



South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy

November 10, 2020

South Carolina E-911 Agency Heads

RE: Equivalent Basic Telecommunications Officer Training

Dear Agency Heads:

On November 9, 2020, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council voted to accept the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Public Safety Telecommunicator (PST) training as the equivalent to the Basic Telecommunications Officer Training (BTOT) provided by the Academy.

If an agency chooses to send its students to APCO training instead of BTOT training, the agency will follow CJA's request for equivalency procedures as follows:

Email a letter of equivalency request to lwfennell@sccja.sc.gov and include the following information:

1. Officer's name and Academy ID
2. Name and date of equivalent training. Certificates must be dated **two years** from equivalency request, or be accompanied by a Recertification certificate.
3. Signed by training officer or agency head
4. Include a copy of the APCO certificate

Please allow five (5) business days for equivalency approval.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Lauren W. Fennell at (803) 896-7746.

Sincerely,

Lewis J. Swindler, Jr.
Director



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