

Law Enforcement Certifications

Certification	Examples of who has it	Initial Training	Ongoing Training
Basic Law Enforcement Training: 16 classes/year; 60-70 students/class			
Class I-LE (Law Enforcement certification) *An LECO Officer obtained both a Class I – LE and Class II – LCO certificate	Police officers, ¹ deputies, ² sheriff, ³ state agents, ⁴ campus police, ⁵ special purpose district law enforcement ⁶	12 weeks of basic LE training Location/Taught by: CJA/CJA Paid by: CJA (Special Purpose District and Savannah River Site ⁷ pays for their training)	40 hours in a three year period, including a mental health or addictive disorders course and at least 1 legal update course and 1 domestic violence course each year. ⁸ July 22, 2020, LETC is discussing making de-escalation/implicit bias/cultural issues mandated.
Detention Training: 12 classes/year; 60 students/class			
Class II – LCO (Local Correctional Officer certification)	County detention and city jail officers	3 weeks of basic detention training ⁹ Location/Taught by: CJA/CJA Paid by: CJA	In-service training hours per year as specified by the Jail Standards Committee ¹⁰
Class II – SCO (SC Correctional Officer certification)	Department of Corrections (DOC) Officer	4 weeks of basic training Location/Taught by: DOC/DOC Paid by: DOC	Academy approved in-service program every three years + at least 1 legal update course each year ¹¹
Class II – JCO (SC Juvenile Correctional Officer certification)	Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Correctional Officer	5 weeks of basic training Location/Taught by: DJJ/DJJ Paid by: DJJ	Academy approved in-service program every three years + at least 1 legal update course each year ¹²
Limited Duty Training: 4 classes/year; 45-50 students/class			
Class III – SLE (SC Limited Enforcement Officer certification)	Court room security, litter control, animal control, airport security, coroner/deputy coroners ¹³	9 days of limited duty training Location/Taught by: CJA/CJA (Coroner’s assoc. teaches deputy Coroners) Paid by: CJA (County coroner serves)	At least 1 legal update course each year ¹⁴
E-911 Training: 9-10 classes/year (based on need); 20-25 students/class			
Class IV – TCO (Telecommunications Operator certification)	911 operator/dispatcher	Training approved by the LETC ¹⁵ ¹⁶ Location/Taught by: CJA/CJA Paid by: Entity employing the operator/dispatcher ¹⁷	
Reserve Officer Training			
Reserve Officer/Reserve Deputy Certification	Many utilize the law enforcement reserve program; none have obtained this certification for the detention officer reserve program	Minimum of 60 hours of training ¹⁸ Location/Taught by: Locally by instructors certified as trainers at CJA with curriculum from CJA Paid by: Entity with whom the reserve officer is volunteering ¹⁹	In-service training hours per year as specified by the Jail Standards Committee + at least 1 legal update course and 1 domestic violence course each year ²⁰

¹ S.C. Code Ann. § 23-23-40.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ S.C. Code Ann. § 59-116-40.

⁶ S.C. Code Ann. §, 6-11-340. Note: If special purpose district opts to have law enforcement, the Criminal Justice Academy must train them.

⁷ S.C. Code Ann. § 23-23-115.

⁸ S.C. Code Ann. § 23-23-50; SC Code of Regulations § 37-010, and S.C. Code Ann. §23-23-55.

⁹ SC Code of Regulations § 37-005 B.1.

¹⁰ S.C. Code Ann. § 24-5-320; SC Code of Regulations § 37-010.

¹¹ SC Code of Regulations § 37-010.

¹² Ibid.

¹³ S.C. Code Ann. § sec. 17-5-130(C)-(H).

¹⁴ S.C. Code of Regulations § 37-010.

¹⁵ S.C. Code of Regulations, § 37-066.

¹⁶ S.C. Code Ann. § 23-47-20(C)(15).

¹⁷ SC Code of Regulations § 37-069.

¹⁸ S.C. Code Ann. § 23-28-40.

¹⁹ Mike Lanier, Deputy Director for the Criminal Justice Academy interviewed by House Legislative Oversight Committee, Charles Appleby, Legal Counsel for the House Legislative Oversight Committee, September 2016.

²⁰ SC Code of Regulations § 37-010 & 37-030(C).