



PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

EQUIVALENCY OF TRAINING FOR OUT OF STATE CERTIFIED OFFICERS

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Equivalency of Training (EOT) process is for out-of-state officers and federal officers who may be exempt from having to complete the full basic recruit academy upon relocating to Florida.

If you are already certified in another state, EOT process guidelines may be obtained through the FDLE website at <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/CJSTC/Officer-Requirements/Equivalency-of-Training.aspx>

Out-of-state officers may be eligible for an exemption from the basic training requirements if the officer in another state or with the federal government meets the following requirements:

- Worked at least one (1) year, full-time as a sworn officer in the discipline seeking exemption.
- Received training in that discipline which is comparable to Florida's full basic recruit curriculum
- Previously completed Florida's full basic recruit training program and was certified in Florida.
- Have no more than an eight-year break-in-service since latest separation from a sworn position.

Additional exemptions may apply to other situations. Review the FDLE EOT site for further information.

If you are interested in information about certification, you may contact Police Applicant Screening Service (PASS) at 727-864-3822.

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office EOT Reimbursement Program

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) will reimburse out-of-state law enforcement and corrections officers in need of the EOT program up to **\$1,500** upon successful completion of the EOT program and new hire process. EOT new hires must be hired within one year of passing the FDLE State Officer Certification Exam to qualify for the \$1,500 EOT reimbursement.

Candidates may still be eligible for all other PCSO new hire deputy incentives: experience pay, signing bonus, and relocation stipend.

Thank you for your interest in the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office

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