PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be maintained.
~James A. Garfield~

We are committed to provide local, state and federal law enforcement agencies low cost education and training to produce highly skilled and professional police officers.

Classes are taught by subject matter experts with extensive education, training, experience and proven success in their areas of expertise. These subject matter experts teach courses that are relevant and current to your needs. The world of law enforcement is an ever changing environment that demands training be tailored to what is taking place in your community, your county, your state, and our Nation today. We can assure you this is happening at the Professional Development Center and continues to be an ongoing priority for our Staff.

It is an honor and a privilege to have this opportunity to provide every Police Officer who attends the Academy the best training in the Country.
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About our Facility
The Professional Development Center offers approximately 12,000 square feet of office and classroom space. The PDC has four classrooms, the largest of which can accommodate 75 students and includes a 42 station computer lab. Each of the four classrooms are equipped with computers, LCD projectors, DVD players, a public address system, a white board, an ELMO and a smart board. Free WI-FI and public computer access is available to all students.

Mission Statement
The mission of the West Virginia State Professional Development Center has been and remains to be, an effort to provide the police officers of West Virginia with the most current methods of training in the area of law enforcement to promote efficiency and effectiveness to better serve the citizens of West Virginia. Our mission is also to upgrade the professional skills of West Virginia law enforcement personnel at all levels of government. This has been a continuing goal of the West Virginia State Police Academy since 1949. More than sixty years later, there are many new methods of instruction as well as improved technological advances in the field of police training. However, our mission remains the same, to upgrade the professional skills of West Virginia law enforcement personnel at all levels of government.
Registration Procedures

Attendance and enrollment in the classes within this catalog are restricted to certified police officers, chiefs of police and sheriffs. The Director of Professional Development may grant exemptions to this rule on a case by case Basis.

Registration must be received no later than two weeks prior to the course start date.

Agencies and/or individuals with outstanding debts to the Academy will not be permitted to register for courses.

Complete registration information can be found following the course descriptions on page 16. The course registration form can be found on page 23.

Cancellation Policy

Individuals who cancel their registration for a course must do so at least two weeks in advance of the start of the course. Failure to give adequate notice of cancellation will result in forfeiture of tuition and prevents others on a waiting list from attending the course. Your cooperation in reducing the number of “no shows” is appreciated. The intent and purpose of this policy is to encourage enrollees to attend courses for which they have registered.

Some courses may be cancelled by the Professional Development Center due to inadequate enrollment.

In-Service Credit

In-service accreditation will be awarded for all applicable courses through the Law enforcement Professional Standards Committee of the Governor’s Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction.
Classroom Presentation and Management

As a general rule, classes will begin between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. and may conclude as late as 5:00 p.m. daily, unless otherwise noted. Certain courses may require additional evening training hours. Instructional breaks and lunch periods will be set by the course instructor or supervisor. Smoking is not allowed within the buildings located on the academy complex. All students are expected to display a professional demeanor at all times and are required to adhere to the rules and regulations governing the West Virginia State Police Academy.

Dress Code

The West Virginia State Police Academy and Professional Development Center strive to provide and maintain the highest standards of training. With this in mind, students are requested to dress appropriately in casual business attire. No shorts, tank-tops, sweats or athletic attire or other clothing considered unprofessional will be worn on academy grounds, outside of the privacy of the dormitories. Jeans are permissible, however, they will be clean and not faded, frayed, have holes or patches. T-shirts with obnoxious logos will not be permitted. Those courses that may require specific clothing such as fatigues or physical training apparel are exceptions to the dress code.

Directions

The Professional Development Center is located west of Charleston, WV along Interstate 64. Take exit number 50, Institute, to WV route 25. Proceed east on Route 25 for approximately 3/4 of a mile and then turn left onto Academy Drive. The Professional Development Center is located approximately 3/10 mile past the main complex on Academy Drive. Parking is available at the Professional Development Center.
Lodging Information

Requests for lodging at the Academy facilities shall be made on the course registration form. Academy lodging is not guaranteed if the request is not made in advance at the time of registration. Lodging will be invoiced to the student’s agency at a rate of $25.00 per day and includes all meals. Invoices will be sent after the completion of the course.

Meals are available to all students attending training. Each student’s meals will be determined on the first day of each course. Meals will be invoiced to the student’s agency based upon this number. Invoices will be sent after the completion of the course.

Agencies with past due invoice balances will be prohibited from registering for future courses.

*Lodging is limited due to the high volume of residential entry-level training programs.*

Other lodging is available locally for law enforcement officers attending training at the West Virginia State Police Professional Development Center.

This information is provided for the convenience of our students. The West Virginia State Police Professional Development Center does not endorse, sponsor and are not affiliated with the following:

*Ramada Plaza Hotel - South Charleston (304) 744-4641*
*Wingate Inn - South Charleston (304) 744-4444*
*Sleep Inn- Cross Lanes (304) 776-7711*
*Comfort Inn - Cross Lanes (304) 776-8070*
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**BATTLE SCARRED** (8 Hours Supervisory)

This course will expose toxicities of the Law Enforcement career and lead the officer as well as the supervisor to a deeper understanding of not just how to survive the battle but how to live with vitality as a result of it. The necessity of law enforcement of being armed and vigilant to protect the innocent and defenseless, not to mention their fellow officers and themselves, against the assaults of human predators will cause wounds, often unseen, in all those sworn to uphold the law. The performance of the police officer is directly affected by their perception of reality. This exposure to the battle will change an officer’s perception, thus performance at work and home. This course will address these issues.

**DATE(S):** October 29, 2015  
**Instructor:** Cpl. James Mitchell  
**Cost:** $50.00  
Meals and Lodging will be billed accordingly.

**CASE LAW FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT** (16 Hours Supervisory)

This course focuses on case law related to traffic stops, sobriety checkpoints, response to resistance or aggression, failure to identify and other law enforcement related matters that are trending across the country related to law enforcement interactions with the public. Terry v. Ohio, Tennessee v. Garner, Graham v. Connor and many other rulings related to the reasonableness of seizures under the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution will be discussed. This course is an interactive, fast paced block of instruction that will instill confidence in police officers to professionally handle encounters with confrontational, non-complaint individuals without violating their Fourth Amendment rights. Video footage from social media sites depicting interactions between law enforcement and the public are reviewed and critiqued using applicable case law.

**DATE(S):** October 14-15, 2015  
**Instructor:** Cpt. Joe White  
**Cost:** $95.00  
Meals and Lodging will be billed accordingly.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (8 Hours)

This course is designed to better prepare officers for understanding the dynamics of domestic violence, the behaviors of domestic violence victims, and how to conduct domestic related investigations.

**Date(s):** July 6, 2015 and August 18, 2015

**Instructor:** 1/Sgt. Shallon Oglesby

**Cost:** No cost for tuition  
Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly.

HANDGUN INSTRUCTOR (40 hours)

This course is designed for the officer that wishes to conduct firearms training in the state of WV. Students are expected to be proficient with a handgun prior to arrival to the class.

**Special Concerns:**
The student will be required to qualify on the first day with a minimum score of 90% on the prescribed course.  
A duty type handgun, 3 magazines, duty gear and 1000 rounds of ammunition are required to participate in this course. Please do not bring reloaded ammunition.

**DATE(S):** October 19-23, 2015

**Instructor:** 1/Sgt. Rob Perry and Cpl. Josh Eldridge

**Cost:** $295.00  
Meals and Lodging will be billed accordingly.
**INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT** (40 Hours)

This course of study is required prior to receiving certification as a law enforcement training instructor. The training is designed to improve and develop teaching skills. The following topics will be covered: adult classroom management, lesson planning and organizing and the use of visual aids.

**DATE(S):** November 2-6, 2015

**Instructor:** Sgt. Joe Portaro

**Cost:** $125.00
Meals and Lodging will be billed accordingly.

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**LEADERSHIP CONCEPTS** (16 Hours Supervisory Level)

The course will introduce the student to the concept of leadership for law enforcement and examine the concept as a complex process with multiple dimensions. Emphasizing in-depth definitions, descriptions, theories and application, the student will learn how to incorporate these concepts into the practice of leadership.

**Date(s):** October 21-22, 2015

**Instructor:** Capt. David Lee

**Cost:** $95.00
Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly
MODERN CLOSE QUARTER KNIFE DEFENSE/OFFENSE SURVIVAL (8 Hours)

This course is designed to better prepare officers for physical encounters involving knife attacks. The course will reinforce the principles of officer safety and include instruction on proper defensive tactics techniques in situations where knives are involved.

DATE(S): September 23, 2015

Instructor: 1/Sgt. Rob Petry

Cost: $ 75.00

Meals and Lodging will be billed accordingly.

TACTICAL FIREARMS SIMULATOR TRAINING (8 Hours)

This course employs the firearms shooting simulator for the course of instruction. The course is designed to prepare the student for various situations that may be faced while on patrol including; active shooter, traffic stop and domestic violence scenarios.

Date(s): October 5, 2015

Instructor: Cpl. Josh Eldridge

Cost: $50.00

Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly.
TACTICAL TRIAGE FIRST RESPONDER FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT (16 Hours)

Tactical Triage, First Responder for the Police Officer. This level of training is designed for Law Enforcement Officers who are first on the scene. The training will be coordinated with Health Net and will consist of our Roles and Responsibilities as a LEO in emergency situations. We will be dealing with providing immediate care for life threatening injuries for others and ourselves as well as CPR.

**Date(s):** November 9-10, 2015

**Instructor:** Sgt. Jeff Losh

**Cost:** $50.00

Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly.

THE LAWLESS ONES: DEALING WITH SOVEREIGN CITIZENS AND OTHER EXTREMIST GROUPS (16 Hours Supervisory level)

This course is designed to provide an in depth look at extremist groups such as sovereign citizens and others groups that target law enforcement. This course will explore groups who entice and record law enforcement interaction with the group and the legal issues surrounding these interactions.

**Date(s):** November 4-5, 2015

**Instructor:** Sgt. Jim Light

**Cost:** $75.00

Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly.
WRITING BETTER REPORTS  (16 Hours)

This course will provide a comprehensive refresher to the officer’s report writing skills. Along with proper grammar and sentence structure, the students will learn how to use clear, concise and simple language to tell the story or document the investigation. The course will demonstrate techniques for properly sequencing a report in a logical and organized manner that anyone can follow. The student will learn how to write a report that positively and fully represents the case and limits an officer’s problems in court.

Date(s):  December 8-9, 2015

Instructor:  Sgt. Timothy Weese

Cost:  $75.00
   Meals and lodging will be billed accordingly.
All courses are filled on a “first come, first serve” basis. Registration (using the form on page 23) for each class must be received in writing by fax, mail or email. To register for any of the classes listed in this catalog, unless otherwise noted, contact:

First Sergeant Shallon Oglesby  
West Virginia State Police Academy  
123 Academy Drive  
Dunbar, WV  25064  
Phone: (304) 766–5807  
Fax: (304) 766–5864  
Email: sroglesby@wvsp.state.wv.us

A faxed letter or email of confirmation will be sent upon receipt of each request. This confirmation letter will advise the individual that they are registered for the course or that the course is full and their name has been placed on a waiting list.

West Virginia State Police members must submit a request through channels to attend the courses listed.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER FACULTY

1/SGT. SHALLON R. OGLESBY

1/Sgt. Shallon Oglesby is a seventeen year veteran of the West Virginia State Police. 1/Sgt. Oglesby is currently assigned to the West Virginia State Police Academy as the curriculum coordinator and a staff officer. 1/Sgt. Oglesby teaches a wide range of courses to include: Domestic Violence, Hate Crime Investigation, Cultural Diversity, Racial Profiling, Gang Identification and Investigation. 1/Sgt. Oglesby has a Regents Bachelor of Arts degree from West Virginia State University and an Associate degree in Police Science from Marshall University.
CPT. DAVID M. LEE

Cpt. Lee is an nineteen year veteran of the West Virginia State Police where he currently serves as the Director of Training at the West Virginia State Police Academy. He has held numerous positions during his tenure including: Field Trooper, Investigator with the Bureau of Criminal Investigations, Assistant and Master Range Instructor, Academy Staff Officer, Training Staff Supervisor, Assistant Director of Training and Director of Training. He is a graduate of the 231st Session of the FBI National Academy. He honorably served in the United States Army and West Virginia Air National Guard.

CPT. JOE WHITE

Captain Joe White is a 20 year member of the West Virginia State Police. He is currently assigned as the Director of the Professional Standards Section. His background as a State Trooper focused on criminal investigation and criminal patrol. He has been assigned to the Logan State Police Detachment both as a Field Trooper and as a Sergeant. He also served three years as a First Sergeant with the Bureau of Criminal Investigations and the West Virginia Intelligence Exchange. Captain White also served ten years as a member of the State Police Special Response Team, serving three years as Team Leader. Captain White was promoted to First Lieutenant in 2008 and was appointed to Captain in November 2011 by Colonel C. R. “Jay” Smithers. Captain White is a 1992 graduate of Van High School and a 1996 graduate of the West Virginia State Police Academy. He is a graduate from West Virginia State University with a Regents Bachelor of Arts degree and graduated from the 227th Session of the FBI National Academy in 2006. He earned a Master of Science in Strategic Leadership from Mountain State University in 2008.
SGT. JOSEPH PORTARO

Sgt. J. G. Portaro is a seventeen year veteran of the West Virginia State Police where he currently serves as the Deputy Director of Training at the Academy. He is also the Traffic Crash Reconstruction Coordinator, a graduate of the National Forensic Academy and the FBI National Academy. Sgt. Portaro is registered with ABMDI as a Death Investigator and certified Bloodstain Analyst.

1/ SGT. ROBERT PETRY

1/Sgt. Petry is a seventeen year veteran of the West Virginia State Police and is currently assigned to the West Virginia State Police Academy. He is the Physical Training Coordinator. He is a Master Use of Force Instructor, ASP Instructor, Oleoriesin Capsicum Instructor, Officer Survivability Instructor, Gracie Survival Tactics Instructor, Ground Defense and Escapes Instructor, In-Custody Death Instructor, Weapon Retention and Disarm Instructor and Edge Weapon Defense instructor.
Training Staff and Instructors

1/SGT. Robert Perry

1/Sgt. Robert D. Perry is a nineteen year veteran of the West Virginia State Police and is currently stationed at the Academy. 1/Sgt. Perry has been a firearms instructor for fourteen years and is currently a full-time assistant master firearms instructor at the academy. 1/Sgt. Perry is a certified armorer for numerous weapon platforms.

SGT. JEFF S. LOSH

Sgt. Losh is a twenty year veteran of the West Virginia State Police and is currently assigned to the West Virginia State Police Academy. He is the Officer in charge of logistics, the instructor for First Responder and Emergency Vehicle Operations Course. He has attended the BSR for Emergency Response Driver Training Course and received his EVOC instructor certification through OPATA. He honorably served in the United States Army for six years where he received his medic certification.
SGT. TIM L. WEESE

Sgt. Weese is a sixteen year veteran of the West Virginia State Police where he currently serves as a member of the Academy Staff. Sgt. Weese has graduated from both a basic and cadet class. He has dedicated over fifteen years to the law enforcement field. He served two years as a city police officer and has been a member of the West Virginia State Police for fourteen. He has been a member of the staff of the West Virginia State Police Academy for five years. He is currently the Field Training Officer Coordinator for the State Police and attended the 250th session of the FBI National Academy. Sgt. Weese earned a bachelor degree in Criminal Justice from Fairmont State College and his Board of Regents Degree in Criminal Science from Marshall University.

SGT. JIM E. LIGHT

Sgt. Light has devoted twenty-two years to law enforcement service. Six years were spent with the United States Department of Interior. In over sixteen years with the West Virginia State Police, Sgt. Light has served in several capacities. Currently, he’s the Director of the Intelligence Unit and has also been assigned as Crime Scene Team Supervisor, Executive Protection and participated on the Joint Terrorism Task Force. He is also a graduate of the 252nd session of the FBI National Academy.
CPL. JAMES L. MITCHELL

Cpl. Mitchell has served as a law enforcement officer for twenty-three years and he currently serves as a Field Trooper and Chaplain for the West Virginia State Police. Cpl. Mitchell has served in the United States Department of State Diplomatic Security Division and the Beckley City Police Department. He honorably served in the United States Army as a military police officer. Cpl. Mitchell has devoted twenty-seven years to ministry serving as both associate and senior pastor. He is a graduate of Marshall University and is pursuing a master’s degree from Christian Bible College and Seminary.

CPL. JOSHUA P. ELDREDGE

TFC Eldridge is a nine year veteran of the West Virginia State Police and is currently assigned to the West Virginia State Police Academy. He currently is the instructor for Crime Scene Investigation, Principles of Investigation, Fingerprinting, Officer Survival Training, Traffic Law Enforcement and the Simulator Training Coordinator. TFC Eldridge has served as a member of the West Virginia State Police Crime Scene Response Team for six years.
**PERSONAL/CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

| Course Registration Fee paid by: |
| Check □ No. ____________ |

*If paying by check, the check must be received in advance to guarantee registration.*

| Purchase Order/Voucher □ No. ____________ |

*If registering by purchase order or voucher, provide an agency point of contact for accounting purposes.*

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