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MEMORANDUM

TO: Garth L. Wheeler, Director
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FROM: Nicole Sydnor
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DATE: July 16, 2013

SUBJECT: Rules Relating to Law Enforcement Field Training Officers
(6 VAC 20-280)

In response to a request from the Department of Criminal Justice Services, I have reviewed the proposed regulations, 6 VAC 20-280, relating to Compulsory Minimum Training Standards for Law Enforcement Field Training Officers. Section 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia gives the Criminal Justice Services Board the authority to promulgate regulations it deems necessary and appropriate to establish minimum standards relating to law enforcement officers serving as field training officers. Upon review of the aforementioned regulations, I find the proposed regulations to be constitutional, consistent with the statutory authority granted by § 9.1-102 of the Code of Virginia, and in conformity with existing statutory provisions.

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