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LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS STANDARDS

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

Partnership

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.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

This marks the sixteenth 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.

Law Enforcement Training provides basic and advanced training to South Dakota law enforcement officers and all 911 telecommunicators. Training is also provided to prosecutors, correctional officers, terminal operators, coroners, school sentinel and enhanced carry instructors.

The Training Office administers a grant program, which allows local law enforcement agencies to apply for funds to host specific training for officers in their area.

Law Enforcement Training licenses and regulates the activities of private or law enforcement polygraph examiners, and Computer Voice Stress Analyzer (CVSA) examiners. LET also certifies canine teams.

Law Enforcement Training continues to conduct on-site audits of the technical colleges, Lake Area Technical College, Southeast Technical College, and Western Dakota Technical College. Each accredited program as well as the curriculum is reviewed. LET provides each program with feedback to areas that need to be changed as well as recommendations for improvement.

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.

The South Dakota Law Enforcement Officers 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.

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EXPENDITURES

Total expenditures for Fiscal Year 2021 were \$2,903,257.55. 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, 2021, there are 2,004 active full-time and part-time law enforcement officers in South Dakota. Of the 2,004 law enforcement officers, 1,973 officers are certified.

DISPATCH/TELECOMMUNICATOR

There are 384 active certified 911 telecommunicators in South Dakota. There are 2,726 active terminal operators.

RESERVE UNITS

There are 23 reserve units in South Dakota

Sheriff's Office - 10 units

Police Department - 13 units

Sheriff's Office and Police Department - 1 joint unit

There is a total of 131 reserve officers, 117 officers have received their reserve certification.

CANINE TEAMS

66 canine teams have met their certification or re-certification requirements for 2021.

Narcotics Detection Teams: 46

- Sheriff's Department - 10 teams
- Police Department - 13 teams
- SD Highway Patrol - 14 teams
- Tribal Agencies - 9 Teams

Drug / Patrol Canine Teams: 12

- Sheriff's Department - 2 teams
- Police Department - 7 teams
- SD Highway Patrol - 3 teams

Explosive / Patrol Canine Teams: 2

- Police Department - 1 team
- SD Highway Patrol - 1 team

Accelerant Canine Team: 1

- Division of Criminal Investigation - 1 team

Corrections Service Dogs: 5

- SD State Penitentiary - 2 teams
- Mike Durfee State Prison - 1 team
- Rapid City Community Work Center - team
- SD Women's Prison - 1 team

BASIC TRAINING

CERTIFICATION SESSIONS

There were 155 officers enrolled in the Basic Certification sessions held in FY 21. 127 officers graduated from the Basic Academy. There were six academic dismissals, two resigned from employing agency, ten withdrew from the session, six were dismissed for misconduct, and two were dismissed for skills failure.



COLER ~ WILLIAMS MEMORIAL

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.



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.



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.

911 TELECOMMUNICATORS

CERTIFICATION SESSIONS

There were 62 telecommunicators enrolled in the Two-Week Basic Telecommunicator training sessions in FY21. 33 telecommunicators graduated from the training session. There were three academic dismissals and one withdrawal from the sessions.

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

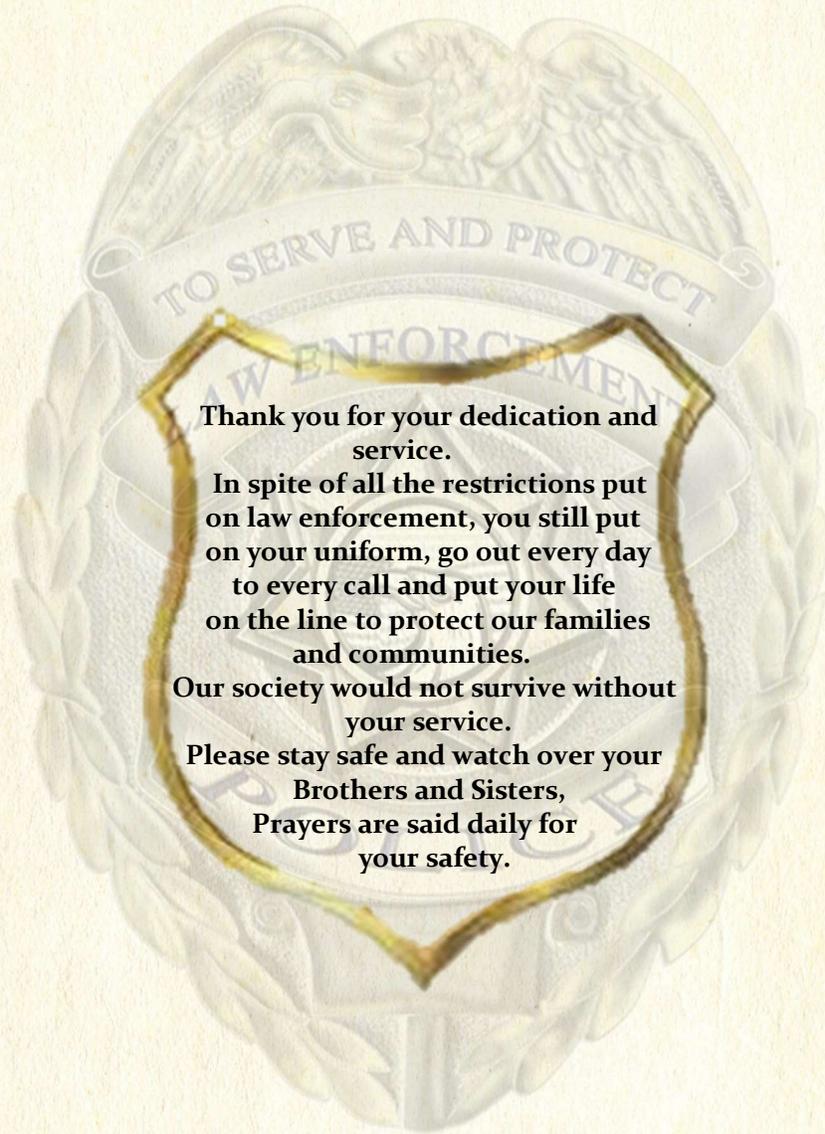
The Outstanding Student award, sponsored by the South Dakota Peace Officers Association, is based on academics, leadership ability, and general conduct during the Basic Certification Course.

TRAINING COURSES

BELIEF INTERVIEW & INTERROGATION	20
GLOCK ARMORERS COURSE	18
VERBAL DE-ESCALATION TRAIN THE TRAINER	34
ENHANCED CONCEALED PISTOL USE OF FORCE	41
STREET SERGEANT EVIDENCE BASTED 1 ST LINE SUPERVISOR	40
CIT CRISIS INTERVENTION.....	17
VEHICLE HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION FOR PATROL OFFICERS	40
FORENSIC MAPPING	12
ADVANCED CRASH INVESTIGATION	15
THREAT PATTERN RECOGNITION USE OF FORCE.....	7
INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT	59
CPR AED.....	24
ADVANCED SEARCH & SEIZURE	37
ADVANCED TRAFFIC STOPS.....	33
RADAR / LIDAR INSTRUCTOR.....	8
CRIMINAL INTERDICTION	23
NEW DETECTIVES	38
DUI INSTRUCTOR.....	15
OCCUPANT KINEMATICS.....	19
INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT FOR 911	13
MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR COURSE	8
MOTORCYCLE REFRESHER COURSES	16
D.A.R.E.....	24
DEFENSIVE PISTOL TACTICS	20
SCHOOL SENTINEL.....	8
MARKSMANSHIP MATTERS DEFENSIVE PISTOL.....	21
EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH	15
NCIC LIMITED ACCESS	458
POLYGRAPH CONFERENCE.....	30
STATES ATTORNEYS CONFERENCE	98
FIREARMS	103
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.....	108

The Standards and Training Commission approved grants to four agencies resulting in 112 individuals attending the grant training sessions.

TOTAL ADVANCED TRAINING ATTENDANCE 1,534



Thank you for your dedication and service.

In spite of all the restrictions put on law enforcement, you still put on your uniform, go out every day to every call and put your life on the line to protect our families and communities.

Our society would not survive without your service.

**Please stay safe and watch over your Brothers and Sisters,
Prayers are said daily for your safety.**