



South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy

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The Honorable Chris Wooten
Chair
House Legislative Oversight Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Subcommittee
PO Box 11867
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Via email only to: charlesappleby@schouse.gov

Re: Response to your request for information

Dear Representative Wooten:

Please find below the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy's response to your request for information.

Turnover

1. Please provide the number of DJJ LEOs that separated between October 2016 and September 2020 and aggregated information on the reasons indicated on the Personnel Change in Status Reports (e.g., resigned; retired; accepted employment with another law enforcement agency; failure to successfully complete basic or in-service training; etc.)

Answer:

1. Twenty One (21) DJJ Leo's left the Agency between October 2016 and September 2020. The reasons listed were:

Reason	# of Officers
Resignation	9
Resignation Accepted Employment at another agency	12
(blank)	
Grand Total	21

2. Please provide a list of the entities to which LEOs, who separated from DJJ between October 2016 and September 2020, were hired, including the number at each entity.

Answer:



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Agency Name	# of Officers
Blackville PD	1
Cayce Public Safety	2
Columbia Housing Authority	1
Fairfield Co. Sheriff's Office	1
Greenville/Spartanburg Airport Police	1
Johnston PD	1
Lake City Police Dept.	1
Lexington Co. Sheriff's Office	1
Pelion PD	1
SC Attorney General's Office	1
SC State University Police	1
Winthrop PD	1
(blank)	8
Grand Total	21

3. Please provide the number of LEOs, who separated from DJJ between October 2016 and September 2020 that were current on required training at the time of their separation from DJJ.

Answer:

1. 12 (the other 4 were uncertified and 5 were not current on training)

4. Please provide information on the number of officers leaving and hired (i.e., turnover) at each state and local law enforcement entity, by entity and year, between fiscal year 2015 and 2020.

Answer:

Agency	Hires	Separations
Lexington Co. Detention Center	164	222
Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center	473	585
Dorchester Co. Detention Center	152	128
Hill-Finklea Detention Center	149	136
Union County Detention Center	62	43
<u>SC Probation, Parole and Pardon Services</u>	252	294
SLED	211	186
SC Department of Public Safety	700	735

Training

5. Please briefly explain any mandatory or voluntary training available to DJJ LEOs.

Answer:

A. Mandatory Training:

- I. To become recertified as a Class 1 Leo, the officer must complete 40 hours of training over a three year period to include:
 - a) DV (1 update Yearly)
 - b) Mental Health or Addictive Disorders Update
 - c) Legal Update (2 parts yearly = 6 parts over 3 years)
 - d) Emergency Vehicle Operations Yearly
 - e) We offer "Line Up" videos that would provide an additional 18 hours of training over 3 years

II. Voluntary Training

1. We offer many different "advanced" training Classes to Class One Officers

Here is our course catalog [2021-2022 Training Year Catalog.pdf \(sc.gov\)](https://sccja.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/SCCJA/Training/2021-2022%20Training%20Year%20Catalog.pdf)

We also have a Mobile Training Unit that teaches courses in the field. Here is their course catalog <https://sccja.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/SCCJA/Training/2021-2022%20Training%20Year%20Catalog.pdf>

6. Is there a cost to DJJ for the training CJA offers DJJ LEOs? If yes, please explain.

Answer: There is no cost for basic training. For advanced training the cost is:

- i. One Day Class - \$5
- ii. Two Day Class - \$20
- iii. Three Day Class - \$35
- iv. Four Day Class-\$50
- v. Five Day Class-\$70
- vi. Two Week Class-\$140

7. For each year/training session between October 2016 and September 2020, how many spots were reserved for DJJ personnel? Of these reserved DJJ spots, how many were filled by DJJ personnel?

Answer: 1 seat was "reserved" in Basic Law 673 and did not use it. No other seats were "reserved".

8. Please provide the training graduation rates for DJJ personnel between October 2016 and September 2020.

Answer: 9 of the 10 Candidates Presented during October 2016 to September 2020 did graduate.

9. Please provide the number of DJJ personnel who, as of the date CJA responds to this letter, are not current with all current training requirements.

Answer: Out of 23 Officers 17 are not current on their training.

Hours

10. Is CJA aware of any law enforcement entities around the state with policies that limit the number of consecutive hours a certified law enforcement officer may work? If so, please list the entities and limits.

Answer: CJA understands that Lancaster Co. SO has a policy limiting the number of consecutive hours a certified law enforcement officer may work.

11. Due to the authority entrusted to certified law enforcement officers (e.g., carry firearms, arrest, etc.), does, or would, CJA recommend law enforcement entities have a policy limiting the number of consecutive hours a certified law enforcement officer may work? Why or why not?

Answer: CJA would recommend that agencies have a policy limiting the number of consecutive hours a certified law enforcement officer may work.

12. In what states, if any, are there legal prohibitions on the number of hours a law enforcement officer may work, similar to hours of service requirements for truck drivers?

Answer: CJA has submitted a survey to the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST) and all responses stated that their state did not have legal prohibitions on the number of hours a law enforcement officer may work.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lewis J. Swindler Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lewis J. Swindler, Jr.
Director