

*South Dakota* 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING COMMISSION

## Mission

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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

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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

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This marks the seventeenth 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 sentinels, 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.

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# *Vision*

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*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.

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*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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## ADMINISTRATION

### EXPENDITURES

Total expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022 were \$3,305,331.41. 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.

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### 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, 2022, there are 2,170 active full-time, part-time employed and certified law enforcement officers in South Dakota.

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### DISPATCH - TELECOMMUNICATOR

There are 343 active certified 911 telecommunicators in South Dakota. There are 2,874 active terminal operators.

## ADMINISTRATION

There are 23 reserve units in South Dakota

9 units - Sheriff's Office

13 units - Police Department

1 joint unit - Sheriff's Office and Police Department

There is a total of 53 reserve officers, 13 officers have received their reserve certification.

### RESERVE UNITS

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63 canine teams have met their certification or re-certification requirements for 2022.

Narcotics Detection Teams: 42

- Sheriff's Department - 10 teams
- Police Department - 12 teams
- SD Highway Patrol - 12 teams
- Tribal Agencies - 8 Teams

Drug / Patrol Canine Teams: 12

- Sheriff's Department - 1 teams
- Police Department - 9 teams
- SD Highway Patrol - 2 teams

Explosive / Patrol Canine Teams: 2

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

Patrol Canine Team: 1

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 - 1 team

SD Women's Prison - 1 team

### CANINE TEAMS

## BASIC TRAINING

### CERTIFICATION SESSIONS

There were 145 officers enrolled in the Basic Certification sessions held in FY 22. 132 officers graduated from the Basic Academy. There were two academic dismissals, one dismissed from employing agency, one medical withdrawal, 3 personal illness withdrawals, five were dismissed for misconduct.

### 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

There were 59 telecommunicators enrolled in the Two-Week Basic Telecommunicator training sessions in FY22. 56 telecommunicators graduated from the training session. There were two 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

SITUATIONAL LEADERSHIP II FOR LE/PUBLIC SAFETY .....	14
CRISIS INTERVENTION.....	88
AFITT HANDGUN INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT.....	66
CPRAED.....	54
DISCOVERING SELF AND OTHERS.....	14
BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.....	74
CRIMINAL INTERVIEW & INTERROGATION.....	30
ENHANCED PERMIT INSTRUCTOR.....	28
MEDICAL FOUNDATIONS OF VISUAL SYSTEMS .....	20
CRIMINAL INTERDICTION.....	47
MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID FOR PUBLIC SAFETY .....	46
BLUE TO GOLD ADVANCED TRAFFIC STOPS .....	33
RADAR/ LIDAR INSTRUCTOR.....	22
BLUE TO GOLD ADVANCED SEARCH & SEIZURE.....	70
BLUE TO GOLD ADVANCED CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION.....	23
SEARCH AND SEIZURE INSTRUCTOR.....	26
THREAT PATTERN RECOGNITION .....	23
ADVANCED CRASH INVESTIGATION .....	16
MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR COURSES .....	16
D.A.R.E. INSTRUCTOR.....	16
SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT OF CRITICAL INCIDENTS .....	43
STREET SERGEANT:EVIDENCED BASED FIRST LINE SUPERVISOR.....	30
VEHICULAR HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION FOR PATROL OFFICERS.....	21
INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT.....	20
BLUE TO GOLD ADVANCED INTERVIEW & INTERROGATION.....	26
RADAR/LIDAR INSTRUCTOR. ....	5
DOPE:PATROL TO PROSECUTION .....	14
RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE.....	113
DCI CONFERENCE TRAINING SESSIONS.....	138
NCIC LIMITED ACCESS .....	577
POLYGRAPH CONFERENCE .....	16
STATES ATTORNEYS CONFERENCE .....	111
FIREARMS.....	219

The Standards and Training Commission approved grants to three agencies resulting in 119 individuals attending the grant training sessions.

**TOTAL ADVANCED TRAINING ATTENDANCE ..... 2,178**



### "IN THE LINE OF DUTY"

I NEVER DREAMED IT WOULD BE ME,  
THE BADGE NO LONGER ON MY CHEST,  
MY NAME FOR ALL ETERNITY.

I SLEEP NOW IN ETERNAL REST,  
RECORDED HERE AT THIS HALLOWED PLACE.

MY SWORD I PASS TO THOSE BEHIND,  
ALAS MY NAME, NO MORE MY FACE.

AND PRAY THEY KEEP THIS THOUGHT IN MIND.

"IN THE LINE OF DUTY" I HEAR THEM SAY:  
I NEVER DREAMED IT WOULD BE ME.

MY FAMILY NOW THE PRICE WILL PAY,  
AND WITH HEAVY HEART AND BENDED KNEE:  
MY FOLDED FLAG STAINED WITH THEIR TEARS.

I ASK FOR ALL HERE FROM THE PAST,  
WE ONLY HAD THOSE FEW SHORT YEARS.

DEAR GOD, LET MY NAME BE THE LAST!

GEORGE HAHN