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.  

2017 marks the twelfth 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,  

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

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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.”

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.

VISION

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

Provide research and resource information, and encourage the 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.
STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS**

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Attorney General  
Pierre

Robert Perry  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Rapid City

Scott Rechtenbaugh  
Executive Secretary  
Law Enforcement Training  
Pierre

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Superintendent  
SD Highway Patrol  
Pierre

Jo Vitek  
Lake Area Technical Institute  
Higher Education  
Watertown

Michael Leidholt  
Sheriff  
South Dakota Sheriff’s Association  
Pierre

Randall Rosseau  
Lawrence County  
County Commissioners’ Association

Tom Wollman  
Attorney  
SD Bar Association  
Canton

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Chief of Police  
Municipal Police  
Sioux Falls

Steve Allender  
Mayor  
SD Municipal League  
Rapid City

David Lawrence  
Chief Of Police  
Enrolled Tribal Member  
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
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Law Enforcement Training
Pierre

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Kristy Foster
Law Enforcement Training
Pierre

ADVANCED TRAINING COORDINATOR
Greg Williams
Law Enforcement Training
Pierre

ADVANCED TRAINING COORDINATOR
Art Aplan
Law Enforcement Training
Pierre

BASIC COORDINATOR
Lesley Farmen
Law Enforcement Training
Pierre

TRAINING INSTRUCTOR
Don McCrea
Law Enforcement Training
Pierre

D.A.R.E. COORDINATOR
Waylon Eckert
Law Enforcement Training
Pierre

COMPLIANCE OFFICER
Guy Di Benedetto, Special Agent
Law Enforcement Training/DCI
Pierre

9-1-1 COORDINATOR
Diana Tibbs-Leiseth
Law Enforcement Training
Pierre
In FY 2017, Law Enforcement Training (LET) was filled with a number of changes and challenges. One of the biggest changes was welcoming SSA Chad Mosteller as the new Training Administrator. SSA Mosteller brings years of supervisory experience and has been a long time instructor at LET. One of the biggest challenges is meeting the needs of the ever growing numbers of new law enforcement officers coming into our state. 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 attending the Basic Certification Course, upon which they will continue to build and enhance their job performance.

A Job Task Analysis (JTA) was completed on the Basic Academy by Stanard and Associates, which comprised a survey that was sent to all law enforcement agencies in the state. This JTA helps guide what is taught during the 13 week Basic Academy. The results of the JTA are as follows:

- Traffic Accident Investigation was reduced from 34 hours to 16 hours and the focus was changed to Accident Response and Reporting
- Street Gangs and Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs were eliminated - two hours each
- Ten hours were added to Search & Seizure - two of those 10 hours requires a student to write a warrant
- Two hours were added to Building Searches to focus on active shooter response
- Six hours were added to Mental Health/Crisis Intervention for a total of 16 hours. Course name was changed to Response to Persons in Crisis
- A new class was added - Concealed Carry/Firearms Laws (two hours)

We appreciate the participation we received from law enforcement agencies who helped complete this JTA. These new changes were approved by the Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Training Commission (LEOSTC) and will be implemented into the FY 18 academy sessions.

Three Basic Certification Sessions with a maximum class size of 48 students in each class were held. We had 134 officers graduate from the Basic Academy. There were four academic dismissals, two that resigned from their agency while attending the academy, three withdrew from the session and one was terminated by their agency.

This year was a big year for South Dakota Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE). Law Enforcement Training trained 26 new DARE officers and recertified two officers as DARE instructors during the DARE Officers Training in July 2017.

DARE America released the new High School Curriculums; Real Messages, MyPlaybook, and Celebrate Safely. All three high school programs were requested and made their debut in Aberdeen, South Dakota. We also welcomed a new member to the DARE family by selecting Makenna Christiansen, a sophomore at Deubrook High School, as the state representative to the DARE America Youth Advocacy Board. Makenna will be working with the state DARE Officers to help
deliver the peer to peer message of DARE. 95 DARE Instructors delivered 10 week programs in 49 cities and over 72 schools. This community policing effort built and fostered relationships with educators and students in elementary, middle, and high school. 4,183 South Dakota students graduated from DARE this year.

The LEOSTC welcomed new member David Lawrence who is Supervisory Agent with BIA to the commission. LEOSTC approved a new Administrative Rule requiring every law enforcement officer to receive two-hours of training every two years in the area of crisis intervention/mental health. LET offered a number of crisis intervention/mental health trainings across the state and also offered online training to help officers meet this new requirement. LEOSTC also had several hearings and took action on several law enforcement officer certifications. The commission revoked one law enforcement officer certification and another seven officers voluntarily signed over their certification to the commission.

LET offered three Basic 911 Telecommunicator courses with a total of 50 telecommunicators receiving certification. A number of advanced 911 courses were also offered to include Crisis Communication, A Victim’s Plea and Best Practices of a successful CTO. The basic 911 course continues to use a great deal of hands on training and the students are required to pass a practical exam on the simulators, which helps prepare them to be successful when they return home to their respective agencies.

LET has continued to be very aggressive in scheduling advanced training courses across the state. 52 advanced training courses were offered by LET with nearly 3,900 officers being trained on a variety of different topics. We continue to meet with our Training Coordinators from across the state to help us identify the most relevant training needs.

As we close the books on FY 2017, 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 of our customers in the years to come. The following pages will contain a summary of FY 2017 for your review.
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, 2017, there are 2,022 active full-time and part-time law enforcement officers in South Dakota.

There are 25 reserve units in South Dakota with a total of 169 officers.

Total expenditures for fiscal year 2017 were $2,569,327.10. 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.
45 canine teams have met their certification or re-certification requirements for 2017.

As of June 30, 2017, there are 316 active certified full-time and part-time telecommunicators in South Dakota.
BASIC TRAINING SESSIONS

Sessions
Conducted at
the Law
Enforcement
Training Center
FY 2017
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 Zachary Hagberg
Sioux Falls Police Department
Attorney General Marty Jackley
SDPOA President Mark Jandt
162nd Session
August 22 - November 18, 2016

Recipient Jordan Meilus
South Dakota Highway Patrol
Attorney General Marty Jackley
SDPOA President Mark Jandt
163rd Session
November 27, 2016 - February 24, 2017

Recipient Bethany Coats
Rapid City Police Department
Attorney General Marty Jackley
164th Session
March 5 - June 2, 2017
**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.

*End of Watch: November 3, 2003*

**Recipient Gordon Larsen**  
Pennington County Sheriff’s Office  
*162nd Session*  
*August 22 - November 18, 2016*

**Recipient Taylor Court**  
Minnehaha County Sheriff’s Office  
Attorney General Marty Jackley  
*163rd Session*  
*November 27, 2016 - February 24, 2017*

**Recipient Jeremy Simon**  
Sioux Falls Police Department  
Attorney General Marty Jackley  
*164th Session*  
*March 5 - June 2, 2017*
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.

Recipient Seth Meier
Sioux Falls Police Department
162nd Session
August 22 - November 18, 2016

Recipient Maria Cabrera
Minnehaha County Sheriff’s Office
Attorney General Marty Jackley
163rd Session
November 27, 2016 - February 24, 2017

Recipient Bethany Coates
Rapid City Police Department
Attorney General Marty Jackley
164th Session
March 5 - June 2, 2017
Basic Certification Sessions . . . . . . 134

August 25 - November 18, 2016

162ND

November 27, 2016 - February 24, 2017

163RD

March 5 - June 2, 2017

164TH
9-1-1 Basic Training

Sessions Conducted at the Law Enforcement Training Center
FY 2017
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 Chris Allington
Yankton Police Department
Attorney General Marty Jackley
53rd Session
September 26 - October 7, 2016

Recipient Scott Hockenbary
Spearfish Police Department
Attorney General Marty Jackley
54th Session
February 27, 2016 - March 10, 2017

Recipient Kimberly Longbrake
Mobridge Police Department
Attorney General Marty Jackley
55th Session
June 5 - 16, 2017
911 Basic Certification Sessions . . . . . 50

September 26 - October 7, 2016

53rd

February 27 - March 10, 2017

54th

June 5 - 16, 2017

55th
ADVANCED TRAINING

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Conducted at
the Law
Enforcement
Training Center
FY 2017
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The Standards and Training Commission approved grants to six departments resulting in 174 individuals attending training sessions.

**TOTAL TRAINING ATTENDANCE . . . . . . 3,898**
*(INCLUDES BASIC, ADVANCED, AND GRANT TRAINING)*
IN HONOR OF THE 80+ LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

THE TRUE MEANING OF "TAKING A KNEE"