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission staff have worked diligently to ensure the new list is clear and accurately captures expectations and needs.

Most importantly, and at the request of recruit leadership, we evaluated the current uniform and decided to adjust our requirements to better serve recruit needs. As you will see in the attached equipment lists, these changes include standardizing the daily uniform across BLEA and COA, changing the color of pants, improving the style of shirts, and adding sleeve length options. Although an estimated cost difference of up to \$20 may apply, the new uniform shirts are more comfortable and are offered in women's sizes to serve a diverse student body.

Any current recruits interested in switching to the new uniform are welcome to do so at any time.

Should you have any questions, please contact Commander Dave Campbell at dave.campbell@cjtc.wa.gov or by phone to (206) 835-7330.

Sincerely,

Monica Alexander
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