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Subject: Notice of Regulatory Action – Medical Extension Physical Fitness Assessment

Effective immediately, all Peace Officer Basic Training (POBT) students that have been granted a medical extension will perform their course required Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) at the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) London campus. This policy only applies to medically extended students that perform their PFA on or after **August 1, 2009**.

Commanders will be required to submit the Medical Extension PFA (MedEx PFA) request form on behalf of affected students to the MedEx PFA Coordinator in accordance with the information published in the Medical Extension PFA FAQ document. The MedEx PFA Coordinator must be in receipt of a valid request form at least two weeks prior to the requested test date. Students bear full responsibility in coordinating these requests through their Commander. Any student that does not successfully complete the final PFA within one year from their school start date will not be permitted to sit for the Ohio Peace Officer Basic Certification Examination.

Commanders should reinforce to students the importance of bringing all required items as listed on the FAQ to include appropriate clothing, a valid driver's license, and the original medical release form signed and stamped by their attending physician. Physical Fitness Assessment standards and protocol remain unchanged for the MedEx PFA, which will be administered by OPOTA and Commission staff.

No waivers will be granted for students that do not complete their required PFA within the prescribed one year time limit. Therefore, it is vitally important that you communicate this information to your students, as they will be held accountable to this standard regardless of notification.

Please direct inquiries regarding interpretation or implementation to the OPOTC Field Agent as assigned or to Doug Daniels by email at james.daniels@ohioattorneygeneral.gov, or by telephone at 740-845-6304.

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