



CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION & TRAINING STANDARDS COMMISSION

The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission, through [N.C.G.S. Chapter 17C](#), establishes minimum employment, training and retention standards for the State's criminal justice officers. The Commission plans for the effective implementation of innovations in the State's system of criminal justice employment, training and education.

The Commission is comprised of [33 members](#) who represent the interests of law enforcement, corrections and juvenile justice personnel.

The Commission conducts its business through three Standing Committees and an Executive Committee.

The Commission meets quarterly and maintains a record of [minutes](#) from each meeting.

Executive Committee

Comprised of the Commission Chair and Vice-Chair and the Standing Committee chairpersons and hears reports from the Standing Committees.

Education and Training Committee

Hears reports on issues relating to course curricula and training programs.

Planning and Standards Committee

Responsible for long-range planning activities of the Commission and conducts rule-making hearings.

Probable Cause Committee

Conducts probable cause hearings for officers accused of Commission rules violations.

The Commission and its staff operate under the guidance and direction of a [System Plan](#), which the Commission updates and adopts every five years.

Mission

To assure that all of the State's criminal justice officers are both competent and ethical in the conduct of their duties.

Vision

The system of selection, training, and retention of criminal justice officers will support the continued professional development and growth of all officers and the most effective and ethical provision of protection to all citizens.

Core Values

The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission is dedicated to meeting the multitude of needs of the criminal justice system in everything it does. The Commission strives to provide quality justice services to all the citizens of North Carolina.

These Core Values guide the Commission in all its deliberations and decision making:

Make no decision unless it is thoroughly researched, explained and evaluated by Commission members, those they represent and other constituencies.

- Put the concerns of the Criminal Justice System first. The Commission will help the system members, and ultimately the citizens of North Carolina, achieve their goals. We shall seek their input in all that we can do.
- All persons appearing before the Commission will be courteously received and be allowed to present their point of view in accordance with Commission procedures and the laws of North Carolina.
- Strive to be innovative and responsive in addressing the current and future needs of the Criminal Justice System by a coordinated planning and goal-setting process.
- Be receptive and open to new ideas and concepts and alert to change, which if implemented, will improve the Criminal Justice System in North Carolina.
- Promote a system where only the very best can be selected, employed, and retained by establishing reasonable, yet exacting standards and require that training and other developmental activities improve the competence and ethical behavior of professional criminal justice officers and staff.

History

In 1971, the General Assembly adopted the Criminal Justice Training and Standards Council Act. The Act created the Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission and led to the adoption of minimum entrance standards, as well as mandatory basic training requirements, for all sworn law enforcement officers, effective in 1973.

To ensure a consistent level of competency and professionalism among law enforcement officials, the Criminal Justice Standards Division administers the Commission's mandatory certification and training programs.

Those programs cover all sworn police officers, correctional officers, probation/parole officers, juvenile justice officers and juvenile court counselors.

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