



26 ~~training component shall include, but need not be limited to,~~  
27 ~~instruction on the recognition of the symptoms and~~  
28 ~~characteristics of an individual on the autism disorder spectrum~~  
29 ~~and appropriate responses to an individual exhibiting such~~  
30 ~~symptoms and characteristics.~~ Completion of the training  
31 component may count toward the 40 hours of instruction for  
32 continued employment or appointment as a law enforcement officer  
33 required under s. 943.135.

34 (3) The employment training component relating to  
35 individuals with autism spectrum disorder for officers may  
36 include at least 4 hours of in person instruction in the  
37 procedures and techniques described in this subsection:

38 (a) The nature and manifestation of autism spectrum  
39 disorders.

40 (b) Appropriate techniques for interviewing or  
41 interrogating an individual with autism spectrum disorder,  
42 including techniques to ensure the legality of statements made  
43 and techniques used to protect the rights of the individual.

44 (c) Techniques for locating an individual with autism  
45 spectrum disorder who runs away and is in danger and returning  
46 the individual while causing as little stress as possible to the  
47 individual.

48 (d) Techniques for recognizing the agency of an individual  
49 with autism spectrum disorder while identifying potential  
50 abusive or coercive situations.

51 (e) Techniques for deescalating a potentially dangerous  
52 situation to maximize the safety of both the officer and the  
53 individual with autism spectrum disorder.

54 (f) Techniques for differentiating an individual with  
55 autism spectrum disorder from an individual who is belligerent,  
56 uncooperative, or otherwise displaying traits similar to the  
57 characteristics of an individual with autism spectrum disorder  
58 and understanding the law as it relates to the use of the Baker  
59 Act against an individual with autism spectrum disorder.

60 (g) Procedures to identify and address challenges related  
61 to the safety and wellbeing of individuals with autism spectrum  
62 disorder in a correctional facility.

63 (h) The impact of interaction with officers on individuals  
64 with autism spectrum disorder.

65 (4) All recruits must receive the employment training  
66 component relating to individuals with autism spectrum disorder.  
67 Such training component may be taught as part of other relevant  
68 components of the training.

69 (5) The commission shall by rule require that each officer  
70 receive, as part of the required instruction for continued  
71 employment or appointment as an officer, instruction in the  
72 procedures and techniques described in subsection (3).

73 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.