

15.334 Mandatory training subjects for law enforcement students -- Mandatory in-service training courses for certified peace officers -- Administrative regulations -- Sexual assault investigation training course -- Domestic violence and abuse training.

- (1) The Kentucky Law Enforcement Council shall approve mandatory training subjects to be taught to all students attending a law enforcement basic training course that include but are not limited to:
 - (a) Abuse, neglect, and exploitation of the elderly and other crimes against the elderly, including the use of multidisciplinary teams in the investigation and prosecution of crimes against the elderly;
 - (b) The dynamics of domestic violence, pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined in KRS 620.020, child physical and sexual abuse, and rape; child development; the effects of abuse and crime on adult and child victims, including the impact of abuse and violence on child development; legal remedies for protection; lethality and risk issues; profiles of offenders and offender treatment; model protocols for addressing domestic violence, rape, pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined in KRS 620.020, and child abuse; available community resources and victim services; and reporting requirements. This training shall be developed in consultation with legal, victim services, victim advocacy, and mental health professionals with expertise in domestic violence, child abuse, and rape. Training in recognizing pediatric abusive head trauma may be designed in collaboration with organizations and agencies that specialize in the prevention and recognition of pediatric abusive head trauma approved by the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;
 - (c) Human immunodeficiency virus infection and acquired immunodeficiency virus syndrome;
 - (d) Identification and investigation of, responding to, and reporting bias-related crime, victimization, or intimidation that is a result of or reasonably related to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin;
 - (e) The characteristics and dynamics of human trafficking, state and federal laws relating to human trafficking, the investigation of cases involving human trafficking, including but not limited to screening for human trafficking, and resources for assistance to the victims of human trafficking;
 - (f) At least eight (8) hours of training relevant to sexual assault;
 - (g) Education on female genital mutilation as defined in KRS 508.125, including the risk factors associated with female genital mutilation, the criminal penalties for committing female genital mutilation, and the psychological and health effects on a victim of female genital mutilation; and
 - (h) The characteristics, dynamics, and investigation of pediatric ingestion or inhalation of controlled substances.
- (2) (a) The council shall develop and approve mandatory in-service training courses to be presented to all certified peace officers. The council may promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A setting forth

the deadlines by which all certified peace officers shall attend the mandatory in-service training courses.

- (b) The council shall establish a forty (40) hour sexual assault investigation training course. Agencies shall maintain officers on staff who have completed the forty (40) hour sexual assault investigation training course in accordance with the following:
 - 1. Agencies with more than ten (10) but fewer than twenty-one (21) full-time officers shall maintain one (1) officer who has completed the forty (40) hour sexual assault investigation training course;
 - 2. Agencies with twenty-one (21) or more but fewer than fifty-one (51) full-time officers shall maintain at least two (2) officers who have completed the forty (40) hour sexual assault investigation training course; and
 - 3. Agencies with fifty-one (51) or more full-time officers shall maintain at least four (4) officers who have completed the sexual assault investigation course.
 - (c) An agency shall not make an officer directly responsible for the investigation or processing of sexual assault offenses unless that officer has completed the forty (40) hour sexual assault investigation training course.
 - (d) The council may, upon application by any agency, grant an exemption from the training requirements set forth in paragraph (b) of this subsection if that agency, by limitations arising from its scope of authority, does not conduct sexual assault investigations.
 - (e) Any agency failing to comply with paragraph (b) or (c) of this subsection shall, from the date the noncompliance commences, have one (1) year to reestablish the minimum number of trained officers required.
- (3) (a) The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall provide training on the subjects of:
- 1. Domestic violence and abuse. All certified peace officers shall be required to complete this training at least once every two (2) years; and
 - 2. Pediatric ingestion or inhalation of controlled substances. All certified peace officers shall be required to complete this training at least once every three (3) years.
- (b) Training required under paragraph (a) of this subsection may be completed utilizing currently available technology.
- (4) The council shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to establish mandatory basic training and in-service training courses.

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effective June 20, 2005.

Legislative Research Commission Note (4/8/2016). 2016 Ky. Acts ch. 58, sec. 11 provided that that Act shall be known as the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence (SAFE) Act of 2016. This statute was amended in Section 9 of that Act.