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**Date:** June 10, 2020  
**TO:** All Sheriffs and All Chief Probation Officers  
**FROM:** Linda Penner, BSCC Chair  
**SUBJECT:** **IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF STANDARDS FOR TRAINING IN CORRECTIONS CERTIFICATION OF CAROTID CONTROL HOLD**

In alignment with the Governor's directive to remove the carotid control hold from all state training programs and materials, the BSCC's Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) Program will immediately suspend all existing courses that include carotid control hold training either as a stand-alone topic or embedded within a larger defensive tactics course. Effective immediately, no training on carotid control hold shall be delivered under a BSCC certification. This includes courses delivered in core training and as annual training. At the July 2020 BSCC meeting, the Board will review a recommendation on conforming changes to STC manuals as needed.

If you have any questions, please contact STC Deputy Director, Evonne Garner at [evonne.garner@bscc.ca.gov](mailto:evonne.garner@bscc.ca.gov).

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