

# **Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers**

## **COVID-19 Status Update**

### **April 10, 2020**

#### **Background**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers (FLETC) ceased all on-Center training operations at all training delivery points effective upon the conclusion of training Friday, March 20, 2020. FLETC worked with its Participating Organizations (PO) to safely move students off-Center by Monday, March 23, 2020. While training operations have paused, FLETC remains open with most staff in telework status. FLETC is engaging daily with Department of Homeland Security headquarters elements on COVID-19-related matters, including the Office of Public Affairs, Office of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Chief Security Officer, Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer, etc. FLETC is planning to reconstitute an environment in which FLETC can resume its mission essential function to prepare federal law enforcement professionals to do their jobs to safeguard the American people and infrastructure. **During the week of April 5, 2020, FLETC took the actions outlined below to continue its mission and prepare for the future.**

#### **COVID-Related Activities and Communications**

- FLETC notified staff that it had received reports that two contractors and two former students tested positive for COVID-19. FLETC mapped where these personnel had physically been at FLETC in order to identify and notify who else may have had contact with them within a 14-day window.
- To date, FLETC has no reported cases of staff having tested positive for COVID-19.
- FLETC welcomed a medical doctor on a detail from the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (CWMD), to provide COVID-19-related advice to FLETC as it plans to reconstitute training.
- FLETC leaders held a virtual Town Hall with staff at all FLETC locations, covering the following key points:
  - Director Walters and Deputy Director Fallon provided an update on FLETC's ongoing training reconstitution planning efforts.
  - FLETC's Chief of Environmental and Safety provided an overview of FLETC's processes for sanitizing facilities.
  - FLETC's Chief Security Officer described FLETC's mapping processes for identifying staff and contractors who may have had exposure to those who later tested positive.
  - The medical doctor detailed from DHS/CWMD discussed FLETC's COVID-19 response activities, and provided current information on the virus and recommended safety measures.
  - The speakers addressed questions FLETC staff had submitted to the unique email account FLETC established to receive staff's questions related to COVID-19.
- FLETC continues to engage with federal POs in its training reconstitution planning.

#### **Ongoing Mission and Mission Support Activities – Highlights**

- FLETC continued training instructors on how to conduct training in a distance learning environment.
- FLETC delivered training for staff via distance learning in civilian active threat awareness, human trafficking awareness, vehicle search procedures, and operational skills scenarios.
- FLETC virtually conducted a curriculum review meeting with law enforcement practitioners, experts in the behavioral sciences, and academia across the globe to validate and enhance training curriculum.
- FLETC successfully tested delivering legal refresher training for basic students via an online classroom.

#### **Operation Reconstitution**

- FLETC senior leadership continued planning for reconstitution of FLETC training, completing the following substantial tasks:
  - Finalized strategies and objectives for working groups in the areas of Training, Scheduling, Facilities and Services, Security and Screening, Staffing, Communications, and Finance.
  - Established membership for working groups in these seven areas.
  - Working Groups began meeting to develop milestones in each focus area.