

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ANNUAL REPORT

2019



Mission . . .

“To promote excellence in public safety through development of professional standards, delivery of high-quality training programs, and embracing the community policing philosophy, thereby producing a highly trained and ethical professional who will respectfully serve the citizens of South Dakota.”

Vision . . .

To be the leading organization in the state for establishing professional standards for public safety.

Provide research and resource information and encourage exchange of ideas which promote professionalism.

To provide a foundation of skill and knowledge for students attending the Basic Certification Course, upon which they will continue to build and enhance their job performance.

Deliver the highest quality training possible to all those we serve so they may perform their jobs safely and successfully.

Increase the overall effectiveness of public safety by assuring an attitude of professional excellence based on high ethical standards and achieved through quality training.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

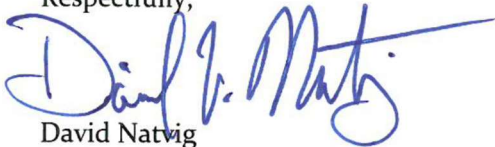
The Honorable Kristi Noem, Governor
Members of the South Dakota Legislature

I respectfully submit the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Report of the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission.

This marks the fourteenth year in which Law Enforcement Training is operating from the George S. Mickelson Criminal Justice Center. Law Enforcement Training is continuing to improve and expand its programs in order to better serve the needs of local law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

The continuing support of the Commission, Governor, and members of the legislature is very gratifying and will result in improved law enforcement service throughout the state of South Dakota.

Respectfully,



David Natvig
Director, Division of Criminal Investigation
Chairman, Law Enforcement Officers
Standards and Training Commission

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The South Dakota Law Enforcement Standards and Training Commission would like to express sincere thanks to all law enforcement agencies, officers, and telecommunicators who have assisted in making the law enforcement training program successful.

If it had not been for the hours of dedicated service supplied by various law enforcement agencies, officers, and telecommunicators, the training program would not have been a success.

The Commission is also grateful for the confidence given them by the Governor's Office and the South Dakota Legislature.

Values . . .

Partnerships

Work in a continuous spirit of cooperation and collaboration to address areas of common concern to all of those who serve in the profession of public safety.

Respect

Create an environment where all people are treated with respect.

Integrity

Always maintain a high standard of conduct. Never compromise your word.

Dedicated Service

Our customers are the public safety community and the citizens of South Dakota, and we will be respectful and responsive to their needs.

Ethics

Maintain a high ethical standard in our daily conduct.

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SD Bar Association
Canton

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Municipal Police
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Rapid City

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Guy Di Benedetto
Law Enforcement Training
Pierre

In FY 2019, Law Enforcement Training (LET) was filled with several changes and challenges. LET hired David Harris as a Basic Training Coordinator. David recently retired after 27 years working for the Wyoming Law Enforcement Training Center, the last 12 years as Director. David brings years of experience and knowledge to the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training. LET also hired Tessa Mitchell as a contract Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) coordinator. Tessa is CIT trained and was a former officer with the Rapid City Police Department.

The Basic Academy has been filled to capacity, which can be a challenge with limited resources and manpower; however, we stay committed to our vision to provide a foundation of skill and knowledge for students with which they will continue to build and enhance their job performance.

Three Basic Certification sessions were held in FY 19. We had 127 officers graduate from the Basic Academy. There were three academic dismissals, three skills failures, one resigned from their employing agency while attending the academy, one withdrew from the session, two were terminated from their employing agencies, and one was dismissed for disciplinary reasons.

LET continues to dedicate three days per phase of the academy devoted to scenario training and testing. In the three days, students experience training scenarios that cover aspects of classes during that phase.

- Phase I of the academy is the Non-Emergency Phase. During this time students respond to and learn how to handle the more “routine” calls for service that they will experience as an officer. For example, students respond to shoplifting complaints, unwanted persons, loud noise, and unknown risk traffic stops.
- Phase II is the Emergency Phase. During this phase students participate in use of force scenarios, domestic violence calls, people in crisis, and known risk stops.
- Phase III is the Investigative Phase. During this phase the students respond to reports of drug use, accidents, and other calls requiring their problem-solving skills.

We have partnered with Lake Area Tech and Western Dakota Tech to provide students as role players. This opportunity allows the students to gain valuable knowledge while at LET. We have a core group of scenario evaluators, but are fortunate to have agencies from around the state consistently offer their officers as trainers and evaluators which only adds to the knowledge base and exposure of techniques, networking, and learning opportunities for our students. We would like to formally thank those agencies that send officers to teach and evaluate our students. We could not do this without their support.

LET continued a very aggressive schedule of providing 85 advanced training courses with over 2,900 officers receiving training. These numbers include officers trained on-site at the training academy, out in the field, and on-line. LET finalized a partnership agreement to allow officers to have full access to Police One’s vast online training library at no cost to the agencies. To date, 35 agencies have subscribed, 492 officers have signed up, with a total of 386 courses completed. Due to the continuing need for mental illness training, we have expanded opportunities to departments to apply for funding for local mental illness training. Since September 24, 2018, with the addition of the new Crisis Intervention Coordinator, CIT courses have been completed in Sioux Falls, Watertown, Mitchell, and Aberdeen. These trainings have provided further education in mental illness for 149 officers who received the 40-hour CIT certification course, 16 officers who received the basic 16-hour CIT course, and 94 basic LET recruits who received 16 hours of basic crisis intervention training. Due to the increase of mental illness and the need for additional trainings, the coordinator has scheduled the 40-hour CIT course to be held in Brookings, the Northern Hills Area, and Yankton along with Rapid City and Sioux Falls Police Departments holding their own CIT 40-hour course. In addition, we are developing an on-line mental illness training which gives officers the option to complete 24 hours of Crisis Intervention training on-

line to apply toward their continuing education requirement or complete the 24-hour on-line training in addition to 16-hours of role play allowing officers to become certified in Crisis Intervention training.

This year was a big year for the South Dakota Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE). LET trained 25 new DARE officers during the DARE Officers training in June 2019 and certified one South Dakota DARE mentor. South Dakota continues to add more DARE programs for elementary, middle, and high school. Three more high school programs were piloted again this year as DARE America's curriculum development team continues to grow. South Dakota sponsored Officer Preston Crissey, Yankton Police Department, to attend the 2019 Mentor Officer Training Course in Virginia. Officer Crissey will join the South Dakota DARE Mentor team next year after completing the last step in this training during the 2020 DARE Officer training in Pierre. Officer Crissey has been a DARE Officer and School Resource Officer in Yankton since 2011. He will assist Yankton's newest DARE Officer who graduated from the DARE Officer training this year. 2020 looks like it will be another very successful year as requests for more officers and programs continue to be forwarded to the training team.

The Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission (LEOSTC) had four personnel changes in FY 19. LEOSTC approved a new Administrative Rule concerning the current K9 rules. These rules now define how South Dakota will train and certify canines and canine officers. LEOSTC also had several hearings and acted on several law enforcement officers' certifications. The commission revoked five law enforcement officers' certifications and suspended the certification of one officer. Four officers voluntarily signed over their certificates to the commission.

LET offered three Basic 911 Telecommunicator courses with a total of 55 telecommunicators receiving certification. Advanced 911 courses were also offered to include Limited Access and Emergency Medical Dispatch classes. The Basic 911 course continues to use a great deal of hands-on training and students are required to pass a practical exam on the simulators, which helps prepare them for success when they return home to their respective agencies.

As we close the books on FY 19, LET will continue to focus on our mission, "To promote excellence in public safety through development of professional standards, delivery of high-quality training programs, and embracing the community policing philosophy. Thereby producing a highly trained and ethical professional who will respectfully serve the citizens of South Dakota."

We wish you a safe and healthy year and look forward to serving all our customers in the years to come. The following pages contain a summary of FY 2019 for your review.

EXPENDITURES

Total expenditures for fiscal year 2019 were \$2,796,914.16. This includes all academy training, field training, in-state and out-of-state training. The money for the South Dakota Law Enforcement Training Program is derived from a portion of the fines paid by violators of the law. The amount of money derived from fines is allocated to the individual program by statute and made available through legislative appropriation.

ACTIVE OFFICERS

STATE - COUNTY - MUNICIPALITIES - TRIBAL

All full-time and part-time law enforcement officers are required to be certified within their first year of employment, including elected officials.

As of June 30, 2019, there are 2,053 active full-time and part-time law enforcement officers in South Dakota. Of the 2,053 law enforcement officers, 1,960 officers are certified. The 93 officers who are not yet certified are within their first year of employment.



RESERVE UNITS



There are 25 reserve units in South Dakota:

Sheriff's Office - 11 units

Police Department - 14 units

1 unit joint with Sheriff's Office and Police Department

There are a total of 129 reserve officers, 96 officers have received their reserve certification.



CANINE TEAMS

54 canine teams have met their certification or re-certification requirements for 2019.

Sheriff's Office
Narcotics Teams - 8
Patrol/Drug Teams - 2

Police Department
Narcotics Teams - 10
Patrol/Drug Teams - 8
Explosive Team - 1

Highway Patrol
Narcotics Teams - 9
Patrol/Drug Teams - 2
Explosive Teams - 2

DCI
Arson Teams - 2

Tribal
Narcotics - Teams 5

Corrections
Service Dogs - 5

DISPATCH/TELECOMMUNICATOR

There are 385 active certified 911 telecommunicators in South Dakota, 332 full-time telecommunicators, and 53 part-time telecommunicators. There are 2,980 active terminal operators.



COLER ~ WILLIAMS MEMORIAL AWARD



Recipient Dylan Wilson
Yankton Police Department
Attorney General Marty Jackley
SDPOA Representative Mark Jandt
168th Session
August 20 - November 16, 2018

Recipient Jennifer Keitel
Yankton Police Department
Attorney General Jason Ravensborg
SDPOA Representative Mark Jandt
169th Session
November 26, 2018 - March 1, 2019



Recipient Christopher Woods
Spearfish Police Department
SDPOA President David Butler
170th Session
March 11 - June 7, 2019



This award is given in memory of Agents Coler and Williams who made the ultimate sacrifice ... their lives. The award is based on academics, leadership, ability and general conduct during the Basic Certification Course. It is the most distinguished award given at the academy.

Jack Coler



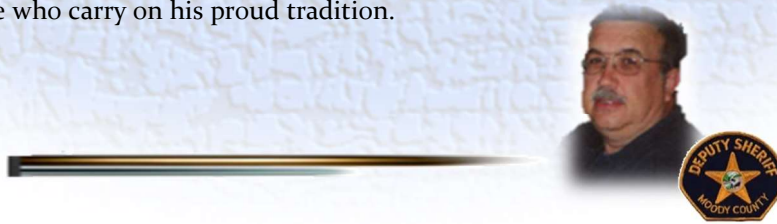
Ron Williams



WILLIAM DAVIS TOP GUN MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is given by the family of William 'Bill' Davis in memory of Deputy William P. Davis, Moody County Sheriff's Office, who made the ultimate sacrifice on November 3, 2003, while serving the people of his community. Deputy Davis was killed by a passing motorist while he was making an arrest at an accident scene. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who carry on his proud tradition.

In Memory Of
Moody County
Deputy Bill Davis



Recipient Ryan Hirsch
Rapid City Police Department
Attorney General Marty Jackley
168th Session
August. 20 – November 16, 2018

Recipient Kaleb Christopherson
Clay County Sheriff's Office
Attorney General Jason Ravensborg
DCI Director David Natvig
169th Session
November 26, 2018 - March 1, 2019



Recipient William Buls
Philip Police Department
DCI Director David Natvig
170th Session
March 11 - June 7, 2019

INSPIRATION AWARD

This class member has exemplified direction in creating an inspiring atmosphere moving others toward professional and personal achievement. Additional attributes include maintaining morale, encouragement, respect, and class service throughout the session.



Jonathan Gorter
Sioux Falls Police Department

Recipients
168th Session
August 20 - November 16, 2018
Attorney General Marty Jackley



Joshua Hoefler
Rapid City Police Department



Recipient Randal Southern
Pennington County Sheriff's Office
Attorney General Jason Ravensborg
DCI Director David Natvig
169th Session
November 26, 2018 - March 1, 2019

Recipient Dan Bothwell
SD Brand Board
DCI Director David Natvig
170th Session
March 11 - June 7, 2019



BASIC CERTIFICATION SESSIONS



168th Session
August 21 – November 17, 2017



169th Session
November 27, 2017 - March 2, 2018



170th Session
March 12 - June 8, 2018

BASIC OFFICERS CERTIFIED..... 127

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

The Outstanding Student award, sponsored by the South Dakota Peace Officer's Association, is based on academics, leadership ability, and general conduct during the Basic Certification Course.



Recipient Matthea Peck
Metro Communications
59th Session
September 25 - October 6, 2017



Recipient Katlynn Vanderwerf
Metro Communications
DCI Director David Natvig
60th Session
February 26 - March 9, 2018

Recipient Jenna Karber
Metro Communications
Chief of Staff Tim Bormann
61st Session
February 26 - March 9, 2018



59th Session
September 24 - October 5, 2018



60th Session
February 25 - March 8, 2019



61st Session
June 3 - 14, 2019

911 Telecommunicators Certified 55

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The Standards and Training Commission approved grants to three departments resulting in **199** individuals attending the grant training sessions.

TOTAL ADVANCED TRAINING ATTENDANCE 2,945



*Now his ghost walks a beat on a dark city street,
And he stands at each new rookie's side.
He answered the call, of himself gave his all
and a part of America died.*

