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To all our law enforcement partners,

On Friday, November 13, 2020 the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy voted to change the mandatory training topics for 2021. Originally, mechanics of arrest, restraint and control was to be a mandated four-hour block of instruction. This is an extremely important and relevant topic, but due to COVID-19 this will have to change. The Board voted to re-examine this mandatory training, with the expectation that it will be a mandatory training topic for 2022.

The Board of Trustees will meet in January and will decide on a replacement training topic.

Thank you all for your patience.

**Rick Desjardins**  
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