

The Academy Connection

Where South Carolina Law Enforcement Training is Defined

SOUTH CAROLINA
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY



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Director's Message Hubert F. Harrell

The Academy is off to a rip roaring start for the New Year and we find ourselves continuing to seek a stable source of funding. The legislature has been made aware of our financial difficulties and is looking into ways to insure that we maintain a source of funding to allow us to fulfill our mission. We have assured them that while they do their job, we will continue to do ours.

I have tasked Human Resources with conducting desk audits of many of our positions to insure that we are employing our resources effectively and efficiently. We cannot in good conscience ask for more resources if we aren't making the best use of the ones we have. We are starting with facilities but other units will follow. I know how difficult it is to be asked to do more with less, but the goal is to keep everyone fully em-

ployed and our candidates well trained.

We cannot ignore the tragedy that occurred in Newtown a few weeks ago. Fortunately, South Carolina has been providing active shooter training for several years and we have incorporated some of it in our basic curriculum. Active shooter response, in my opinion should be a part of every FTO program, if no more than familiarizing new officers with the makeup of local school campuses, and a direct method of sharing information between the school districts and local law enforcement about possible problems. School Resource Officers could play a crucial role in this effort. Public education is also critical in this area and should include an open dialog about mental health and an analysis of our ability to address the problems associated with it. Some agencies and school districts have been doing this for years and



some not at all. We should all get involved when the safety of our children and grandchildren becomes an issue.

We need to consider the other casualties in this incident, and they are the first responders who witnessed the immediate aftermath of this horror. I am sure that the vision of those helpless victims will be with the law enforcement and emergency services personnel for the rest of their lives. Pray for them whenever you can.

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I am really proud of the graduating classes who have elected to help the families of fellow officers and of officers who have suffered some tragedy in their lives. Just knowing that they are willing to sacrifice for people they do not know tells me they have chosen the right profession. That is the type of legacy that lives in the hearts of their classmates much longer than any plaque or picture on our walls.

We are excited about opening

our main dining hall, hopefully in July of this year. It has been a long time and a great deal of money to get it squared away but we are almost there. The field and the staff have been very patient with the whole process and we know they will not be disappointed. Thank you Lennie Hicks, John Mincy, the facilities staff and the kitchen staff for the hard work.

The Governor has appointed two new members to serve on our

Training Council. They are Chief John Thomas of the North Augusta Public Safety Department and Sheriff Ed Darnell of Bamberg County. We welcome their advice and their leadership.

Once again we welcome any advice from the field that will help us to improve. We will continue to strive to provide the best training we can possibly afford to give. "This is your Academy."

A Note From: The Traffic Safety Unit

With the addition of SFST and Datamaster DMT classes in the new 12 week basic training curriculum, it will be necessary to ask the field to assist us with volunteer drinkers. I believe this training will assist officers in not only DUI detection, but also help officers to recognize when subjects are impaired. This can make a huge difference in what approach an officer will take when handling various situations. We need approximately 250 volunteers per year. I know this sounds like a lot but that is less than one percent of South Carolina's police population. If you can be of assistance or have any questions please contact Michael Brantley of the Traffic Safety Unit at (803)896-7791 jmbrantley@sccja.sc.gov or Dale Smith at (803) 896-5556 desmith@sccja.sc.gov.

Below you will find a list of all dates for the next year. We can provide rooms to any volunteer who will need to travel and stay overnight. Alcohol and meals are provided for all volunteers; however, if they desire to bring their own alcohol that is permitted.

Dates for BLE Drinking Lab 2012-2013

February 6 & 7, 2013
 February 27 & 28, 2013
 March 20 & 21, 2013
 April 10 & 11, 2013
 May 1 & 2, 2013
 May 22 & 23, 2013
 June 12 & 13, 2013



REQUESTS FOR TRAINING REVIEWS INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION

Training Review requests will be conducted for **previously certified SC law enforcement officers** with no other coincidental and/or intermittent out of state law enforcement employment, military or federal training, service and/or employment. The hiring agency's authorized official must complete and submit the one-page TRAINING REVIEW REQUEST FORM and mail to Certification and Compliance or fax to 803-896-7803. The agency's request along with the officer's training file will be reviewed to determine training and certification, previous employment, breaks in law enforcement service, and in-service training requirements. Upon completion of the review, the agency will be notified of the candidate's eligibility and training requirement for certification. **THE REQUEST FOR TRAINING REVIEW MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO REGISTRATION.**

Training Review requests will be conducted for **out of state candidates, and military/federal candidates** with prior law enforcement training, certification and employment. To make a request for out of state training review, an authorized official for the hiring agency must complete and submit the one-page TRAINING REVIEW REQUEST FORM along with the following required documentation prior to Registration:

- (1) Certificate of Completion (Basic Law Enforcement Training Course or Federal Training Course)
- (2) Curriculum/Syllabus showing hours and topics of training
- (3) Indication that a POST letter has been requested for police/deputy sheriff candidates
- (4) Indication that a Letter of Good Standing has been requested for Federal/Military candidates

Prior to a candidate's registration for training at the Academy, the Training Review Request Form along with the required documentation should be mailed to: SCCJA, Certification and Compliance Unit, Attention: Darlene H. Simmons, 5400 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29212 or fax to 803-896-7803, same attention.

Upon receipt of the complete Training Review package, an initial review will be conducted to determine eligibility and compliance in order for the training review to move forward for final recommendations by Certification & Compliance, Training Operations, and Standards; and authorized approval by the CJA Director. **All out of state candidates with less than one (1) year of law enforcement employment/experience or candidates with no law enforcement employment/experience will have to attend 12 weeks of basic training.**

NOTE: When requesting POST Letter information from other States you must include an "Authorization of Release" signed by the candidate authorizing release of personal information. Include a copy of the requested POST Letter in the package to CJA to show that information has been requested from the particular State POST Agency. If POST is requested with no success of obtaining information from State POST agencies, you must submit a statement on agency letterhead, signed by the Chief, Sheriff or Director, stating multiple attempts to obtain credentials have been without success, along with confirmation that a thorough background investigation was conducted and no discrepancies found that would disqualify for certification in South Carolina in accordance with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Act.

Please allow up to 10 days for this review. Questions concerning Request for Training Reviews should be directed to Darlene H. Simmons at 803-896-4399 or Jeffery R. Finch at 803-896-7805.

**JP Strom Award Winners
October-December 2012**



BLE 590
Nicole S. Shoffner
Greenville County Sheriff's Office



BLE 591
Dennis Edward McGirr
SC Transport Police



BLE 592
George O. Simmons, Jr.
Richland County Sheriff's Dept.



BLE 593
Eddie L. Black, Jr.,
SC Dept. of Health & Environmental Control

**Bert Friday Award Winners
October-December 2012**



BJ 321
Carmen M. Mureddu
J. Reuben Long Detention Center



BJ 322
Jason Smith
Greenville County Detention Center

Basic Class Information

Basic Law Classes

B595	November 5–February 15, 2013
B596	December 3–March 8, 2013
B597	January 7– March 29, 2013
B598	January 28–April 19, 2013
B599	February 18–May 10, 2013
B600	March 11–May 31, 2013

Limited Duty February 25–March 7, 2013

Basic Jail Classes

BJ 324	February 4 –22, 2013
BJ 325	March 4–22, 2013
BJ 326	April 1–19, 2013
BJ 327	April 29–May 17, 2013

Basic TCO (formerly E-911)

BTOT 173	February 4–15, 2013
BTOT 174	March 18–29, 2013
BTOT 175	April 29–May 10, 2013

Jail Management Training

The South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy will be offering two sessions of Jail Management in the coming year, February 27-28, 2013, and May 29-30, 2013. All sessions will be taught at the Academy and will be filled on a first come first served basis. The course contains the leadership principles of Mid Level Management, but adds jail specific topics such as Harassment in the Workplace, Legal Problems in a Detention Facility, and Suicide Prevention in a Detention Facility. We also plan to offer a Jail Administrator Panel Discussion. Detention supervisors who have not attended Mid Level Management are encouraged to apply through their training sections.



We are currently looking for ideas for our next round of LineUp shows. If your agency has a new program or an effective twist on an existing program that might be of interest to other agencies, or if you have a new procedure that may help other officers in the state, we would like to hear from you. Also, if you have experienced an unusual patrol, or investigative or enforcement situation from which we can all learn, let us know. Please e-mail your story ideas to

CJASstudio@sccja.sc.gov or call us at (803)896-7846.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Mario Evans who graduated on December 14, 2012, from Anderson University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.



Congratulations to Tony Taylor on his recent retirement and selection as the new Chief of Williamston Police Department.

Welcome Our New Employees



Gwen Hinton
Human Resources



Joshua Mauldin
Instructor



Latonya Lavant
Food Services