October, 2013

The Honorable Dennis Daugaard
Governor of South Dakota

and

Members of the South Dakota Legislature

The annual report of the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission, as required by SDCL 23-3-33, is hereby submitted.

2013 marks the eighth 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.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Bryan Gortmaker
Director, Division of Criminal Investigation
Chairman, Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission

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Brookings

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Enrolled Tribal Member
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## Law Enforcement Training Staff

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FY 2013 was a busy and challenging year at Law Enforcement Training (LET). In FY 2013, a number of goals were achieved, which will continue to lay the groundwork to provide the best possible training for officers across the state.

This past year, LET was able to provide a wide variety of advanced training courses. More than 90 training courses were offered resulting in over 3,200 trained officers. This would not be possible without the support and working relationship with the Highway Safety Office and Homeland Security. LET continues to attempt to bring the most requested and relevant training needs based on feedback from agencies across the state. In an effort to provide the most relevant training, LET staff have had meetings with a Training Coordinator Group, which consists of training coordinators from various agencies throughout the state. These meetings allow for discussion on training topics as well as the ability to develop a professional working relationship, which is a focus of our mission. We look forward to continuing to build these relationships with all agencies across the state.

The SD DARE program has generated a great deal of interest this past year. In June 2013, a two-week DARE instructor course was held in Pierre. This course was attended by several South Dakota law enforcement officers as well as officers from eight other states. These officers were provided with knowledge and skills to take back to their local schools, which will result in a positive working relationship between law enforcement and our youth.

With a number of active shooter cases around the country, there was a large demand to provide active shooter training to specifically protect our children while they are at school. Based on this demand, an active shooter instructor course was held. Officers from around the state were provided the necessary tools to go back to their local agencies and train other staff so they are better prepared to protect their schools.

In previous years, there has always been a need to provide reliable vehicles to use during Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC). In FY 2013, LET had the opportunity to purchase eight low-mileage vehicles at a reasonable rate. This purchase will allow the EVOC fleet to be sustainable for several years.

LET continues to receive positive feedback, from both students and agency heads, regarding the new curriculum being taught and delivered at the Basic Academy. The students are challenged with countless real life scenarios and projects that provide them the confidence to be successful when they return to their agencies. The students are exposed to a variety of courses throughout several phases during the 13-week Basic Academy. Each phase builds upon itself, and the students
are literally tested in week 13 on something they may have learned in week one, which helps them retain information and apply it appropriately upon graduation. The facilitation of this information has resulted in fewer dismissals and a more confident officer.

In FY 2013, LET was able to use the results of the completed Job Task Analysis for the 9-1-1 Basic Course to develop new curriculum and delivery methods. The new curriculum was utilized in the June 2013 course, which received positive reviews by the students who attended. Grant funds were utilized to purchase new state-of-the-art 9-1-1 simulators, which allowed the students to enter data into a CAD system making the scenarios more realistic and helping develop the skills that will be needed when they return to their agencies after graduation. We look to continue to make the new curriculum shine in the years to come.

House Bill 1087, which is commonly referred to as the School Sentinel Bill, was passed in the 2013 legislative session. The School Sentinel Bill allows for the arming of school employees, hired security personnel, or volunteers. LET worked closely with the Law Enforcement Standards and Training Commission to develop Administrative Rules and a training schedule for the School Sentinel program. We will be on target to hold our first School Sentinel course in FY 2014.

A summary of FY 2013 activities is contained in the following pages. As you will see, it has been a successful year at LET. We continue to look forward to building relationships with our customers by providing quality services and addressing any areas of concern. LET will continue to strive to meet its goal to provide the highest quality training possible to all those we serve so they may perform their jobs safely and successfully.
All full-time and part-time law enforcement officers and telecommunicators are required to be certified within their first year of employment, including elected officials.

As of June 30, 2013 there are 1,904 active full-time and part-time Law enforcement officers in South Dakota. 1,790 officers are certified.

FY 2013 Active Officers In South Dakota

There are 24 reserve units in South Dakota with a total of 213 officers.
Total expenditures for fiscal year 2013 were $2,223,337.00. 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.

37 canine handler teams met their certification or recertification requirements.

- 20 Drug Detection Teams
- 11 Dual Purpose - Drug/Patrol Teams
- 1 Explosive Team
- 4 Scent Discriminatory Teams
- 1 Accelerant Team

As of June 30, 2013, there are 451 active full-time and part-time telecommunicators in South Dakota.
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.
This award is given in memory of Agent’s 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.

Recipient Paul Stevens
Pennington County Sheriff’s Office
Attorney General Marty Jackley
150th Session

Recipient Chris Wendt
Rapid City Police Department
SD Peace Officer Pres. Manuel Gonzalez
Attorney General Marty Jackley
151st Session

Recipient David Andrews
Wagner Police Department
Attorney General Marty Jackley
152nd Session

On June 26, 1975, two young FBI agents named Jack R. Coler and Ronald A. Williams were ambushed and executed on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. They were searching for a fugitive in Oglala.

Special Agent
Jack R. Coler
SA Coler had served with the FBI for four years.
End of Watch: Thursday, June 26, 1975
Age: 28

Special Agent
Ronald A. Williams
SA Williams had served with the FBI for three years.
End of Watch: Thursday, June 26, 1975
Age: 28
You don’t know who I am; to you I am just a voice.  
It was me who took your frantic call, when you had no other choice.

I spend many hours waiting, to help when you’re in need.  
‘Send help to me, please get them here is often what you plead.

To do my job is complex, but only a few tools are a must  
Put your faith in me, I am the one that you can trust.

My ears are a necessity; my mouth a mighty sword  
I must use my ears to listen, and then choreograph every word.

I am the protector of this land; I take pride in what I do  
I am here to listen and do what is best for you.

The day you place a call to me, might be the worst day you ever had  
At least today you know, I too was feeling sad.

I take your problems home with me, I know that’s not so good,  
But as you felt your tragedy it was by your side I stood.

I walked with you to the door, to let them into help,  
I guided you to safety, when all alone you felt.

It is not often we hear praise or even simple thanks,  
But the cookies and cards are plenty through police and fire ranks.

The day you placed your call, and I picked up the phone  
I hope I made you feel safe and showed you you’re not alone.

Remember who I am, I am not just a voice  
I am the 911 Dispatcher you called when you had no other choice.

Derek Ronning - Clay Area Emergency Communications  
Accepts the 9-1-1 Top Student Award  
From Attorney General Marty Jackley  
41st Session  
September 10 - 21, 2012

Courtney Tedder - Brown County Communications  
Is Presented the 9-1-1 Top Student Award  
By Attorney General Marty Jackley  
42nd Session  
February 4 - 15, 2013
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.
Basic Certification Sessions

August 20 - November 16, 2012
150th Basic Certification Session

November 26 - March 1, 2013
151st Basic Certification Session

March 3 - May 31, 2013
152nd Basic Certification Session
911 Basic Certification Sessions

9-1-1 41st Session
September 10 - 21, 2012

9-1-1 42nd Session
February 4 - 15, 2013

9-1-1 43rd Session
June 3 - 14, 2013
Advanced Training Sessions

Conducted At Law Enforcement Training And Other Agencies Across South Dakota FY 2013

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 citizens of South Dakota.”

George S. Mickelson Criminal Justice Training Center
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The Standards and Training Commission approved seven grants to six departments resulting in 268 individuals attending the training sessions.
On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character or the public trust.

I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions.

I will always uphold the Constitution, my community, and the agency I serve.

An oath is a solemn pledge someone voluntarily makes when they sincerely intend to do what they say. The key words in the “Law Enforcement Oath of Honor” are defined thusly:

**HONOR** means giving one’s word as a bond and guarantee.

**BETRAY** is defined as breaking faith and proving false.

The **BADGE** is a visible symbol of the power of your office.

**INTEGRITY** is firm adherence to principles, both in our private and public life.

**CHARACTER** means the qualities and standards of behavior that distinguish and individual.

The **PUBLIC TRUST** is a duty imposed in faith to those we are sworn to serve.

**COURAGE** is having the “heart”, the mental, and the moral strength to venture, persevere, withstand, and overcome danger, difficulty, and fear.

**ACCOUNTABILITY** means that we are answerable and responsible for our actions.

**COMMUNITY** is the municipality, neighborhoods, and citizens we serve.